

June 2, 2019

## The Ascension of the Lord



### **Christ Raised to Heaven Present in the Church**

**Christ, who ascended into heaven in his body, carries on what he began on earth through his new body – the community of believers. The Church is the place of manifestation of the invisible, though active presence of the Risen Lord. Jesus continues to teach, heal, and comfort us. We do not live without him as we wait. He is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the Church.**



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by  
Bea & Rudy Patek in thanksgiving to God  
on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

*To donate Altar Flowers contact  
Lori Janecka or the Parish Office.*

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 8

4:30 p.m. Annie & Frank Cerny,  
Elizabeth & Louis Cerny

Sunday, June 9

8:00 a.m. Spec. Intention – Merlene & Edward Jurek

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



Next weekend is *Pentecost Sunday*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

**Sanctuary Light Bookings Available (\$20):**

June 30; July 14 & 28

Contact the Parish Office.

## PENTECOST – NEXT SUNDAY

### **Veni Sancte Spiritus Come Holy Spirit**



As its name indicates, Pentecost is the feast that takes place fifty days after Easter Sunday. It is the crowning finale of the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, which lasts throughout Eastertime and ends with the pouring out of the Spirit over the apostles and in the Church. Pentecost is the final manifestation of God that has given birth to the Church. The liturgy commemorates the Pentecost that occurred in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter, yet transcends time. In fact, the liturgical celebration constantly makes this event present; from year to year. It allows those who celebrate the feast to share in the grace of the mystery. The celebration encompasses two Masses: one on Saturday evening, the other on Sunday. The liturgy for Pentecost offers a richly spread table, where everyone can feed on the living bread of the Word, entering into the mystery and taking its best fruits. Come, Holy Spirit!

*Take time this week to pray for the outpouring  
of the Holy Spirit on our parish family.*

### Prayer

*Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of thy faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of thy love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And thou shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation,  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY MASS – JUNE 16

To have your father specially remembered in the Mass Intention of the day, drop your Father's Day envelope in the collection or mail by June 11.

### PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY



### **ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

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

**Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph's, July 8-12, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** To register contact the Parish Office in Moulton (361-596-4674).

## REFLECTION

### Witnesses of Christ Taken Up To Heaven

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" and when he said, "I was hungry and you gave me food,"

Why do we here on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, by way of the faith, hope, and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we, though on earth, are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power, and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love. — St. Ignatius of Antioch (martyred in 107)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 5 – Jessica Schneider  
June 6 – Gayle Hill  
– Collin Hummel  
June 8 – Bea Patek

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 4 – Carol & Randy Barta  
June 8 – Congratulations Patricia & James Gready  
on your 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## Flatonía CDA to Honor Pregnant Mothers

Flatonía Catholic Daughters Court Sacred Heart of Mother Teresa #2570 would like to honor pregnant mothers from St. Mary's, Praha with a Special Remembrance Gift and Prayer Card along with a Special Blessing after a designated Mass.

If you are pregnant or delivered a baby since January 2019, please contact Kathleen Svatek (CDA member) at 214-280-7828 or email Kathleen at [ksvat@hotmail.com](mailto:ksvat@hotmail.com) to finalize a date with Fr. Gabriel.

**Moulton CDA Plates-to-go, June 12, 5-7 p.m.,  
\$10 Per Plate, St. Joseph's Social Center**

## Praha Picnic

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019



### Picnic Raffle

Thomas Petru and Liz Janak are finalizing the Raffle Prize donation list tomorrow, Monday. If you plan to donate a raffle prize and have not done so yet do please contact Thomas of Liz today so that we can get the list to the printers.

To make a donation contact Thomas at 512-751-6191, Liz at 361-596-8206, or the Parish Office at 361-596-4674.

**Picnic Chairpersons Letters** were sent out this week to all those who chair a booth/work station at the Picnic. Do please return your forms by June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Picnic Chairpersons/Co-Chairpersons Meetings:**

**Jun. 12 – Kettle, Chicken & Kitchen, Plates-to-go, Plate Distribution & Dinner Tickets, 6:30 p.m.**

**Jun. 13 – Beer Stand, Beer Tickets, Soda Stand & Sno Cones, Country Store, Souvenirs, Raffle, Cake Walk, Bingo, Fish Pond/Toy Box, Ring Toss & Publicity, 6:30 p.m.**

Auction & Finance Meetings TBA.

*The meetings will be held at the pavilion.*

**Picnic Letter/Raffle Ticket Mailing:** It's not too soon to start thinking about what to donate to the auction and other Picnic donations. Look out for something in the mail soon.

## 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 My Son, Ben  
For Conversion of Family  
For The Health of Family  
For Magda & Karel Kapoun  
For Preservation of the Church  
For Our Continued Good Health  
For The Kathleen & James Hall Family  
Pray For The Soul of Martin Kolackovsky  
For Peace & Happiness For All In Our Family  
For Health & Safety of Mason, Noah & Timothy  
R.I.P – James M. Grimes, Died March 25, 2018  
For The Speedy Recovery of Fr. Bonaventure Huber  
May the Lord Bless My Nephews Dominic, David & Gilberto & My Neice Carolina  
For The Recovery of Norbert Popp, Will Thomson,  
Johnny Zacek & Robert Orsak*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued