

April 12, 2020

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

## *Risen & Transformed*



The readings of Easter affirm God's power to shatter earthly boundaries. Most dramatic is the victory over death. Upon hearing Mary's report, both Peter and the beloved disciple also run to the tomb. All signs

indicate that the body has not been stolen but has left on its own. The wrappings of death have been left behind - unlike the situation of Lazarus where he came out of the tomb still bound by burial wrappings. Jesus has conquered death and vanished from the tomb.

# Alleluia!

### MASS INTENTION



Sunday, April 19  
9:00 a.m.

*The Sunday service will be live-streamed from either the Moulton or the Praha Church for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and afterward on our website [www.stmaryspraha.org](http://www.stmaryspraha.org).*

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



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

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Henry Migl.



## HAPPY EASTER!

Dear friends,

This is a time like no other! You have really stood up to the test: how resilient you are in your faith. Many people told me they participated in the Mass though social media as a family. You are amazing. I could not believe how many hits the Palm Sunday Mass at Praha had. It was a different experience for me to preach in an empty Church. I only made it with your prayers. Thanks for the compliments. I cannot wait to celebrate Mass with you, face to face in Church - I miss you! I cannot thank Tracie Holub & Jim Pfeil and Collin Hummel, for the fantastic job they are doing live-streaming the Mass and Donna Perez of Moulton for coordinating our website administration and making sure everything is up and running.

I have been impressed with the number of parishioners who have stopped by at the office to bring in their offerings and those who mailed in their envelopes. It shows how much you care about our Church. Keep up the good work. You are in my prayers. Continue to place your trust in God, who alone can save us. Do take good care of yourselves. I am at your service, only a phone call away.

God bless,

*Fr. Gabriel*

### Holy Thursday - Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

The Masses will be live-streamed as follows on our Facebook page: *St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX*

- Holy Thursday, 6:30 p.m., videoed in Moulton
- Good Friday, 2:30 p.m., videoed in Praha
- Holy Saturday, 6:30 p.m., videoed in Moulton
- Easter Sunday, 9:00 a.m., videoed in Praha

or you may view the Masses at a later time on our parish websites:

St Joseph's, Moulton - [www.stjosephsmoulton.org](http://www.stjosephsmoulton.org)

St Mary's, Praha - [www.stmaryspraha.org](http://www.stmaryspraha.org)

### Emotional & Financial Impact of the Corona Virus

We know the emotional and financial hardships that the Corona Virus is wreaking on our community and we pray that you are not adversely affected. Here at the Church, we feel its impact with the drop in Sunday Church offerings and other donations. This in no way stops us from ministering to you even under these circumstances. We are here to serve you. If you are in a position to help us, we are very grateful for your support.

The diocese has set up a link through the Bishop's office where parishioners can make contributions to their own parishes on-line. For your convenience we have added this link to our website. You may go to [www.stmaryspraha.org](http://www.stmaryspraha.org) to make a contribution.

## REFLECTION

### History Is Broken Open

Though we know well the Easter story, we never fully grasp its meaning. The stone has been rolled back and the tomb is empty; resurrected life cannot be contained. Like the first believers, we so often must continue to live even with our dashed hopes and our misunderstanding of God's mysterious power. Like the first believers, we come to the tomb and expect to find death, but instead we find signs of a new life we cannot even begin to comprehend. Like the first believers, we do not realize that history has been broken open and is now filled with the resurrected presence of Christ.

History no longer makes sense. The one who was maliciously singled out and shamefully hung on a tree was really the one set apart by God to judge the living and the dead. Who can comprehend such a paradox? But then, who goes to a tomb expecting to find life? History has been broken open, and now we really do not know what to expect!

This same resurrection power works in our lives today. "This is the day the LORD has made ... it is wonderful in our eyes! We too hear the Easter proclamation. By it, we too are brought into the power of the resurrection.

– Dianne Bergant

## 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.

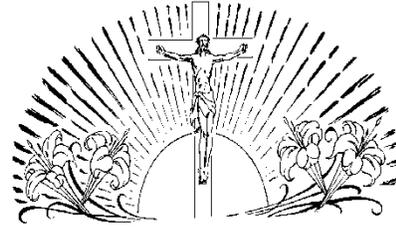


### Remember to pray for the following intentions:

*For World Peace*  
*For Hannah, Mike & Susan*  
*Pray For Ray Morris Barnes*  
*For Our Family's Health & Safety*  
*In Thanksgiving For My 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday*  
*For Carter Gatz As He Joins The Marines*  
*For Healing & An End To The Corona Virus*  
*For Love & Understanding In Our Families*  
*Pray For My Family – Financial Problems*  
*For Healing & Protection From Corona Virus*  
*For World Peace & Safe Travels; Bless This Parish*  
*For Good Health For My Family During This Pandemic*  
*For Good Health of Children & Grandchildren During This Corona Virus*  
*For The Deceased Loved Ones of the O'Conner & Fehrenbacher Families*  
*Please Pray For My Nana Up In Heaven To Guide Me In My Job Interview – She Always Gave Me Strength*  
*For Rose Pavlicek Heickathorn, Camelia R. Heickathorn, Hermina Pavlicek, Alphonse Kubena & Havel*  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

## OVERVIEW

### THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER



### Seven Weeks From Easter to Pentecost

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia*.

The Sundays of this season rank as the Paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday itself, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of fifty sacred days end on Pentecost Sunday.

The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.

Easter Sunday is both "the first day of the week" and the eighth day after Saturday. The solemnity celebrated "on the first day" extends throughout Easter Week as well as the following Sundays. These Sundays are called Sundays *of* Easter, not *after* Easter. Each of these successive Sundays is a celebration of the solemnity of Easter: this is the underlying unity of the Easter season. Each day of this season is said to be celebrated "as one feast day" – one "great Sunday."

The seven Sundays of Easter very clearly celebrate the paschal mystery under one or another of its aspects, as found in the biblical readings.

All the biblical readings during the Easter season, both for the Mass (Sundays and Weekdays) are taken from the New Testament. On Sunday, the first reading always comes from the Acts of Apostles, the second reading comes from either the First Letter of Peter (Year A), the First Letter of John (Year B), or the Book of Revelation (Year C); and the Gospel readings are all from John, except for the Third Sunday in Years A and B.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 12 – Alexis Berckenhoff  
– Barry Jackson  
– Donald Jasek

