

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter



“You Are Witnesses of These Things”

During his mortal life, Jesus could not proclaim the Kingdom of God beyond the confines of the country where he lived. After his resurrection, through the ministry of the apostles, his voice can echo throughout the earth. The forgiveness of sins and salvation that comes from the resurrected can reach all those who believe in him. Going out from Jerusalem, the place where the mystery of the incarnation reached its summit with Jesus’ Passover, the disciples witnessed to this by responding in faith. How do you witness to the resurrection by your life?



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Liz & Leo Janak in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 64th Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 21
4:30 p.m. Victor, Hattie & Jerome Hermis
Sunday, April 11
8:00 a.m. Paul Vrazel

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

March 13, 2018

Dear Pastor,

Listed below is the information pertaining to your Parish’s 2017 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Praha	
Parish Goal	\$7,670
Total Number of Parishioners Pledging	43
Total Amount Pledged by Parishioners	\$7,790
Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners	\$7,790

The Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners includes all contributions received through February 28, 2018. In order to meet your 2017 Parish Goal, a total of **\$-120** is due and payable to the Diocese of Victoria on or before April 3, 2017.

Last month the 2018 DSA Brochure and Pledge Card were mailed to your Parishioners from Victoria. The 2018 DSA Appeal runs from March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019. Please note that any payments received after February 28, 2018 will automatically be applied to the 2018 Diocesan Services Appeal. For your information, **your Parish’s 2018 DSA Goal is \$7,761.00**

Sincerely,

Rene Garcia

St. Mary’s Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Matıcka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

- The Hundl Family, Columbia, MO - \$100*
- St. Peter The Apostle Church Ladies, Boerne, TX - \$100*
- In Memory of Annie Bartos - \$150*
- Annie Bartos Family*

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

ST. MARY’S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Annie Bartos
Stazy Hajek
Georgia Cerny

Happy 105th Birthday Stazy Hajek



Congratulations Stazy!
**Coffee and donuts will be served
in her honor after Mass today.**

REFLECTION



He Is Living In Our Midst

The privileged experience of the Twelve means first of all that they truly saw Jesus, and not the product of their imagination. The appearance of the resurrected Jesus surprised them, making them startled and terrified. He had to prove to them many times over that it really was he. Despite this, “they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed.” He whom they had seen die was now “in their midst.” He showed them his crucified hands and feet, inviting them to touch him: “Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as I have.” At his request, they gave him “a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.” One could hardly claim more concretely the identity of the resurrected and the crucified – “It is really I” – and the reality of his body. What is the nature of this body? The Gospels content themselves with saying, with no explanation that it was not subject to the constraints of mortal bodies, such as that with which Jesus experienced death and burial. Henceforth, Jesus may come and go anywhere he pleases. Paul asks himself about his own resurrection: “With what kind of body will (the dead) come back?” “A spiritual body,” he responds (1 Cor 15:35-44).

As we celebrate Easter the readings invite us to contemplate Jesus as the one raised by the Father to give us peace.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 15 – Anastazia (Stazy) Hajek
April 19 – Darlene Stryk, Pam Vrazel
April 20 - Mallory Vrazel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



April 19 – Liz & Leo Janak

ST. ANNE’S K.J.Z.T. #4 Quarterly Meeting next Sunday, April 22 in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY MAY 6

The Praha Altar Society is sponsoring a breakfast on May 6th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Breakfast will be served from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. A free will donation will be appreciated. All are invited.



ORIENTATION

The Lectionary For Mass

The First Reading: Peter’s speech to his fellow Jews in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost accuses them and the Jewish leaders of maneuvering to do away with God’s servant, Jesus. Peter accused them of putting to death the “author of life,” but God raised him from the dead, and they are living witnesses to the risen Christ. This was all part of God’s plan, announced by the prophets, that God’s Christ or Messiah would suffer. None of that matters, for God now calls all to repent and be converted, so that sins are wiped away and forgotten. God invites all to the same repentance and conversion.

The Responsorial Psalm: The psalmist prays in confidence asking God to “let your face shine on us.” No matter what we have done, if we turn back to the Lord in fidelity and trust, God will answer, restore us and put gladness into our hearts once more. The Lord is the only one who can relieve our distress and bring security and peace to our hearts and minds. This is the essence of what Peter is preaching to his fellow Jews and to us today.

The Second Reading: As believers, we are called to a life of love. When we falter in that love, we should not be overwhelmed for we have Jesus, our advocate with our Father. Through his word and deeds, Jesus has reconciled the whole world to the Father. All we have to do is turn to God for forgiveness and reconciliation. This is best manifested when we love others the way God has loved us. No one can truly claim to love God and not follow through on love of others. They fool only themselves. We are to keep God’s word and grow daily in our love of others.

The Gospel: Another appearance of the risen Christ to his fearful disciples stresses that Jesus is not a ghost but really and truly risen. Showering them with peace, he affirms his living presence by asking for something to eat. The disciples, overwhelmed with joy, are instructed by Jesus as he opens “their minds to understand the Scriptures” that were written about him. Having previously instructed them, he now reiterates how the Scriptures predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer and die, but rise on the third day. In this manner repentance and forgiveness of sin would be preached to all. They and we are witnesses to these things. This Easter Time, examine how you are a faithful witness to the risen Christ.