

September 23, 2018

Ordinary Time

Twenty-fifth Sunday



The Essence of Discipleship – Service

Today, we read Jesus' second prediction of his coming passion, death and Resurrection. The disciples' lack of understanding of Jesus' mission is apparent in the Gospel. The disciples were discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. For Jesus greatness has nothing to do with power or prestige. Rather, it has to do with service. By identifying himself with a child, Jesus says, *if anyone wishes to be first, that person should take care of the most venerable people in society. To be of service to the most vulnerable is Jesus' idea of greatness.*

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 29

4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Sophie (Jasek) & Frank Olsovsky Family

Sunday, September 30

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of St. Anne's K.Z.J.T. Society #4

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Sister Parish, Moulton Says Thank You

Judging by the size of the crowd last Sunday, the Moulton Picnic was a success. Thanks to all Praha parishioners who supported the auction by donating or buying; bought raffle tickets, made monetary donations, helped work at the Picnic or came through the food line. Your help made a difference and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Moulton Raffle Winners: Celine Kalina and Ken Stryk

Look out for the Praha Picnic Report next week.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Brenda Miller, Inez, TX - \$30

Grace & Roger Howard, San Antonio, TX - \$100

Eileen & Deacon John McCourt, La Grange, TX - \$100

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200

(pledged payment)

In Memory of Our Loving Parents - \$50

The Wassbergs, Cuckee, CA

In Memory of Theresa Okruhlik Bures - \$500

Cathy & Albert Bures, Yoakum, TX

In Memory of the Parma & Bily Families - \$100

Patty & Chris Parma, San Antonio, TX

In Memory of David W. Henke - \$100

Jeanette S. Henke, Hallettsville, TX

Cindy Saunders Buggs, Houston, TX - \$5,000

We received the follow note from Mrs. Buggs:

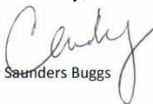
Dear Rev. Maison,

Last Spring my husband and I had the pleasure of visiting your church. What a beautiful church!

My great grandparents, Czech immigrants, Frank and Anna Tkac were members in the 1870's. Their children's births are recorded there I'm told. My grandfather, Joe B. Friedel, was born and raised in Yoakum, Texas until he joined the Navy in 1917.

Please find enclosed a check of \$5,000.00 to help with the church restoration fund in honor of my ancestors.

Yours truly,


Cindy Saunders Buggs

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

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Mark Anderle

Georgia Cerny



Altar Society Meeting Next Sunday,

September 30 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

REFLECTION

On A Collision Course With Secular Culture

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest for many people. They would be more concerned with knowing who are the successful. We want people to be honest in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people who know how to strike it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious, to think of themselves first. Seldom is one's popularity based on righteousness.

On the other hand, righteousness is one of the pillars upon which the reign of God is established. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere. They must be lovers of peace. The righteous must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. There is a dimension of all of this that is somewhat obscure. Because it is so often at odds with the standards of the world, we are not always sure by what criteria the characteristics of righteousness should be judged. Therefore, we must look to Jesus for an authentic portrait of righteousness. Rendering service to others is the essence of discipleship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 23 – Larry Prause
September 24 – Dolores Labay
September 26 – Ronnie Masek
September 28 – Spence Lesikar
September 29 – Robert Lev

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



September 23 – Doris & Jerome Kalina
September 26 – Sarah & Harvey Berckenhoff



Religious Education For Children In Praha

C.C.D. Meeting September 30th

All parents interested in having their children enrolled in the C.C.D. Program in Praha are invited to a *meeting in Moulton*. *The meeting will be in the Family Room on Sunday, September 30 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.*

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 Rain
For Peace
For My Mom
For Lily & Ricky
For My Family & I
Pray For My Marriage
For My Brother-in-law
For The Fallen In Wars
In Thanksgiving For Rain
Protection of My Children
Healing For Me & Family
Prayers For My Son, Shawn
For My Parents To Accept Me
Relief From Depression & Anxiety
For Recovery From Heart Surgery
For Peace Over The Molding Family
Holy Infant Lead My Family To You
For Health of Joshua G. Fernandez
For My Mother Who Has Alzheimers
To Keep Everyone Safe & To Get A Job
Clarity For Clark To Find Peace & Help
Prayer For Healing For Dodson Family
That Our Country Will Be "United" Again
Prayers For Sandra O. Who Suffers From R.A.
Health & Happiness of Children & Grandkids
For Mark Koudelka, Mrs. Koudelka, Mrs. Mach
That Lori Will Have A Safe Delivery & Recovery
Prayers For My Son's Drug Addiction Problems
For Peace In Our Country, Bless Us Lord, & Family
For The Health of My Family & Stability of My Home
For My Friends Mark & Darlene, Please Pray For Them
For Lillian's Job Search, Repose of The Soul of Ciria Sanchez
Please Pray For My Sister's Children – Gussy, Jeremiah & Devin
Safe Vacation Travels For Family, Brother & Sister-in-law Finances
For Healing of Our Family & Return To Christ & Mother Church
Brother & Sister-in-law For Good Health & Relief From Financial Troubles
Prayers For My Family, Good Health, Peace & Happiness & Find God
That My Daughter Will Find Her Vocation God Has For Her, & For My Marriage
For The Mental Well Being of My Daughters & Restored Relationships With Christ & Their Mother
For Teagan Matthews, That Her Seizures Will Cease ... If That Is God's Will
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued