

January 20, 2019

Ordinary Time

Second Sunday



A New Season

Although the Christmas season is behind us, today is the third of the series of *Theophanies*, manifestation of Jesus as God.

The spousal imagery of God's love for his people in Isaiah find echo in John's account of Jesus' first sign at Cana. Even though his hour has not yet come, Mary's faith in her Son becomes the occasion of his first sign of God's Kingdom. Jesus turns water into wine. Jesus' ministry begins with an act of joy and delight, a sign of God's desire for our relationship with him.

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MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 26
4:30 p.m. Robert R. Schaefer
Sunday, January 27
8:00 a.m. Paul Vrazel

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6,8-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Sanctuary Light – February 10 & 24
Bulletin Sponsor – January 27, February 3, 10, 17 & 24
Altar Flowers – January 27, February 3, 10, 17 & 24

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Mary Ann & Emil Lev.



2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$7,761.00
Contributions So Far \$ 7,361.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 400.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:
Elaine & Johnnie Hoffman *Anonymous Donor*

We thank all those who have contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. We are counting on all so we can pay off our debt.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

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

In Memory of Wilbert L. Kalinec
Henrietta & Elton Moeller - \$100

In Memory of Mariella Herzik Lemon
Jo Ann & Ronald Schimcek, Weimar, TX - \$25

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In Memory of Wilbert Kalinec
In Memory of Thomas Wick
Georgia Cerny

In Memory of Mariella Herzik Lemon
Robin & Gary Cerny

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Best Is Yet To Come

In following Jesus Christ, there is always something better to come. Jesus' first miraculous sign at the wedding feast of Cana communicates to us the profound hope that underlies the Christian life. The better wine saved for the end of the festivities, like the joy of eternal salvation, is what we anticipate with hope in the here and now. Christ who is risen from the dead reveals to us that the best is yet to come, and this joyful outlook colors our experience of life. In Christ, we can always trust in ultimate triumph over our lacks, and our struggles. Let us let Christ surprise us with the bounty of God's grace.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY JANUARY 21, 2019



The federal holiday reminds us of Dr. King's achievements and of our continuing moral obligation to build a just society with equal rights for all.

REFLECTION

Newness

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call of newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. All of this newness comes from God. As with creation, God creates out of chaos – God creates a new people out of one that was forsaken; creates a new land out of desolation; creates a new Spirit-filled community. The first reading and the gospel show us that marriage is the creation of a new union.

Even Jesus experiences a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfillment to the whole world. This transformation of the world will be the ultimate new creation of God. The new wine Jesus provides symbolizes the intoxicating nature of the newness he brings.

How would the world change if each one of us took hold of even one of the marvelous gifts that we have been given by the Spirit and transformed our lives, like water transformed into good wine and then shared with others?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 21 – Marcus Jasek
January 24 – Eugene Chaloupka
January 25 – Kermit Kurtz
January 26 – Virginia Olsovsky

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 Work

Prayers for Daniel Nixon

For Rozelio Tubig Healing

Prayer For Departed Krejci Family Souls

For Kevin Taylor – Passed Away 2-9-18

For Cindy To Get Good Results From Test

For My Cousin's Recovery From Appendicitis

For My Son's Spiritual, Physical & Mental Health

Pray For The Soul of My Mother, Angela Perillo Russell

For All Veterans, esp. Joseph D. Sladek, & For Our

Great Country

For All Deceased Family Members & Good Health For

Remaining Family

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Your contribution educates priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders; assists missionaries and pastoral workers; trains catechists and youth ministers; supports the Church's work with the poor. *Please be generous.*

Fr. Gabriel Takes A Break

My dear friends,

After a good year's work, it is time to take a break to rest, pray, reflect and to connect with my family in Ghana. I hope to come back refreshed to continue where we left off. While I am away, Mary Lou and Sofia will hold the fort, taking care of the Pastoral office. Do please contact the Parish Office for any pastoral needs. Fr. Pesek will help with the weekend Masses in Praha and in Moulton. On Friday mornings at 8 a.m. there will be a Mass in Moulton. Arrangements have been made with Fr. Pesek to officiate at funerals. Do please contact Mary Lou to make arrangements.

It has been a hectic year but a good one. I very much appreciate what you do for the Church and for me personally. I hope to be back before the Season of Lent. In the meantime pray for me as I pray for you.

God bless,

Fr. Gabriel

January 22 – Day of Prayer For The Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. – USCCB

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 3

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



Join us in the Praha Hall for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, cereal, juice, coffee & milk. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.