

May 20, 2018

# Pentecost Sunday

## Solemnity



***We Are Many Parts, We Are All One Body***  
In contrast to the days of Babel, the Pentecost event not only respects but also celebrates the diversity of tongues. It is not that everybody present suddenly began to speak the same language, but that the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit could speak to everyone, no matter their culture. With the gift of the Spirit, the Church received the mission to announce the gospel message in every time and culture. In this age of communication, we more than any people in history, have the opportunity to appreciate the wonderful diversity God has cultivated in our world.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 26

4:30 p.m. Jim Schneider

Sunday, May 27

8:00 a.m. Helen Ann Muras

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



Next weekend is *The Most Holy Trinity*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

### PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – JUNE 3

#### ***ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH***



Come out and join us for a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Praha Altar Society, June 3, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. A free will donation will be appreciated. All are invited.

We need 8 volunteers each month. The time commitment is from 7:30-10:30 a.m. All supplies are provided - we need your helping hands and smiling face! Contact Lori Janecka (361-772-4307) if you would like to sign up to help for any month. Friends and family welcome to help!

### 2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment .....	\$7,761.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$ 2,090.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$ 5,671.00

***We thank the following for their recent contributions:***

<i>Henrietta &amp; Elton Moeller</i>	<i>Susan Ivey</i>
<i>Rosemary &amp; Arthur Klekar</i>	<i>Marcus Jasek</i>

Do please consider making a donation.

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

***Friends of the Parish - \$5,000***

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

**Pentecost** is the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The Paschal candle, which has been prominent in Church by the ambo since Holy Saturday, will now stand by the baptismal font.

After the intensity of Lent, Triduum and Easter, we return to Ordinary Time. We begin the Ordinary Time liturgies by celebrating the Feast of the Holy Trinity next Sunday.

**Everyday Pentecost:** The Church views the mystery of salvation in its entirety. As the fifty days of celebrating Christ's Resurrection comes to a close today, Easter is fulfilled when Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" in the first light of dawn "on the first day of the week." This is the story of God's re-creation, of God's establishing a new spiritual order through Jesus Christ.

The Pentecost is not simply a commemoration of a past event. It is the celebration of a mystery which happened once and for all time, but which also unfolds throughout time. It proclaims the permanence of the Holy Spirit. How else were the disciples to have the power to carry on Jesus' mission in the world? This ministry could only be carried out in and through the Spirit. This Spirit continues to build the Body of Christ, of which we become members by baptism and the Eucharist. Pentecost, then, is not merely a feast we celebrate in red vestments at Mass.

Has the face of the earth been renewed? The Spirit has been poured forth and it works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed, each time human distinctions are recognized as merely human expressions of diversity, peace is restored and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigor of the Spirit of God; all we do is to open ourselves to it and the Kingdom of God is born in our midst.

## REFLECTION

### The Empowering Spirit

The coming of the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles portrays a fulfilment of a promise made by Jesus in John 15:26-27; 16:12-15. On a basic level, Jesus not only predicts the future coming of the Spirit but expresses the life of the Trinity when he tells the disciples, "When the Advocate comes whom I will send from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."

Mindful of the call in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians to become One Body, the call for all Christians is to put away the things that gnarl at the flesh and to become one with Christ Jesus. That is the foundation upon which the Church has been built that we also celebrate today. When all come together we "hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 22 – Johnny Alvarado

## 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 Ted Hofbauer*  
*For Recent Deceased*  
*For Raymond Hundle*  
*Pray For Kimberly Aucoin*  
*Pray For My Sister, Louise*  
*For Mary Samarraipa & Family*  
*For Eternal Repose of Eric Amador*  
*For Financial Help & Healing From Injury*  
*For Joan Pickens – Comfort & Peace in Her Final Days*  
*For My Late Husband Mike & For Uncle Donald's Recovery*  
*For Lilibeth That She May Be Closer To Our Lord & Be More Prayerful*  
*For The Souls of Ruthy Negron & Eric Amdor; Healing*  
*For Clive Barrington*  
*For Susan to Nursing Home (she is scared); For Sharon Healing After Chemo & Radiation*  
*For Mitchell & Hilda Schafer, Helen Szafranski, Dean & Adrienne Hansen, Bob Hansen & Sue Maguire*  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

**Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Julia Stryk.**

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria

*Please be generous.*

## Praha Picnic

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018

Praha Picnic will be here before you know it. We have begun preparations here at the office and many people are already working behind the scenes for the annual event.

**Picnic Raffle:** Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) and Liz Janak (361-596-8206) are soliciting donations for the Raffle. Do please contact them or the Parish Office (361-596-4674) if you wish to make a donation. The deadline is May 31.

*\* Note: Last year we had 40 raffle prizes donated. We thank the following early birds for their donations to the 2018 Raffle:*

*Maresh Drilling Co., LLC*

*Schulenburg Printing*

*Pesek-Hermes Memorials*

*Richter Well Drilling*

*Flatonia Livestock Commission*

*Prototype Machine*

*Town & Country Appliance & A/C*

*Melvin Hutzler*

*Herzik's Milk & Grain (Raffle Ticket Printing Sponsor)*

**The Raffle Prize donation deadline is in 11 days and we have a long way to go. Contact Thomas or Liz or drop your donation in the collection basket or mail or bring to the Parish Office soon.**

**Picnic Chairpersons:** Look out for letters in the mail soon. Picnic Meeting dates to be announced.

**Bands for the Picnic:** Jason Bartos has the bands secured and scheduled. Here is the list:

*Shiner Hobo Band* – 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 3 – 5 p.m.

*Mark Halata & Texavia* – 1– 3 p.m. & 5 – 7 p.m.

*The Lost Cause Band* – 7 – 10 p.m.

## Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph's

**July 9-13, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

The program is open to young people of our community, age 4 through Fourth Grade. The fee for the VBS students will be \$10 per child to help cover the cost of craft materials, T-shirts and other incidentals. The program is subsidized by St. Joseph's and supported by parish societies. *Praha Parish youth are invited to participate.*

**To register contact the Parish Office in Moulton (361-596-4674). Registration deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## Bingo At Oak Manor Nursing Home

The K.J.Z.T. ladies volunteer to do Bingo every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Manor Nursing Home. We would appreciate your help and it would make the residents happy. Anybody is welcome to help. To help or for more information contact Georgia Cerny at 361-865-3354.