

July 8, 2018

Ordinary Time

Fourteenth Sunday



The Risk of Preaching the Gospel

In spite of the popular enthusiasm he aroused, Jesus knew bitter failures. The Gospel writers did not hide them, because they are an essential aspect of the Lord's mission and the mission of the Church. The Good News is announced at the risk of faith. Those to whom the message is preached possess the freedom to receive it or reject it. If the Church is true to her mission, it will inevitably encounter rejection, however the Church's responsibility is not to water down the message but faithfully proclaim it whether it is accepted or refused as Jesus did.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Cynthia & Edward Koncaba in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 14

4:30 p.m. Louis, Albina & Mary Smolik

Sunday, July 15

8:00 a.m. Annie & Charlie Bartos, Sr. and
Mary Bartos

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Quarterly Meeting next Sunday, July 15 in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

***In Memory of Louis E. Barta
and In Honor of Georgiann Barta - \$500***

***In Memory of Felicia Hill - \$20
Germaine & Bill Hill, New Braunfels, TX***

***In Memory of Peggy Heintz - \$20
Liz & Leo Janak***

***Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200
(pledged payment)***

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

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

Looking Ahead: The Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospels of these two Sundays are dedicated to the mission that Jesus entrusts to the Twelve in the course of his preaching. Before their departure Jesus give them precise instructions concerning their ministry and how they must behave towards the people they preached to. - (15th Sunday)

Upon returning, the disciples report to Jesus what they have done and taught. Jesus wants to lead them to a place by themselves to rest but the crowd catches up with them. Jesus renounces the idea of taking a break and he began to teach them many things. - (16th Sunday) This Sunday concludes the reading of the first part of St. Mark's Gospel.

The next four Sundays, the Seventeenth through the Twenty-first Sunday, the liturgy presents Chapter Six of St. John's Gospel – The Discourse on the Bread of Life.

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 Jim Schneider

For Husband's Health

For My Husband, Ray Torres

For Kristin – To Catholic Faith

For Monica Herrera's Intentions

For Jennifer Berger – Lupus Healing

For The Health of the McDougal Family

*For Rose Marie S. – May She Know God All of Her Days
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued*

REFLECTION

The Prophet Is Without Honor

One would think that Jesus' liberating teaching would have been readily accepted by the people who were anxiously awaiting the Messiah. Such was not the case. In fact many struggled with the prophetic dimension of Jesus and ultimately rejected him. It is not uncommon that we heed the voices that sound very much like our own. Frequently prophets are treated without honor. The people the prophet Ezekiel was sent to were hard of face and obstinate of heart. They compounded their offense by rejecting the very one sent to them by God to bring them back to the covenant relationship. The people of Galilee who heard Jesus' words questioned his authenticity because they felt that they knew him so well. They thought that he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to tell them anything.

We so often resent people who can do what we cannot do. True believers recognize and admit their human frailty. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail. These are obstacles to personal transformation. When we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and hearts and shine forth from us to all those around us. It will be very clear that it comes from God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 13 – Sarah Berckenhoff, Allan Stryk

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 8 – Cynthia & Edward Koncaba
July 10 – Christina & Spence Lesikar

This is how you can help make our Picnic successful.

Donate Auction Items: Items of value bring in money.

Raffle Tickets: Purchase/sell raffle tickets.

Contribute to the: Meat Donation Fund, Bingo, Country Store, Music Fund, Fish Pond/Toy Box, Fr. Gabriel's Cake, other donations.

Volunteer to work: Sign up to help at the Picnic.

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My donation to the Auction. (include market value)

My donation to: Meat Fund \$ _____ Bingo \$ _____
Music \$ _____ Fr. Gabriel's Cake \$ _____

Country Store: _____

Other donations: _____

I would like to help at the picnic. Sign me up to help with: _____

Name: _____

Phone # _____

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

Our parish picnic is just around the corner!

Raffle tickets and the picnic donation letter have been mailed to parishioners and out-of-town benefactors. If you have not done so yet, fill out your donation slip and turn in your raffle stubs and donations as soon as possible so you can be given credit. You may drop them in the collection basket or the mail. Extra raffle tickets for sale outside the Church after Mass.

We thank the following for kicking off the Picnic with their recent donations:

Meat Donation Fund

<i>Tracie Holub & Jim Pfeil - \$400</i>	<i>Pat Masek - \$150</i>
<i>Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde - \$100</i>	<i>Mary Jasek - \$20</i>
<i>Patti & Jim Greedy - \$200</i>	<i>Frank Pargac - \$50</i>
<i>Cathy & Albert Bures, Yoakum - \$50</i>	
<i>Gloria & David Reindl, Shiner - \$100</i>	
<i>Pat & Tom Lawrence, Moulton - \$100</i>	
<i>Lisa & David Rothbauer, Moulton - \$100</i>	
<i>St. Mary's School – Praha Reunion - \$413</i>	
<i>Janet & Dcn. Eddie Huse, Victoria - \$200</i>	
<i>Patricia & Dennis Otto, Schulenburg - \$50</i>	
<i>Jeanette & Ervan Zouzalik, Flatonia - \$100</i>	
<i>Annette & Harvey Abbett, Henderson, NV - \$20</i>	

Music Donation Fund

<i>Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde - \$25</i>	<i>Pat Masek - \$20</i>
<i>Pat & Tom Lawrence, Moulton - \$40</i>	
<i>Gloria & David Reindl, Shiner - \$100</i>	
<i>Jeanette & Ervan Zouzalik, Flatonia - \$75</i>	

Bingo Donations

<i>Pat & Tom Lawrence, Moulton - \$30</i>	<i>Pat Masek - \$20</i>
<i>Gloria & David Reindl, Shiner - \$100</i>	
<i>Jeanette & Ervan Zouzalik, Flatonia - \$25</i>	
<i>Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde - 2 stainless steel door knobs</i>	

Fr. Gabriel's Cake

<i>Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde - \$25</i>	<i>Pat Masek - \$25</i>
<i>Tracie Holub & Jim Pfeil - \$100</i>	
<i>Pat & Tom Lawrence, Moulton - \$50</i>	
<i>Gloria & David Reindl, Shiner - \$100</i>	
<i>Betty & Harry Maskey, Moulton - \$100</i>	
<i>Joyce & David Smolik, Hallettsville - \$10</i>	

Contributions from out-of-town friends of the parish are accepted and appreciated.



Picnic Supplies: We will be placing orders next week for the groceries for the meal and other items needed for the Picnic. Contact the Parish Office if you have not turned in your list for the Picnic. Also Picnic Chairpersons who have not turned in their worklist are asked to contact the Parish Office so we can publish the list.

Picnic Flyers: Pick up some Picnic Flyers on your way out of Church today. Ask if you can post them at work, at area businesses and at Picnics. You can help make the Picnic a success!