

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord



Christ Raised to Heaven Present in the Church

Christ, who ascended into heaven in his body, carries on what he began on earth through his new body – the community of believers. The Church is the place of manifestation of the invisible, though active presence of the Risen Lord. Jesus continues to teach, heal, and comfort us. We do not live without him as we wait. He is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the Church.



**Flowers for the altar this weekend
are donated by the Praha Altar Society.**

MASS INTENTION



Thursday, May 28

5:30 p.m. Louis Barta,
Agnes Jasek & Lillie Zimmerhanel

Sunday, May 31

9:00 a.m. Kenneth Mikulenko (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 *Pentecost Sunday*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles: 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

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

Do please consider making a donation.

A Call To Our Higher Self

What messages of hope did Jesus leave his followers' spirits? Not only had Jesus appeared to them after his agonizing death, he went to great lengths to prove that he was still alive, healed and at peace. Don't we also cling to the vision that our deceased loved ones are at peace? Jesus assured them, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of age." Death may separate us, but the imprint of love we have shared will always be on our hearts. In the face of heart-wrenching grief, Jesus promises that love never dies or leaves us. As the disciples stood spellbound watching him being taken from them, they heard the promise of Jesus' return. How comforting to know that death does not have the last word.

Jesus instructed, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) What was he asking of us as Christians? As the church celebrates the feast of the Ascension, how is it calling you and I to our higher selves?

PICNIC RAFFLE PRIZES BEING SOLICITED

Picnic Raffle Prize solicitation is going well. Thomas Petru has reported a good response from the businesses he has contacted so far. We have also received phone calls and raffle prize mailings at the Parish Office. 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.*

PICNIC BANDS SCHEDULE

Fritz Hodde and the Fabulous Six

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Texas Sound Check Band

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Moravians

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Texas Dream Band

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Jason Bartos has been working for months to get all the bands lined up and the contracts signed. Thank you Jason.

Sanctuary Light Bookings Available

May 31 June 21

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

REFLECTION



One Must Not Stand There, Looking At The Sky

The angels of the Ascension send the disciples back to their native Galilee, where Jesus had begun his ministry. They address them as they did the women at the empty tomb: *Why?* The disciples should not then have searched for *the living one among the dead*. No more must they now look for him in the heavens, passively contemplating the cloud that had hidden him from their sight. As witnesses of both the Ascension and Resurrection, the disciples are assured of the Lord's Return. In the meantime, they must strive to proclaim the gospel to the *ends of the earth*. The two men dressed in white garments (angels) teach us that we should not retire to the mountains to escape the battles on the plain. They also teach us something about the liturgy. The celebration lasts only a short while and ends with the sending forth of the assembly: *Go forth, the Mass is ended. Do not stand there looking at the sky. Go back to Galilee (the world) where your mission awaits you.*

The liturgy, properly understood and experienced, renews and inspires the missionary spirit of those who participate in it.

To celebrate the Ascension, contemplating and singing the glory of the Lord, is to pray that the gospel may be proclaimed to the whole world. Time is passing, *for the Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 29 – Leona Herzik
May 30 – Carol Patalik
– Suzanne Jackson

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Augustine taught that the human heart is created with a desire for God, but we are prone to falling for cheap substitutes.

MEMORIAL DAY- MAY 25, 2020



Taps

**Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake,
from the hill, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.**

**Thanks and praise for our days 'neath the sun,
'neath the stars, 'neath the sky.
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.**

We remember and pray for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We also pray for those serving our country now at home and abroad.

PENTECOST – NEXT SUNDAY



Veni Sancte Spiritus Come Holy Spirit

As its name indicates, Pentecost is the feast that takes place fifty days after Easter Sunday. It is the crowning finale of the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, which lasts throughout Eastertime and ends with the pouring out of the Spirit over the apostles and in the Church. Pentecost is the final manifestation of God that has given birth to the Church.

**Take time this week to pray for the outpouring
of the Holy Spirit on our parish family.**

Prayer

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful
and kindle in them the fire of thy love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And thou shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.*

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.