

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Anything is Possible

Today's Gospel brings us back to the table of the Last Supper. Here, Jesus in preparing his disciples for his return to the Father, asks them to have faith in God; have faith also in him. The disciples are invited through faith to carry on the very same work of revealing God to the world. What the disciples seek, they already have. Where they want to be is where they already are. This issue is to grasp all this through faith. The challenge to us is to live in such a way that others will see a way to God in the witness we offer with our lives.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by the Altar Society in thanksgiving to God and in honor of all the mothers of our Parish.

MASS INTENTION



Thursday, May 14

5:30 p.m. Margie Davis, Stazy & Frank Hajek

Sunday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Elvin Mikulencak and Olga & Frank Brom, Trent Roznovsky (Moulton)

This Sunday's Mass will be on demand from St. Mary's, Praha for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website www.stmaryspraha.org.

Mass with a congregation will be at 9:00 a.m. under the auction pavilion in Praha.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Patsy Michna.

Happy Mother's Day

Prayer for Mother

Thank you, God for my mother. How many times have I said that I will be different from my mother – "better," unusual – not like her. Yet here I stand, morally and lovingly hers.

Thank you, God for all that she said and all that she did not say, for all that she did and all that she left undone.

Thank you, God for letting me become so many of those good things that were my mother—the things I had not the wisdom to see in earlier day. Thank you, God for my mother.

— Donna Schaper

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet – See Insert

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far	\$1,325.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$6,854.00

Do please consider making a donation.

St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

Lillie Branecky, Flatonia, TX - \$500

SOCIETY NEWS

K.J.Z.T. Family Life

We are all aware of how the COVID-19 crisis is affecting lives throughout the world. We have been praying to find a way that our Fraternal could help in some way. During this Easter Season, we suspect that churches will have a significant decline in donations without any physical attendance from their members. Parishes such as yours have continued to show their commitment to parishioners amid this pandemic. On behalf of **K.J.Z.T. Society #4, St. Anne** we offer a check of \$200.00 to help your parish get through these uncertain times.

** K.J.Z.T. #4 donated \$100 and the state office matched their donation. We thank them for their generous donation.*

Sanctuary Light Bookings Available

May 17, 24 & 31 June 21

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

The Sanctuary Light

will be lit this week
in memory of John Pokluda.



REFLECTION



I am the way, and the truth,
and the life.

~
Jn 14:6

From last Sunday's celebration of Jesus, our Good shepherd, this Sunday we turn our attention to who we are and how we are to live as Jesus' flock. We, like Thomas, are often haunted by Jesus' words "Where I am going you know the way." We therefore ask: "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Like Thomas, we want to know more about the place Jesus is going to prepare for us and learn the way to it, which cannot be drawn on a map. The response of Jesus to Thomas, frees us from useless efforts and flights of imagination. The way, the truth, and the life is a person, Jesus himself! Our ways can disappear or become obsolete. Jesus, the way is always accessible and leads to the end. Jesus is not only the guide but the way as well as the truth and the life. In him, the humanity whose head he is has traveled the road. In him everything hangs together. It is therefore pointless to toil to find the secret road. The way is revealed to us in the person of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 11 – Timothy Pospisil
May 12 – Sadie Noska
May 15 – Johnnye Jameyson
May 16 – Dianne Niemann

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



May 12 – Dolores & David Labay
– Virginia Shelly & Jim Jasek

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

During these latter weeks of the Easter season, our readings turn from the narratives of the appearances of the risen Christ to our participation in the risen life of Jesus. Today's passage from the Gospel according to John invites us to participate in the love that flows from the relationship not only with Jesus, but with the Father who sent him and with the Spirit who is to come.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria
Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community.

Please be generous.

PICNIC RAFFLE PRIZES BEING SOLICITED



It's time to start thinking about making donations to the Raffle – August 15th will be here before you know it! Thomas Petru will begin contacting businesses to solicit raffle prize donations. Anyone interested in making a donation may call Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) or Liz Janak (361-596-8206). The Raffle Prize donation deadline is May 31. *Thank you.*

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 Ezequel M.
For Charles F. Kosarek
For Helen White – My Mom
For Amy P. – Mental Health
For Justine Velasquez Baby Girl
For Webb McNeil Carnes, Jr. ...
For Jonathan V. To Get His Home
For Debbie Bosque – Heart Surgery
To Bring Peace & Good To Our Family
For Our Local Church & Our Families
For Alli & Mara – Both Fighting Cancer
For Our daughter, Robin R. Who Is Disabled
For Brother, Jimmy's Healing; Grandchildren's Faith
Healing of Frances Anne, 2 Babies To Be Born Healthy
For Bryce LeBlanc – Serving In The Navy In The Middle East
For Our Granddaughter Charlotte C. Who Needs Help With ADHD
For 2nd Wedding Anniversary of son & daughter-in-law Amy (Becker) & Michael Joseph Barelak
That You Ask God To Help My Dad With Major Depressive Order, PTSD & Panic Anxiety
Eternal Rest For My Brother & All Our Deceased Loved Ones; My Sister's Marriage & Her Faith In God
For The Recovery From Cancer For Lucha Saenz and
Rest of Souls of Epreen Carrezala & Concepcion
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued