

April 19, 2020

## Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)



### *Celebrating Our Roots*

**In this Second Week of Easter, the early Christian community and especially Thomas stand as witnesses to us. Their stories encourage us to allow Christ's word of peace and reconciliation to touch us and move us into mission. They remind us that locked doors are ineffective against the appearance of grace and that Christ approaches closed minds with love and often even a touch of friendly humor.**

### MASS INTENTION



**Thursday, April 23**

5:30 p.m. God's Deliverance From the Corona Virus

**Sunday, April 26**

9:00 a.m. Leona & Jake Tousek, Paul Vrazel and Emma & Julius Stryk

Daily Mass participation limited to 9 parishioners (+ priest = 10). ***This Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from St. Joseph's, Moulton for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and afterward on our website [www.stjosephsmoulton.org](http://www.stjosephsmoulton.org).***

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



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

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21**

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

**The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Eugene A. Patalik, Sr.**



### 2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment ..... \$8,179.00  
Contributions So Far ..... \$ 975.00  
Amount Yet to be Contributed ..... \$7,204.00

We thank the following for their kicking off the 2020 D.S.A. contributions:

*Patricia Masek  
DeDe & Mike Moeller  
Elizabeth & Leo Janak  
Henrietta & Elton Moeller  
Earline & Bernard Okruhlik*

Do please consider making a donation.

### 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.

### 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:**

*Want A House  
For Monica Mihaly  
For Edith O'Connor  
Fernando Escarzaga  
For Hayden Hummel  
For Karen C. & Family  
For The Koepp Family  
For the Healing of Carol Barta  
Rest of (Emily) Daughter's Soul  
For The Annie & Joe Tupa Family  
For Bill Pinebrook & Hayden Hummel  
Pray For Pavliceks, Kubenkas & Havels  
That My Uncle Be Taken Home To Heaven  
Pray For The Soul of My Sister, Genevieve Lockstedt  
For Linda Pleasant – Has Strength For The Journey As  
She Grieves Her Husband  
For The Continued Health and Reunited in Faith for the  
C. & H. Families  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued*

## REFLECTION



*“Blessed are those who have not seen  
and have believed.”*

All three readings for this Sunday invite us into the sacred mysteries of the season. The themes set the tone for the entire Easter Season.

Most of us are like Thomas, who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We may not be as straightforward in our demands as he was. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, as obstinate as he first appeared, he was open to the power of the resurrection. Thomas is the model of those who are willing to listen to the good news that comes through the words of others.

We find the same situation in the reading of the Acts. The Christian Community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been through the ages. Although we were not eyewitnesses of the actual events, we are the ones called through the teaching of others to witness to the power of the resurrection in our day.

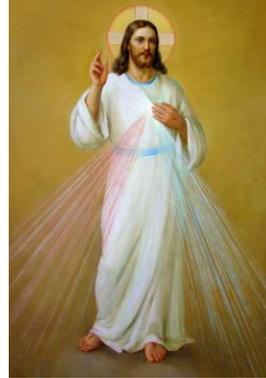
## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

*Home Missions.*

## ORIENTATION – OCTAVE OF EASTER

Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter.

It is the eighth day: the day of new creation.



Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. In a similar way to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God’s mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings for today and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church’s Easter faith.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 19 – Darlene Stryk  
– Pam Vrazel  
April 20 – Mallory Vrazel  
April 23 – Brian Noska  
April 24 – Randy Barta  
– Jack Jameyson

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



April 19 – Elizabeth & Leo Janak  
April 22 – Kathleen & Martin Svatek

## SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY MASS MAY 10

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Mother’s Day envelope in the drop slot or mail May 5.

Dear Friends,

I believe a little while longer and we will be back worshipping as a community again. I have a sense you miss it and that you are ready for all this to be over already. I am ready too!

Our Easter celebrations went over well even though you participated by social media. Thank you for the positive encouraging comments. I thank all who readily said, yes, when asked to help. Hopefully, we will continue to live-stream the Masses until the ban is lifted.

Here, at the office, work is progressing steadily. Sofia is busy at the Youth Center working on Church records while Mary Lou is keeping it all together from her office in the back. As usual, we are committed to serving you.

During the week, on Wednesday and Friday there will be Mass in Moulton at 8:00 a.m. with the limit of 9 parishioners. Thursday Mass will be in Praha at 5:30 p.m. with the limit of 9 parishioners.

Lastly, I thank you for not forgetting the Church even in these difficult times. Your prayers and your support are keeping us going. Keep up the good work.

*Fr. Gabriel*