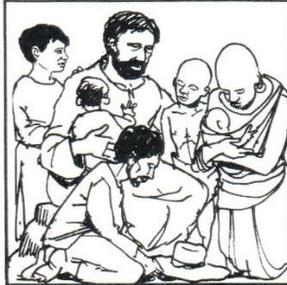


July 5, 2020

Ordinary Time

Fourteenth Sunday



Learn From Me

For I Am Meek And Humble of Heart

Through Jesus' ministry, God's true face has been revealed and all prior human imaginings of God as a punisher of peoples or judge have been put to rest. Even though desparate situations may cause us to cry out for a vengeful God who would right the world's wrongs, Jesus teaches us that there are other alternatives. Jesus invites us to be willing to set aside our *wise and learned* ways and become *Little Ones* who can see him as he truly is. He assures us that we will be able to see God's face only if we look carefully at Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, July 9

5:30 p.m. Fred Henry Holub

Sunday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Mary & Cyril Dornak,
Susan Jasek (Moulton)

Mass with a congregation this Sunday, July 5 will be at 9:00 a.m. under the auction pavilion in Praha.

Mass on Sunday, July 5 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.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far	\$2,930.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$5,249.00

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 Georgiann Barta

Pat Masek - \$20

Henrietta & Elton Moeller - \$50

In Memory of Nancy Petru

Henrietta & Elton Moeller - \$50

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Georgiann Barta

Mary & Charlie Bartos

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 31, 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 July. 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.



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

ADDITIONAL FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Oscar Kaase

John Okruhlik

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Jenelle Cerny.

The Sanctuary Light

will be lit this week

in memory of Nancy Petru.



REFLECTION

The Mystery of the Kingdom Revealed to the Little Ones

Jesus' prayer and invitation, as expressed in today's Gospel, follows immediately upon his reproval of those who have heard his words and seen his works but remained unrepentant. In sharp contrast to the wise and learned who refused Jesus were the "little ones" whose humility and openness to God and to grace enabled them to see and believe the truths that Jesus set before them. Implied in this statement is the idea that those who were highly educated in the Jewish law could find that learnedness an obstacle to grasping the wisdom revealed in Jesus. Moreover, Jesus claimed to be a source of revelation, in direct contradiction to the idea that God's revelation is fully contained in the law and the prophets. The exclusiveness of the relationship shared by Jesus and the Father reminds us that human beings do not have the capability, on their own, to fathom the knowledge of God. We know God only because such knowledge is a gift. Even our efforts to know the Son are futile unless the Son wills to be known ... and, thanks be to God, the Son does desire to be known and to make God known as well. This revelation provides us with a release from the weighty obligations of the interpreted law. Unlike the Pharisees, who "tie up heavy burdens and lay them on the shoulders of others" and then offer "not a finger to move them" (Matt 24:8), Jesus offers a shared burden, a lighter load, and rest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 28 – Haley Moeller
June 29 – Esther Brautigam
July 1 – Elizabeth Decker
July 4 – Patricia Michna

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 8 – Cynthia & Edward Koncaba
July 10 – Congratulations Christina & Spence Lesikar
on your 10th Wedding Anniversary

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 Ann Cerny
For Jose & Maria
In Thanksgiving For My Health*



PRAHA PICNIC CANCELLED

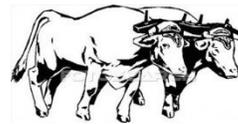
The Praha Picnic, Pražská Pout has been cancelled this year due to the uptick in the Corona Virus. This is to protect the vulnerable in the Praha Community and in the Matička Praha Family. We appreciate your participation and support in the past and we look forward to a bigger and safer family reunion celebration next year. To keep up the Home Place until next year's celebration, consider making a donation to St. Mary's Church.

- St Mary's Parish Council
- Fr. Gabriel

**** *Look out for more information.* ****

ORIENTATION

For My Yoke Is Easy, And My Burden Light



How life-giving these words must have been for Jesus' contemporaries who were eager to love and serve the Lord, but who

were finding strict observance of the law increasingly difficult. Particularly burdensome was the enormous compendium of oral law that were added to the commandments mediated by Moses on Sinai.

In sharp contrast to these laws, Jesus offered to lessen the burdens of those who came to him. He did this by being their yokemate. Usually, beasts of burden were paired in a double yoke so they could combine their efforts at plowing. Fully aware of the agrarian methods of the day, Jesus used that image of a shared yoke and a shared burden to assure his listeners that they were not alone as they faced their future as his disciples. However, while he assured them of easy yoke and rest, he did not promise them a life free from sorrow or struggle. "He does assure them that if they keep close to him, they will find relief from such crushing burdens as crippling anxiety, the sense of frustration and futility and the misery of a sinful life.

Jesus tells us of a different kind of yoke. He offers us one that is easy to wear. His yoke binds us to him as he leads us to salvation. With Jesus at our side, we can pull safe and strong, and our burden is light.

To End Covid-19

Healing For Ginger From M.S.

Pray For Melanie, Jon & Jennie

In Thanksgiving & For My Health

In Memory of Eugene A. Patalik, Sr.

Healing For Our Country & Our World

For My Daughter To Keep Faith With God

For Claudia Molina & Garf Ham's Family

For My Case In Court & For My Step-son ...

Becoming Catholic & Getting Back To My Czech Roots

For Good Health For My Aunt Estelle & All Those

Suffering From Corona

Prayer For Concepcion Lorano, Pablo Lorana,

Martinez & Lorano Family

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued