

January 26, 2020

Ordinary Time

Third Sunday



Called to Discipleship

Today, Jesus calls the first disciples. As Jesus' followers, they were invited to serve at his side and speak and act in his name, dispelling the darkness of evil, ignorance, prejudice, pain and need while bringing God's good and gracious light to all. In considering the call of those first followers of Jesus, we find an opportunity for rethinking and reclaiming the varied calls that have made us who we are.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God by Mary & Charlie Bartos.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 1
4:30 p.m. Jim Schneider
Sunday, February 2
8:00 a.m. Mark Anderle

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Presentation of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment \$7,813.00
Contributions So Far \$ 6,475.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 1,338.00

We thank all those who contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. We are close to paying off our debt to the bishop. We are counting on you to make our quota for 2019.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society Meeting Today

The Praha Altar Society will hold a meeting today, January 26, 2020 in the St. Mary's School House, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Altar Society Membership Drive

The Altar Society is accepting members for 2020. All men and women of the parish are encouraged to join. The dues are \$5.00 per person. The activities the society supports are Praha Pancake Sunday, the cake walk at the Praha Picnic, a Thanksgiving bake sale, celebrating baptisms and graduations, decorating the church for various seasons, selling cookbooks, providing altar flowers at miscellaneous times throughout the year, and providing items needed for the altar. If you would like to join please provide the following information: Name, address, phone number, email address and date of birth. You may drop your details and check for \$5.00 payable to the Praha Altar Society, in the collection basket or mail it to:

Lori Janecka, 9070 Rosanky Road, Waelder, TX 78959.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Come out and join us next Sunday, February 2 for pancakes scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice, coffee and milk. It brings our community together for fellowship. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

Volunteers welcome: The time commitment is from 7:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All of the supplies are provided we just need your helping hands and smiling face!

K.J.Z.T. SOCIETY #4 MEETING - FEB. 9

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4 Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9, in the School Chapel, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

Sanctuary Light Bookings Available (\$20)

February 16 & 23 March 1 & 8

REFLECTION

Called to Spread Christ's Light

There can be no light, not even a reflected light, without a light source, and for believers of both Testaments, that source is undeniably and irrefutably God.

In today's first reading the political situation of Israel has been engulfed by the darkness of Assyrian oppression. Nevertheless, Isaiah held out hope to his contemporaries, hope in the form of a call from God that would lead the people out of the darkness into the light. Followers of Jesus believe that Isaiah's promises were fulfilled in his coming. This belief is celebrated in the midnight liturgy for Christmas; in the birth of Christ, a new light has come.

The beginning of Jesus' public ministry in today's Gospel signaled the end of the era of darkness and the birth of the new age of reign of God. With the arrest (and eventual death) of John the Baptizer, Jesus takes center stage. He makes his way to the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, those first territories to be "darkened" by Assyrian aggression. By his very presence and through his words and works, Jesus brought light to that darkness. Those who wished to walk in his light would be challenged to take to heart his call to repent and welcome the reign of God.

To aid his efforts at being light and bringing light to all nations, Jesus called upon others to serve with him. First among those servant disciples were fishermen. They had a lot to lose by following him, yet they dropped everything and followed Jesus.

As teacher and healer as light and life, Jesus continues to call disciples to himself. Those who accept his call to belong to him are also challenged to belong to others, serving their needs, sharing their faith, encouraging their hope as Jesus did.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Your contribution educates priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders; assists missionaries and pastoral workers; trains catechists and youth ministers; supports the Church's work with the poor.

Please be generous.

ORIENTATION



Who is Your Spiritual "Pair"?

Peter and Andrew immediately dropped their nets, their livelihood, to follow the renegade Jesus and two more brothers then followed. If Jesus were to walk through our town today, what would you have to immediately drop to spread a great message? There are many lights (people) who chase our darkness away. Disciples are meant to be this light at all times. Understanding the need for companionship, Jesus' first disciples were pairs – brothers. Who is your spiritual "pair" that you might want to come with you to feel more secure in walking a new path? If this person does not know how important they are to how you want to follow Christ Jesus, take time to affirm their discipleship and how it helps you be a better follower of Jesus.

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 Marie Lytk

For The Williams Family

Pray For Erich Krauss – Health

For My Grandma in Guatemala

For The Health of Joan Carvako

For Joanne Nolin & Jerry Taiter

For The Marcantel Family's Intentions

Our Engagement – Road To Matrimony

For Health & Safety – Mom – No Falls

For Whitney & Kathy (Complete Healing)

For Kristen Upchurch – Metastatic Cancer

Pray For The Revival of Catholic Tradition

For The Well Being of The Norduzzo Family

Prayers For Parents & Brother (All Deceased)

For Special Healing For My Dad's Blood Cancer

Pray For My Family, Especially My Two Daughters & My Son

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 26 – Virginia Olsovsky

January 28 – Stephen Lev

January 29 – Greg Grahmann

– Judy Kubenka

January 30 – Gentry Doyle

January 31 – Jerome Kalina

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA UPCOMING EVENTS

January 31 – Diocese of Victoria Fundraiser Dinner *Ten Fingers, Ten Toes* Benefitting the Houston Coalition For Life, \$25 Admission, The Cathedral Center, Victoria

February 1 – Blessing of Seed and Soil Mass, 10 a.m., BH Genetics, 5933 FM 1157, Ganado. Bring a lawn chair.