

October 15, 2017

**Ordinary Time**  
**Twenty-eighth Sunday**



**R.S.V.P. To The Wedding Feast**

After the parables of the two Sons and of the wicked tenants proclaimed on the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Sundays respectively, today we hear that of the people invited by a king who is celebrating his son's wedding. These Sundays could be called "Liturgies for times of crisis." They remind us of the urgency and the seriousness of the decision we must make. We must obey God in action, not just in word. We are invited to put into practice what we learn and receive when we welcome God's invitation.



**Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Lori & David Janecka in thanksgiving to God for a successful Picnic.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, October 21  
4:30 p.m. Albina & Louis Smolik  
Sunday, October 22  
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Charles Patek

**Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy**



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

**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**  
**Responsorial Psalm: 96**  
**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**  
**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21**

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – The Feast of All Saints**

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

**Mass Schedule: Praha – 5:30 p.m.**  
Moulton – 7:00 p.m.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Feast of All Souls**

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

**Mass Schedule:**  
**Praha – Blessing of the Graves at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Mass at 5:30 p.m.**  
Moulton – Mass at 7:00 p.m.  
Blessing of the graves after Mass.

**All Souls Commemoration**

During the month of November we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use your All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail by October 31.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

**Barbara Altobelli (Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church Ladies Club) Katy, TX - \$65**

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

**A THANK YOU NOTE**

Fr. Gabriel,  
Thank you so much for the check  
It will help us to get back  
on our feet. Your kindness  
and prayers are greatly  
appreciated. May God bless  
you and keep us in your  
prayers.

As stated in last week's Bulletin a Second Collection will not be taken up for the Flood Victims. Parishioners who wish to make a donation to the flood victims may make a check payable to St. Mary's Church indicating Flood Victims.

## REFLECTION



### *I Cannot Come*

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation. They either ignore it completely or become so involved in their own concerns they have no time for it. Other people actually attack those who have been sent to deliver the invitation. This is the case not only in the parable but also in our world today. An invitation to the eschatological banquet does not seem to be as interesting as a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. It is not that the concerns of our lives are ignoble; they are not. But even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come.

What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; life itself is moving toward the time of the banquet. All of our plans, all of our interests, all of our distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain, and we will have turned down our invitation.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 15 – Mr. & Mrs. Dennis J. Mican  
October 17 – Jeanette & Carl Henke  
October 18 – Bridgette & Matt Cerny

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

### *World Mission Sunday*

This day is designated to offer prayer and financial support for missionaries around the world. It is also a day to remember that the Church is missionary at its very core. All the baptized are called to carry on the mission of Christ and to proclaim the good news to the world.

*Please be generous.*

## Area Picnics

**Today** – Immaculate Conception Fall Festival, Goliad  
– St. Robert's Fall Festival, El Campo  
– Holy Family Fall Festival, Wharton

## WELCOME



We welcome Fr. Joseph Westfall of Cross Catholic Outreach to St. Mary's. Fr. Westfall will be celebrating the Masses at Praha and Moulton this weekend. He will speak on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

## ORDINARY TIME - LOOKING AHEAD

### **The Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Sundays**

Tension between Jesus and the Pharisees mounts as we move closer to Christ the King. The Pharisees connive to trick Jesus through a question about paying tax to Caesar (Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time) and the Sadducees attempt to trap Jesus asking him to identify the greatest commandment (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time). Neither succeeds. The momentum builds as Jesus continues to teach about the inconsistency between the words of the scribes and the Pharisees, and their actions. Jesus matches his teaching against these leaders with his wisdom about what it means to be a true disciple and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. The words and actions of disciples are consistent; no hypocrisy is present. This is the basis for the judgment when the Son of Man comes. The Shepherd will welcome all into the Kingdom who have seen him in the least on earth. Should we be among them, we will join in the communion of all the saints and reside forever with the souls of all the faithful departed now reclining at the table of the heavenly banquet. The Son of Man, the host of the banquet, is our eternal King and Shepherd.

## 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 intentions:**

*For Mary B.*  
*For Help With Finances*  
*For Beth & Rick's Health, Well-Being & Hope*  
*Prayers for Michael M., That The Cancer Treatment*  
*Will Cure Him*  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued