

May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday Solemnity



Creative Fire

At Pentecost, the fire of the Spirit brought about a transformation in the disciples. Before the experience of the Spirit they had doubts as to who Jesus was and confusion about the manner of his messiahship. After their experience of the Spirit fire, they began to understand and were able to set aside disappointed expectations so they could accept the surprising ways and will of God. As ambassadors of Jesus in our world today, we too are fired by the same Spirit to continue the work of kindling the world with love.

MASS INTENTION



Thursday, June 4

5:30 p.m. Dorothy & Frank Pargac,
Catherine & John Pokluda

Sunday, June 7

9:00 a.m. Dorothy & Charlie Migl, Willie C. Migl

Mass on Sunday, May 31st will be on demand 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 Social Center pavilion in Moulton.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Most Holy Trinity*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your bible.

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Robert Schaefer.



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.

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Edith Pavlicek: Kami & John Buri

Dispensation From The Obligation Sunday Mass Extended

Bishop Cahill has extended dispensation from the obligation for Catholics to participate in Sunday Mass in person until June 30, 2020, in order to pastorally care for those who have physical and emotional concerns regarding Covid-19.

** We will continue the 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass on demand on our Facebook page throughout the month of June. Open-air Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in Moulton and Praha alternatively. We encourage all who can participate to do so.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Forgiven Forgiveness

In his book *Breathing Under Water*, Richard Rohr says that forgiveness implies letting go "of our hope for a better or different past." Both the forgiver and the forgiven acknowledge the reality of what has happened between them, but they will not let themselves be bound by it. They know the hurt but they refuse to replay it again and again, pressing the bruise so it will never fade away. Forgiveness is not a judicial process or a market exchange through which there can be a correctly calculated payback that evens the score. Forgiveness is an encounter of love. Forgiveness springs from the belief the past can be redeemed and its effects can be redirected from a passive acceptance of injustice or the vengeful arithmetic of "an eye for an eye."

Picnic Raffle: Thomas Petru and Liz Janak are still accepting Raffle Prize donations. They hope to finalize the donor's list this week so that we can get the list to the printers.

To make a donation contact Thomas at 512-751-6191, Liz at 361-596-8206, or the Parish Office at 361-596-4674.

The deadline for donating a raffle prize is May 31.

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.

REFLECTION



We Celebrate The Spirit !

St. Luke in his Gospel separated the various moments of the Christ-event, while St. John in his Gospel purposely associated Jesus' resurrection with the gift of the Spirit. St. John established continuity between the cross and the resurrection and between the Jesus of history and the Jesus of faith. St. John drew attention to the hands and side of Jesus, which bore the wounds of his crucifixion thereby affirming the risen Jesus and Jesus of Nazareth are one and the same person. Jesus' double salutation, *Peace be with you* and his breathing upon his own. Through his words and actions, Jesus was signaling that a new era was beginning. This new era has been *ushered* in through the person and mission of Jesus and would continue to evolve through the efforts of his followers.

In bequeathing to his own the gifts of peace and the *Spirit*, and in sending them on a mission of forgiveness, Jesus was commissioning them to be Easter people in a world so much in need of life, peace and truth. As Christ's own in the world, it is our privilege and responsibility to live as already risen people and to raise up others, especially the victims of this world, to share the same experience.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 5 – Jessica Schneider
June 6 – Gayle Hill
– Collin Hummel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 1 – Patsy & Leonard Tydlacka
June 4 – Carol & Randy Barta

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

Pentecost is the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.



Throughout the Easter season the Paschal candle, which has been prominent in Church by the ambo since Holy Saturday, will now stand by the baptismal font. All year round it will be lit at Baptisms and funerals, a reminder that these are celebrations of the resurrection of the Lord.

After the intensity of Lent, Triduum and Easter, we return to Ordinary Time.

Sunday Solemnities: Ordinary Time begins with two great Feasts of the Lord:

- The Most Holy Trinity (next Sunday), where the Lectionary Readings draw us into the mystery of God: Father, Son and Spirit.
- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, where the passages focus our attention not only on the ways God nourishes the life of his people, but also on the fact that by sharing in the Eucharistic bread and cup, we become one Body of Christ in the Church.

After that, the *Numbered Sundays* of Ordinary Time will follow without interruption for many weeks beginning with The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 21st.

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:

Thank You
For My Family
For Katy & Edgar
For Daughter, Lisa
Prayers For Family
Pass My Board Exam
For Elises And Mark K.
Healing of Jeanette K. W.
For My Husband Harlan ...
For Personal Health Reasons
For My Friend R. T. Branson ...
For Christ's Peace To Come On Earth
Prayers For My Mother – She Has Cancer
For Clarity, Peace & Direction In Career
In Memory of Briselda Chavez Rodriguez
For A Successful Surgery For Katrina Masek
For God's Healing & Strength For Josephine
That My Family Will Turn Their Life To Jesus Our Savior

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued