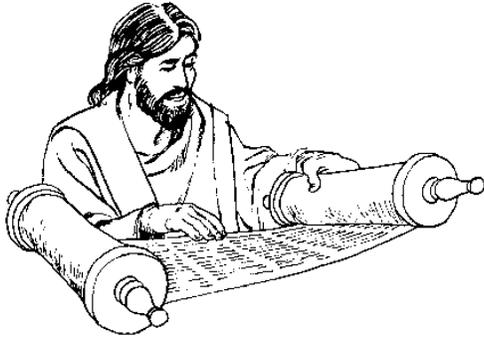


January 27, 2019

## Ordinary Time

Third Sunday



### The Word Proclaimed

In both the first reading from Nehemiah and the gospel passage from Luke we see the dynamic power of the Word of God as it is proclaimed. This word reminds the people of their identity as People of God. It calls them to the faithful living out of the implications of their identity.

There is something unique about hearing the word of God: Hear the word of God proclaimed and allow it to take root in you.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 2  
 2:00 p.m. Lippe-Bean Wedding  
 4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Matilda & Vaclav Lala Family

Sunday, February 3  
 8:00 a.m. Frances Jasek & Cecilia Masek

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

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

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 71  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13  
**Gospel:** Luke 4:21-30

### BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

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

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Mariella Herzik Lemon.



### 2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

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

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:

*In Memory of Margie Cernosek - \$20*  
*In Memory of Frances Pequeño Lockett - \$20*  
*In Memory of Ellen & Johnnie Holub - \$20*

### THANK YOU NOTE

I want to thank all the ladies of the Praha Parish Family for all the different kinds of cookies and the tin with the popcorn. They all were very good. I probably gained five pounds. Ha! Ha!

Love you all!

*Karlene O'Brien*

\*\* Christmas cookies were delivered to the homebound before Christmas.

### PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>



### ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The Altar Society is hosting Praha Pancake Sunday on February 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, cereal, juice, coffee & milk. All are welcome. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and good fellowship. A free will donation will be appreciated.



### WEDDING BANS

*Meredith Darnell Lippe & Lawton Wayne Bean*

## REFLECTION

### *The Word of God A Response Is Expected*

The Word of God elicits various responses from those who hear it. In today's First Reading, the people were assembled at the Water Gate. Ezra read out of the scroll, bringing the Law to people who had no inkling of the scrolls contents. "They were weeping as they heard the words of the Law," because they had no idea of how Yahweh wanted them to live. They accepted the word with all its blessings and challenges. They cried out in response, Amen! Amen! We hear and we will obey! The people were at a turning point in their history and they knew it.

Similarly, in today's Gospel selection, the people have gathered in the synagogue of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. They also listened intently to the sacred scripture as Jesus read from the scroll of Israel. The ritual of Jesus rolling the scroll, the reaction of the people in the synagogue, and Jesus' concluding words, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" symbolizes a new era, a time of deliverance. Jesus publicly declares his identity and mission. The people in the synagogue were probably unaware that Jesus is the prophet who is filled with the Spirit. He is the one who inaugurates the year of deliverance; the one who launches the era of eschatological fulfillment.

We too are at a new season of the Liturgical Year. As we journey through this short period of Ordinary Time (in preparation for Lent) how will we respond to the Word of God? Will hearing God's Word proclaimed make a difference in our lives? Will we be moved into the new age of fulfillment, eager to be transformed?

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 28 – Stephen Lev  
January 29 – Greg Grahmann  
– Judy Kubenka  
January 30 – Gentry Doyle  
January 31 – Jerome Kalina  
February 2 – Callan MacDonald

## WOMEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – FEB. 21-24

You are invited to attend the next Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat hosted by St. Roch Parish, Mentz (near Columbus). Join us as we spend the weekend with God at Cathedral Oaks near Weimar. This is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and for making new friends. Come, enhance your relationship with our Lord and with other Christian women who accompany us on this faith journey. Applications are located at the main entrance to Church. For more information contact Becca Edmiston at 979-732-1710 or [www.holyrosaryacts.com](http://www.holyrosaryacts.com).

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.*

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

### *Challenged by God's Word*

From Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth, from Paul's converts gathered at a house church in Corinth, from Ezra and all who came together at the Water Gate, we turn to another setting and another assembly, our own – the community of St. Mary's, Praha – gathered around the Word of God. Here we stand, men, women, and children old enough to understand. Here, we too, are blessed and challenged by God's Word.

Shall we, like Ezra and the Israelites, find in the Word of God a cause that will rouse our faith and a plan that will inspire in us good deeds? Good lives? Shall we too rejoice in celebrating the gift of the Word that brings us life?

Shall we, like Paul's correspondents, hear the Word and be reminded that we are uniquely blessed individuals who, by grace, are capable of being bound inextricably to one another as one body? Shall we be, in turn, mutual blessings for one another? Shall we honor and value our differences as God-given or shall we affirm the suspicions of the disbelieving, that true community caring and sharing is an unrealistic and unattainable ideal?

## 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 All Veterans*  
*For Louis Tury – Stroke*  
*For A Faith Filled Marriage*  
*For Tony Mack Seeton - Deceased*  
*For Cindy Masek – Cancer Patient*  
*For Alvin's Health To Get Better & To Know Jesus*  
*For Family Health, Happiness, Prosperity, & Supportive Friends*  
*For My Brother Larry That He Will Be Healed of Leukemia*  
*For My Daughter Liza Who God Knows The Problem & Cure She Needs*  
*For Sarah Jane, Sarah, Andrea, Larry & Nikki - Good Health & Blessed Future*  
*For Peace & Happiness For Matte & Thibodeaux Children & Grandchildren*  
*For All My Family To Return To The Sacraments & Practice The Gift of Their Faith*  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued