

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter



**“As I Have Loved You,
So You Should Love One Another”**

What is new about the commandment is that we are to model our way of loving on Jesus himself. Jesus loved us by freely laying down his life for us. Our ability to love others in this kind of self-sacrificing way is the sign through which people will recognize us as disciples of Jesus.

As the Father has loved Jesus, and the Father and Jesus have loved us, so we are to love one another.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 25

4:30 p.m. Sister Loretta, Sister Joan of Arc,
Annie Tupa

Sunday, May 26

8:00 a.m. Ben Smolik

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Sanctuary Light Bookings Available (\$20):
May 26, June 2, 23 & 30. Contact the Parish Office.

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Robert R. Schaefer.**



Praha Picnic

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

Praha Picnic will be here before you know it. We have begun preparations here at the office and many people are already working behind the scenes for the annual event.

Picnic Raffle: Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) and Liz Janak (361-596-8206) are soliciting donations for the Raffle. Do please contact them or the Parish Office (361-596-4674) if you wish to make a donation. The deadline is May 31.

** Note: Last year we had 52 raffle prizes donated. We thank the following early birds for their donations to the 2019 Raffle:*

Schulenburg Printing	Robert's Steakhouse
Richter Well Drilling	Prototype Machine
Oakridge Smokehouse	Parker Lumber Co.
Olde Town Tea Room	Werner's 594 Grill
Jenelle & Daniel Cerny	Fayetteville Bank
SouthStar Bank, Moulton	Prosperity Bank
Pesek-Hermes Memorials	Arlan's Market
Maresh Drilling Co., LLC	Tex Propane
Flatonia Veterinary Clinic	Ray Novak
Flatonia Livestock Commission	
Mary Lynn (Migl) & Allen Brehm	

Round Top State Bank, La Grange Branch
Floy Farm Interior Design, Flowers & Gifts
Fayette Savings Bank/Denise & Gary Greive
Herzik's Milk & Grain (Raffle Ticket Printing Sponsor)
Flatonia National Bank, Branch of First National Bank of Shiner

The Raffle Prize donation deadline is in 12 days and we have a long way to go. Contact Thomas or Liz or drop your donation in the collection basket or mail or bring to the Parish Office soon.

Picnic Chairpersons: Look out for letters in the mail soon. Picnic Meeting dates to be announced.

Bands for the Picnic: Jason Bartos has the bands secured and scheduled. Here is the list:

The Dujka Brothers 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 5 p.m.
The Praha Brothers 1 - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.
The All Around Czechs 7 - 10 p.m.

Church Roof Repair

A part of the Church roof damaged by the Hurricane Harvey will be repaired on Tuesday, May 28. The needed repair work has been coordinated through the bishop's office and the Insurance Company. The work will be done by the Rain King Company.

Additional Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets

In memory of Henrietta Migl, In honor of Georgiann Barta, In memory of Vlasta Pavlicek, All St. Mary's Praha Community Mothers

REFLECTION

Our Love of One Another Takes On A Sacramental Character

In an almost matter-of-fact voice, today's gospel begins with "when Judas had left them." The previous verses had described a dinner between intimate friends: Jesus washed his disciples' feet, indicating that they should do the same for one another. Soon after that, Jesus began talking about his betrayer. The gospel tells us that when Judas went out, it was night. When the powers of darkness seemed most overwhelming, Jesus began to speak of glory and love. His death on the cross would not be a victory for evil. It would be a means of glorifying God and a sacrifice that spelled out with clarity the depth of his love and God's love for sinners.

This is why, before his death, he wanted to gather his disciples for one last supper where he gave them a new commandment to love one another as he loved them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 22 – Johnny Alvarado
– Brittany Ochs

ORIENTATION



"As I loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). The love we have known through Jesus Christ is the most profound and unconditional divine gesture. This love accepts us in our iniquity and offers the first step toward reconciliation; it is a hopeful love that sees not what we have done but the best we are capable of. It sees in us our God-given beauty and dignity, even if we are unaware of this ourselves; thus, it is a joyful love that celebrated the life and spirit of each of us. Above all, it is an enduring love, a love that never fails and remains with us through thick and thin as a lifeline of grace. The love of God in Jesus Christ, the cause and culmination of his self-gift, continues to surround us in the genuine relationships we share with others. To love as Jesus did not only binds us to one another, but also evokes the Holy Spirit in our midst.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria

Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community. *Please be generous.*

A NEW COMMANDMENT



Love one another.

No society can survive without tolerance. No society can thrive without mutual respect. Yet none of this is enough for the new community Jesus has formed. It required self-sacrificing love. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? We have seen bumper stickers that read: Perform a random act of kindness. They have not yet made one that reads: Love those who hate you. If we love in this way how will we be able to fight wars? Or rob or cheat or destroy? Or punish with our power or undermine with our influence? How will we be able to ignore pleading eyes just because the face is a different color or the hair is a different texture? It is no wonder the commandment is called *new*. This is something completely different. The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth established in the Church. Standards are entirely different here.

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 Merna Patterson
For My Mom & Dad
For Healing of Bad Knees
Bless My Family & Friends
Pray I Find My Spiritual Path
For Health & Safety of My Children
For Mr. Bill Cassiter to Rest In Eternal Peace
For The Repose of the Soul of Gilberto De La Fuente
For My Gran Virginia, My Mom Anne & Aunt Joanie
For Compassion & Understanding of Difficult Situation
Pay My Brother Chris Finds His Way Back To The Lord
Pray For Us & Our Family - Health, Love Lives, Happiness
For Jessica, Bradley, Jonny, Jeff, Mattie, Brooke & All
Prayers on My List

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued