

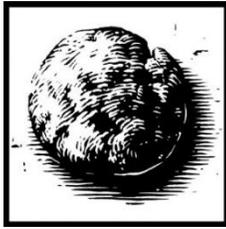
June 18, 2017

Sunday After The Most Holy Trinity

**The Most Holy
Body & Blood of Christ**

(Corpus Christi)

Solemnity



Body And Blood of Christ For Eternal Life

Today we renew our sensitivity and gratitude for the gift of the body and blood of Christ and the union with Jesus that it gives us. This gift is a sharing in the very life of Jesus. As bread, Jesus provides the food for eternal life, but not before being torn and broken on the cross. In the sacrifice of himself, Jesus offers his very self to be consumed so that whoever eats his body and drinks his blood will have life.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by the Altar Society in thanksgiving to God for all the fathers of our Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 24

4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Elizabeth & Frank Hajek Sr. Family

Sunday, June 25

8:00 a.m. Allan, Hattie & Rudy Wiedemann, Katherine & John Pokluda

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY



Next weekend is *The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

**St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund
Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha**



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Cecilia Lev and Marie & Frank Lev

Anonymous Donor - \$7,000

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200

(pledged payment)

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

ORIENTATION

We Celebrate the Body of Christ



Centuries ago, St. John Chrysostom asked, "What is the bread actually? The body of Christ. What do communicants become? The body of Christ. Just as bread is the result of many grains and although remaining themselves are not distinguished from one another because they are united, so we too are mutually with Christ." Whatever words we use – "the church," "the people of God" or "the community of believers" – as we celebrate the gift of the body of Christ, we also celebrate the gift of one another in Christ.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following prayer requests:

For My Family

For Margie Dimas

Blessing For My Mom

Prayer For Our Marriage

For Grace & Elizabeth Grant

In Thanksgiving For Friendship

Peace In The World & My Family

For Reconciliation In Our Family

Prayer For Persecuted Christians

For Bill Schaake – Health & Longevity

Health of My Children & Grandchildren

Lord You Know The Prayers Deep In My Heart

Good Health For My Aunt Who Had A Heart Attack

For Wisdom & Courage To Understand God's Will

Peace & Love In Family... After Death of Husband / Father

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

REFLECTION



A New Food That Makes Us Hunger For God

Food is a primordial human need. In the desert, when the people did not find anything to eat, God himself provided for them by sending manna from heaven, a food hitherto unknown, in order to answer the needs of each person. The gift of manna, at the same time had another meaning. It was meant to make the people hungry for God, without whom they could not survive. It also made them aware that “not by bread alone does man live, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of the God.” To look for other foods, to fear that God will fail to give us the one food we need most that he alone can provide is tantamount to doubting God. To no longer be content with this heavenly manna, worse, to be disgusted with it, is a sign of apostasy. God by giving the manna, tested the dispositions of their hearts.

The experience of the march through the desert, in want and hunger, with the daily manna and water from the rock as their only means of survival belongs to us too. We must remember it as one remembers a personal experience. In one way or another, the trial of the desert remains always present. This reliving in the present of the desert experience is founded on the fact that God always acts in the same way, whether today or yesterday. The trials God sends our way even today, aim at making us aware of our total destitution when we stray from him. In a sense, our trial, our Exodus is a grace despite its pain. It leads us to renew our trust in God, to give thanks to him for all he has done for us and for what he allows us to do with him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 19 – Jane Schneider
June 20 – Kristin Cerny
– Josephine Kubenka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 20 – Rosemary & Arthur Klekar

Happy Father's Day

See Insert for Fathers Specially Remembered Today

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The feast of Corpus Christi originated during a time when reception of the sacrament of the Eucharist was practiced infrequently among the people. This gave rise to an already growing sense of devotion to the Eucharist, as the host was viewed by the faithful during the elevation at Mass. Over time, this came to be regarded as a principal means of obtaining grace – i.e. seeing (adoring) the Eucharist rather than receiving Holy Communion. Today's solemnity combines this medieval feast of the Most Holy Body of Christ with the nineteenth-century feast of the Most Precious Blood of Christ. In doing this, the Church holds up for us the ideal regard that we should have for both species of the sacrament in Holy Communion.

Praha Picnic

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Picnic Chairpersons (CPs) / Co-CPs Meetings:

Jun. 21 – Stew, Chicken & Kitchen, Plates-to-go, Plate Distribution & Dinner Tickets, 6 p.m.

Jun. 22 – Beer Stand, Beer Tickets, Soda Stand & Sno Cones, Country Store, Souvenirs, Raffle, Cake Walk, Bingo, Fish Pond/Toy Box, Ring Toss, Bands & Publicity, 6 p.m.

** Note: Last week's bulletin inadvertently had both meetings listed as June 21. Only the Meal CPs meet on June 21. The CPs of the outdoor booths meet on June 22.*

Auction & Finance Meetings TBA

The meetings will be held at the pavilion.

Cake Walk

It's summertime and that means it's time to plan for the PRAHA PICNIC! Mark your calendar, call your family & friends, and get your cake pans ready! Our goal is to have 200+ baked items. Can you help us by donating home baked cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, pralines, kolaches, rosettes ... The proceeds from the cake walk benefit the Praha Altar Society.

Volunteers: We need 7 volunteers for each shift (10:30-12:45 and 12:30-3:00) It's fun and the time races by. This is a good way for students (ages 11 years and up) to get service/volunteer hours for clubs, organizations, confirmation, scholarship applications, 4-H ...

Please contact us and let us know what shift you would like to work and how many baked items we can count on from you.

Thank you so very much. See you at the Picnic!

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