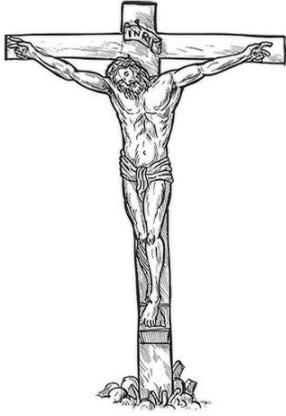


November 24, 2019
Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Solemnity**

**Jesus,
The King of Hearts Like No Other**



Jesus exercises his Kingship by making peace through the blood of his cross. His mercies lifts us above our sins to the realm of graced forgiveness and glory. We are called to work hard so that the virtues of our King become our own and the means by which others will recognize our belonging to Him. Sealed with his love at our

baptism, anointed with the oil that consecrates us, we are to live so true to him that others will want to accept his rule and welcome his reign in their hearts.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Staci & Scott MacDonald in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 27

5:30 p.m. For Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday, November 30

4:30 p.m. Jim Schneider

Sunday, December 1

8:00 a.m. Frances & Joe Koudelka

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 122

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Gary Greive.**



Sanctuary Light Bookings Available – Dec. 1 & 15

To book the Sanctuary Light (\$20) contact the Parish Office.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:

5:30 p.m., Praha

7:00 p.m., Moulton

Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 6:30 a.m., Moulton

Remember the Poor at Thanksgiving.

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offerings will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.



Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for your canned goods and non-perishable food items (rice, pasta, dry beans, etc.). You may drop your food items at any time. Drop the monetary donations in the collection basket during the month of November.

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

God, our Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day, we come before you with gratitude for your kindness. We have received generous gifts from your hand so that we may learn to share your blessings in gratitude. Open our hearts to concern for others so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREPARING FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

In all three cycles of the lectionary there is a special focus for each of the four Sundays, beginning with a gospel of the Lord's return on the first Sunday, John the Baptist on the second and third Sundays and the beginning of the infancy narrative on the fourth Sunday. This year, Cycle A, the St. Matthew's gospel is proclaimed. The outline of the gospel readings looks like this:

First Sunday: *The return of the Lord.*

Second Sunday: *John the Baptist, a call to conversion.*

Third Sunday: *The relationship of John to Jesus.*

Fourth Sunday: *Mary and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth.*

Altar Society Bake Sale Tuesday, November 26th



Praha Altar Society Thanksgiving Bake Sale November 26th, 9:00 a.m. – noon at the Flatonia National Bank. Parishioners are encouraged to donate

home baked/made items or make a monetary donation to the sale. You may drop your items off on November 26th by 8:45 a.m. at the bank or call the rectory (361-596-4674). Proceeds go to the cleaning of the Church, supplies and other items. Thank you in advance for your contribution to kick off Thanksgiving with our community.

REFLECTION



Jesus Remember Me

Today we celebrate Jesus as king by remembering what appears to be the lowest point of his life. The ways and wisdom of God are inscrutable. It was in being brought low that Jesus' greatness was fully revealed, and in the moment when he appeared to be most powerless, he succeeded in redeeming all of mankind from sin and death. Those who rejected Jesus in disbelief ironically proclaim Jesus' accomplishment and his unique identity. The sneering rulers call him *chosen one* and *the Christ of God* while the soldiers identify Jesus as *King of the Jews*. Jesus' innocence in dying converted the criminal who hung beside him. He turned to Jesus and acknowledged his Kingship and asked to share in that Kingdom. Jesus' response to the penitent criminal introduced a note of hope into a sad scenario. *You will be with me this day in paradise*. Jesus's death is a passage to life and glory. In death and in life Jesus is the Messiah and the bringer of a new age where sin and death have been conquered.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 24 – Nick Patalik
November 26 – Delia Moeller
November 30 – Chandler Moeller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 27 – Patricia & Elmer Michna

PRAHA COOKBOOKS



Praha Altar Society is selling their Praha Cookbooks for \$15. These cookbooks make lovely Christmas or Bridal Shower gifts. Please contact Georgie Cerny or Kathleen Svatek if you wish to purchase cookbooks before the holidays.

Annual Safe Environment Training For C.C.D. Students Today

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development (CCHD)

The CCHD works to transform lives and communities, focusing steadily on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the U.S.

Be generous.

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION



The Sunday Readings At Mass

The Liturgical Readings at the Sunday celebrations are found in the *Lectionary*. The lectionary is not the Bible but a book that contains a collection of passages chosen from the Bible and proclaimed at the Sunday celebration to facilitate the celebration of the whole mystery of Christ, i.e. what God has revealed to us in Christ – Jesus' death and resurrection. We Christians die and rise in union with Christ in the very way in which we live out our daily lives. We celebrate this reality at the Sunday gathering at the Eucharist. At the celebration we are plunged into the mystery of Christ through our active and full participation in the Mass. Our Sunday celebrations help us to continue to live the Christian life to its fullest.

The Sunday lectionary is arranged in this way:

A three-year Cycle of Readings with a gospel reading allocated to each year.

The Gospel according to Matthew to Cycle (Year) A.

The Gospel according to Mark to Cycle (Year) B.

The Gospel according to Luke to Cycle (Year) C.

The Gospel according to John is reserved for the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter.

On every Sunday three Bible passages are read from the lectionary.

The First Reading is from the Old Testament (except for the Sundays of Easter it is from the Acts of the Apostles.)

A Responsorial Psalm is sung after the First Reading and a Gospel Acclamation precedes the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Second Reading is from the Apostolic writings, e.g. Letters of St. Paul to the Romans.

The Feast of Christ the King concludes the Church's Liturgical Year. It is the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time on the Church's calendar which is this Sunday.

Next Sunday we usher in A New Year with the Celebration of the Season of Advent. – *to be continued*

The New Liturgical Calendar Begins December 1

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the Church entrance for those who put in an order.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* is available in the sacristy.