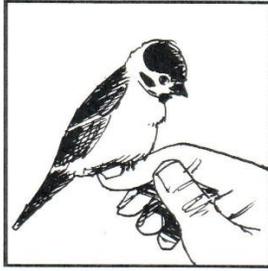


June 21, 2020

## Ordinary Time

Twelfth Sunday



### **Faith That Can Handle Fear**

**When we consider the statement of Jesus, *So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows* in conjunction with his three commands against fear, we are reassured of the attentive love and caring that God lavishes on us. The reassurances should preclude the anxiety that may prevent us from emerging from darkness to live in the light and from proclaiming the good news from the housetops as Jesus has urged us.**



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by the Praha Altar Society in thanksgiving to God for all fathers in our Parish.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Thursday, June 25**

5:30 p.m. Frances & Joe F. Jasek Family

**Sunday, June 28**

9:00 a.m. Theresa & John Fishbeck Family,  
Frank Heinrich, Norbert Strmiska  
(Moulton)

*Mass with a congregation this Sunday, June 21 will be at 9:00 a.m. under the auction pavilion in Praha.*

*Mass on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> will also be on demand for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website [www.stmaryspraaha.org](http://www.stmaryspraaha.org).*

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

Next weekend is *The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your bible.

**First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89**

**Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

**Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42**

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



## WELCOME



We welcome Fr. Dalton Ervin, one of the three priests ordained on May 30, 2020, to our parish today. Fr. Dalton will preside over the 9:00 a.m. liturgy at the pavilion and the Mass on demand. Fr. Dalton has roots in Praha. We are glad to have him celebrate with us.

### 2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment .....	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$2,695.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$5,484.00

Do please consider making a donation.

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

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*In Memory of Joyce Janecka*  
Alice Miller - \$20  
Karen & Byron Wren - \$40

### ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Joyce Janecka*  
Erna Imhoff  
Georgia Cerny  
Mary & Charlie Bartos

*In Memory of Agnes Jasek*  
Georgia Cerny

*In Memory of Nancy Petru*  
Mary & Charlie Bartos

### ST. MARY'S CEMETERY DONATION



We thank the Brunner Family for their recent donation of \$100 from their Brunner Family Reunion Fund.

## REFLECTION

### *Do Not Be Afraid*

Fully aware of all that can cause fear to rise up from within and strangle human strengths, Jesus simply says to us Do Not Be Afraid. He knew that we would have many reasons to fear the future, that we would be made to suffer because we share in Jesus' ministry. Jesus did not sugarcoat the dangers that we would encounter. The reality of sin in the world certainly causes others to resist the truth and attempt to silence us. This Jesus knew; this Jesus experienced! Like the prophets who preceded us, we would suffer for our commitment. The prophet Jeremiah shares his struggles with us today, but he also shares his antidote to fear: *The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion*. This conviction enabled him to preach God's word. While he cursed the day he was born in one breath, he praised God in the next. Fear did not conquer Jeremiah.

Jesus allays our fears by reminding us of God's careful, loving presence. With vigilance, God attends us at every moment. All is known to God. With such assurances, Jesus encourages us not to nurse our fears. Rather, our faith would make fear manageable and eventually squelch it altogether.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 23 – Kristin Cerny  
– Josephine Kubenka  
June 26 – Michael Hanslik  
– Tracie Holub  
June 27 – Amy Koncaba



Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of church ladies at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Georgiann Julia Barta**  
and for the comfort of her loved ones.  
*May she rest in peace.*



**Our Faith Journey** can be helped by our seeing, understanding and accepting our stewardship. We affirm our faith by our actions. Those actions are the use of our gifts and talents and are, thus, acts of stewardship. The deeper and stronger our faith, the more consistently we will perform acts of charity, peace and freedom that build the Kingdom of God on Earth.

## Happy Father's Day



### *Prayer For Fathers*

O God, giver of life and Father of us all, help me to be the kind of father to my children that You are to me. May I love them unconditionally, forgive them when they fail, counsel them when they doubt, lift them up when they fall, guide them in the darkness and walk beside them in the light. Show me, loving Father, how to teach them, to play with them, to share with them and to pray with them. Thank you for my children, thank you for my role as a father. Amen.

*See Insert for Fathers Specially Remembered Today*

## LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

### **The Green Liturgical Vestments**

We have been in Ordinary Time for two weeks already but this is the first Sunday we go back to green vestments and leave behind the Solemnities that follow the Easter Season. This is the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Second Reading, Paul offers a crucial truth that could well be our theme for all of Ordinary Time and beyond.

For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man, Jesus Christ overflow for the many. (Romans 5:15)

What an important and central truth of our faith! Yet only a few Catholics really see that God's grace is stronger in us than our own sins. We still labor under the weight of centuries of over-emphasis on sin and guilt as a way to push people into moral behavior. We have been much less focused on pulling people toward good behavior by reminding them of God's love for them. We need to grow beyond fear, guilt and shame to a deep awareness of God's grace in our lives. Gratitude for God's gifts should be the motivation for our lives. It is also the basis for our celebration of the Eucharist. When we feel grateful to God then our celebration becomes a joy rather than an obligation. When people see us sharing God's love in service to others, people feel attracted to Christ and to the Church. However, if our attitude is not different from theirs – distracted by many things and shaped by consumer culture that is ultimately self-centered then we are not fulfilling our mission. Most people are not attracted by those who spend their energy judging and condemning others but by those who show others God's mercy and compassion.