

October 27, 2019
Ordinary Time
Thirtieth Sunday



Be Merciful To Me, A Sinner

Today we reflect on the attitudes one brings to prayer rather than on the prayer itself; self-righteousness or humility.

Jesus tells the parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector who go to the temple to pray. The Pharisee does not actually pray. Rather, he explains to God why he is better than other people. In contrast, the tax collector knows that he is a sinner. His is a prayer of petition: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

MASS INTENTIONS



Friday, November 1
5:30 p.m. For The Welfare of Parishioners
Saturday, November 2
4:30 p.m. Our Dead Specially Remembered Today
Sunday, November 3
8:00 a.m. Marcella & Ernest Chaloupka

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22—12:2
Responsorial Psalm: 145
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Acts Family Social Gathering, November 9, 2019 at St. Michael's Catholic Church Family Center, Weimar, Texas. Mass 5:30 p.m., Social 6:30 p.m., Meal 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP - call or text 979-966-3597.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Frances & Joe Koudelka.



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

November 1st – *The Feast of All Saints*

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level and are with God.

Mass Schedule: Moulton – 8:00 a.m.

Praha – 5:30 p.m.

Moulton – 7:00 p.m.

November 2nd – *The Feast of All Souls*

All Souls Day is a Saturday this year. The evening Mass is the Mass for the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. We will pray for souls of all the faithful departed.

Praha: Before Mass we will gather at 3:30 p.m. at the Crucifix in the cemetery to pray for all souls.

Moulton: After Mass we will gather at the Resurrection Chapel to pray for all souls.

All Souls Commemoration: During the month of November we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use the All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail by October 31.

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Arthur Klekar: Mary & Charlie Bartos

Pharisee or Tax Collector

The Pharisee is not a horrible villain, nor is the tax collector a hero. Despite his arrogance, the Pharisee is, in fact, a pillar of the community, faithful and dependable. Because of his generous tithing, the salaries of ministers are paid so that they can preach on this



parable. This problem is that his prayer and his life are out of sync. It is the same with the tax collector. While his prayer for mercy is in the best spirit of penitence, his life is not. Neither character can be absolutely embraced or dismissed. Each simply shows us a side of ourselves that needs integration.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

We are holding our last Praha Pancake Sunday for the year next Sunday, **November 3rd**. In thanksgiving for the success and the support of our community we will have a special celebration with prizes, a delicious breakfast and fellowship! All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

The next Praha Pancake Sunday will be January 5, 2020.

REFLECTION

Judgment Belongs To God

Luke displays wonderful irony in his story of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Throughout the gospel, Luke has contrasted the genuine faith of sinners and foreigners with the hypocrisy of self-righteous insiders.

The Pharisee of this story places himself far above other people on his own merits: He notes commandment-breakers – of whom he is not one. He draws God’s attention to the outcast tax collector, to whom he bears no resemblance. God is then reminded that every Monday and Thursday the Pharisee fasts and that all his food is “clean” (it has been tithed); he made his ritual harvest – festival offering on all that he had. He believes that his scrupulous practices make him better than anyone else, particularly those he considers sinners. But his very words condemn him and betray his own heritage.

By contrast, the tax collector relies on God for his justification: This man clearly sees how he stands before God. He has nothing to offer. Even his own people have cast him away from society because of his collusion with Roman authority as a collector of the Emperor’s taxes. His penitence (beating the breast was and is a common gesture for penitents) leaves room for God to act and he is made right before God by God’s grace and his own humility.

The conclusion Jesus draws from the story is that judgment belongs to God. The tax collector knows how he stands with God. The Pharisee works in complete illusion. For the tax collector, God sets the requirements of their relationship; the Pharisee makes his own rules and sets his own standards. One man knows in the depths of his being that he is not God; the other is overwhelmed by a striking resemblance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 29 – Adam Hutzler, Karina Saucedo



Catholic Daughters White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign: The campaign is held each year at the end of October. Members of the Flatonia CDA Court #2570 of the Sacred Heart of Mother Teresa, will hand out white ribbons and a prayer card after Mass this weekend. They encourage you to wear the ribbon and join them in prayer as they work to end the harm caused by pornography.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Today is Priesthood Sunday. It is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen

– United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

57th Anniversary ALL VETERANS DAY Honoring All Veterans Of All Eras PRAHA CEMETERY



Praha Church 9:30 A.M. • Mass To Be Offered For All Veterans
Assembly - 10:30 A.M. • Veterans Memorial Service - 11:00 A.M.
Flyover By Commemorative Air Force - 11:15 A.M.

– Special Tribute To All Veterans –

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Sponsored By Praha Veterans Club & Vietnam Veterans Chapter 870

57th Annual
Ceremonies
Commemorating
74 years of
The End of WWII
Flower
Drop

Conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars,
American Legion, Catholic War Veterans
and Disabled Veterans,
Vietnam Veterans and All Veterans,
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

Guest Speaker:
Bernie Satterwhite
Retired Captain United States Navy

Praha Style Fried Chicken Dinner with all the Trimmings
\$10.00

Serving Starts at 11:30 a.m. - Take Home Plates Available
Meal Prepared by St. Rose Home & School Association
All Proceeds to benefit St. Rose Catholic School of Schulenburg

Please bring
lawn chairs
as seating
is limited!

Flatonia
School Band

