

May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter



"Follow me."
Jn 21:19

Follow Me

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter three times, *Do you love me?* Each time Peter responds that he does love Jesus. After each profession of love Jesus instructs Peter to take care of Jesus' flock. Peter is to feed and tend to the sheep of Jesus. The sheep will continue to belong to Jesus and not to Peter. Finally, Jesus says to Peter, *Follow me.* Jesus made it clear to Peter that service of his disciples must be rooted in love of Jesus. Love is the basis for Peter's ministry to leadership and must be the basis for all of us who minister to others in the name of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 11

4:30 p.m. Sp. Intention: Specially Remembered Mothers

Sunday, May 12

8:00 a.m. Sp. Intention: Specially Remembered Mothers

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

AREA PICNICS

Today – Holy Rosary Mayfest, Hostyn

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in thanksgiving to God.



2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment	\$7,813.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 1,000.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 6,813.00

We thank the following for kicking off the 2019 D.S.A.:

*Liz & Leo Janak
Ernest Chaloupka, Jr.
Tracie Holub & Jim Pfeil
Henrietta & Elton Moeller*

Do please consider making a donation.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY

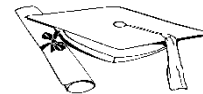
First Anniversary Special Breakfast



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Today is the First Anniversary of the Praha Pancake Sunday sponsored by the St. Mary's Altar Society. The Altar Society is planning something special. Come join them, celebrate this event and enjoy good food and fellowship ... Pancakes scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice, coffee and milk. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE



Chandler Moeller

Son of Delia & Mike Moeller

Chandler is a 2019 graduate of Flatonia High School.
Congratulations Chandler!

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY MASS NEXT SUNDAY

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop your Mother's Day envelope in the collection or mail May 7.

PICNIC RAFFLE PRIZES BEING SOLICITED



It's time to start thinking about making donations to the Raffle – August 15th will be here before you know it! Thomas Petru has begun contacting businesses to solicit raffle prize donations. Anyone interested in making a donation may call Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) or Liz Janak (361-596-8206). The Raffle Prize donation deadline is May 31. *Thank you.*

REFLECTION



Do You Love Me?

In this beautiful resurrection appearance story, the Risen Jesus teaches us some lessons about the universal nature of our following of Jesus; the necessity of forgiveness and rehabilitation and the ultimate cost of following Jesus.

Through the telling of the story of the great catch of fish we learn about the universal nature of the Church's charge and that the Church's mission is an extension of the Risen Lord's victory and power. By Jesus' coming at dawn, he is shown to be the light that dispels darkness and brings new hope. Even though the disciples were veteran fishermen they caught nothing without Jesus. With Jesus their mission would be successful. Their success was described in terms of the mysterious number of fish they caught – 153. This affirms that all peoples of the earth are welcome into the net of salvation and are drawn unto the boat of Peter.

The three questions asked of Peter by Jesus and Peter's answers have been called Peter's rehabilitation. Jesus' forgiveness of his triple denial of Jesus had the power to lift the burden of guilt and sorrow he must have felt. It gave Peter the humility to repent and the courage to begin again. He was reissued the challenge: *Follow me*. Peter's example continues to challenge the quality of our own discipleship. Jesus is saying the same thing to us:

***Do you love me? Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep.
Follow me.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 7 – Cynthia Stryk
May 9 – Daniel MacDonald
May 11 – Timothy Pospisil

Church Tours



According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 2,082 people visited the Church on their registered tours between January to March 2019. This does not include the many individual visitors and pilgrims.

EASTER ACTIVITIES AT ST. MARY'S

Dear friends,

The Spirit of the Risen Lord is evident among us! Our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum was very spirit-filled and well attended. It was wonderful to see so many people actively participating, making it all come together.

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday): The Mass was very touching. Parishioners washing one another's feet. What a great sign of our willingness to serve one another as Church.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday): The Liturgy was marked by noble simplicity. It was a way of identifying with the sufferings of Christ, as our savior goes to his death.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Holy Saturday): The service was absolutely beautiful. What an example of full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. The number of people who joined us in prayer was amazing. It was great to see so many participants in the service.

Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday): The Spirit of the Risen Lord was palpable in our midst. The balloons and Easter Egg Hunt with the kids were a big hit. Who thought so many kids would show up in little Praha for Easter. It is all possible. I enjoyed every bit of it all.

While I thank God for the joyful celebration of the three days, I realize that all would not have been possible without the help of many cooperative parishioners.

The Liturgy - I thank our Lectors, our Organists, our Choir, our Cantors, our Altar Servers, our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and our Ushers who performed their ministry so diligently.

Other helpers and donors - Thanks to the many who worked behind the scenes to pull it all together: Preparing for the Triduum – Lori Janecka, Robin Cerny, Georgie Cerny, Tracie Holub & the Altar Society members; Juan Vasquez for cleaning the church; Martin Svatek for cleaning the cemetery; all those who donated canned goods for the needy and monetary donations for the poor and for the seminarians; Good Friday special effects – Jason Bartos; Holy Saturday bonfire – Charlie Bartos; Easter Flowers – all those who donated towards the flower fund; Balloons – Donna & Hannah Perez; Easter Egg Hunt – thanks to Barbara & Bennie Jasek, Tracy Holub & James Pfeil, Gertie & Charlie Hajek Jr., Leona Herzik, Lori & David Janecka, Pat Masek, Staci & Scott MacDonald & Family, Barbara & Larry Prause, Deloris Smolik and Kathleen & Martin Svatek for donating the eggs, and to Staci MacDonald & Delia Moeller for organizing the hunt; to Delia Moeller and James Pfeil for photographing the hunt and the Holy Saturday service (see insert). Lastly, I am very grateful to all of you for your participation and words of encouragement. It is my prayer that the Spirit of the Risen Lord will continue to transform us into witnesses of his presence in our lives.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Gabriel