

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter



“If You Love Me, You Will Keep My Commandments”

For Jesus, his disciples demonstrate their love for him by keeping his commandments. This is an invitation to share his heart. Loving Jesus brings us to share in his relationship with the Father. All that Jesus did in his life was aimed at one thing; to entice us into falling in love with God and the way to do that is through loving him. Keeping Jesus’ commandments is a matter of the heart, a heart willingly invaded by God.

MASS INTENTION



Thursday, May 21

5:30 p.m. Gerald Kalina, Eugene A. Patalik, Sr

Sunday, May 24

9:00 a.m. Mariella Lemon & Harry Herzik,
Jim Schneider

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

Mass with a congregation will be at 9:00 a.m. under the Social Center pavilion in Moulton.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles: 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sanctuary Light Bookings Available

May 24 & 31 June 21

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

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far	\$2,450.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$5,729.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Pat Masek

Helen Wiedemann

Jenelle & Daniel Cerny

Do please consider making a donation.

OPEN – AIR MASS

Last Sunday’s open-air Mass under the auction pavilion seems to have gone over very well. It was good we were able to gather to celebrate the Eucharist while maintaining social distance. I look forward to celebrating the open-air Mass this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. under the Social Center pavilion in Moulton. We will continue to observe the social distance law. If you are unable to participate in person, you may participate on social media. The on-demand Mass will be available at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook and on our website.

THANK YOU NOTE

Celebration House would like to thank you for your monetary donation to the Food Pantry. It is greatly appreciated during these troubling times. Those in need in our community will greatly benefit from your generosity.
The Board Members

* St. Mary’s Church, Praha donated \$1,000 to The Celebration House Food Pantry in Flatonia.

** St. Joseph’s Church, Moulton donated \$1,000 to L.A.M.B. in Hallettsville in addition to the food items donated by parishioners.

Additional Mother’s Day Remembrance



Mary Ann Lev

Church Tours

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 1,739 people toured the Church on registered tours between January to March 2020.



REFLECTION

The Spirit – Presence of the Lord

Liturgically, the Church awaits the feast of the Ascension of the Lord and the Pentecost that follows closely thereafter.

In his farewell discourse, Jesus informs his disciples how he will provide for them his departure. He promises to send the disciples *another Advocate*. Jesus himself was the first Advocate. Jesus fulfills a necessary part of his promise by asking the Father to send the Advocate *to be with you always*. This Advocate is not synonymous with the Holy Spirit. Rather, it is a particular way of describing the function of the Holy Spirit, also held in common with Jesus. In other words, what the Advocate does is not new. It is a continuation of the work of Jesus.

Jesus promises his disciples that he will not leave them orphans. He assures them that he will return at some point in the future. With mutual love as a foundation upon which the disciples will carry out the work of Jesus, plus the sending of the Advocate to assist them in their work, they are firmly set to continue on when Jesus returns to the Father. Jesus has taught us and the disciples everything that the Father has revealed to him. Our success as his disciples will depend on our faithfulness in living our lives of love.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 22 – Johnny Alvarado
– Brittany Ochs

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY
COMMANDMENTS."
JOHN 14:15

The marriage was on the rocks. But the man loved his wife and wanted to prove his love, so he decided to swim across the ocean. She was not impressed. Undaunted, he walked across the Gobi desert. He sent her a victory picture of him at the Chinese border with parched, cracked lips. She still was unimpressed. He decided to climb Mount Everest. They took a picture of him standing atop the 29,142 feet peak, holding up his black, frostbitten thumb. He was sure he had won her back. When he returned home, the divorce went through. He asked her, "Why?" She answered, "Well, you were never home!"

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't expect us to swim oceans, cross deserts or climb mountains. He only asks that we keep his commandments. That alone is proof of our love for him.

– Deacon Dick Folger

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



Retired 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 and Barbara Prause have begun 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 Health

For Halsey Keats

For A Healthy Baby ...

For My Parents' Health

For Us To Have A Baby

Selling Of Mom's House

For Baby Palmer & Baby Becky

For Nix Heffernan Banzer Family

Prayers For Ricks & Jerry Vachala

For Health For The Esparza Family

For Unity & Reuniting of Our Family

Reconciliation of All Family Members

For My Great-Grand-Daughter – Arya

Pray For Ronda – Healing From Cancer

For The Repose of the Soul of Arthur Klekar

For An End To Sickness Throughout The World

Pray For Me & My Husband – We Just Lost Our Son

Por la Salud y proteccion de le Familia Soto-Fuentes

Pray For My Children & Those I Love – Fill Our Souls

With Peace & Love ...

Repose of The Souls of Daniel T-Gagui Rozalina Gancias

& Angelino Dizon

My Grand-Daughter Dealing With ADHD; Health of

Children & Grandchildren

Please Pray For My Brother-in-law – Autoimmune

Diagnosis And That My Brain Tumor Stays Away

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued