

July 19, 2020

Ordinary Time

Sixteenth Sunday



Who Are We To Judge?

Jesus is criticized for associating with the outcast of society. He answers back with today's parable: A landowner's servants notify him that his crops have been corrupted. The servants are quick to offer to cleanse the land of intrusion, but the landowner has a different point of view. He is not ready to make a final determination about the worth of everything growing out there. It will only be clear in the end what is wheat and what is weed. For Jesus likewise, ultimately, it is for God to make the separation and that God will only do at the end. Who are we to judge? The harvest time will tell the final tale. There will be many surprises.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Joyce Janecka, sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, July 23

5:30 p.m. The Deceased of St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Society

Owing to the uptick of Covid-19 in Texas and for the safety of parishioners all Masses with a congregation under the pavilion in Praha & Moulton have been cancelled for the remainder of the month of July. It is not safe to have a gathering of over 100 people at this time.

Sunday Mass will continue to be available on demand for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website www.stmaryspraaha.org.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Joyce Janecka

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Maurice & Connie Kasper, Jonnie & Aileen Kasper, and

Jean & Freddie Blaha - \$100

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



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

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Bennie Beale, Annie Cerny, Jenelle Cerny and all those in the community who are suffering from the Corona Virus.

The Sanctuary Light

will be lit this week

in memory of Jim Schneider.



REFLECTION

Good Grain and Weeds in the Same Field

Today's parable of the weeds and wheat follows immediately after last week's reading of the parable of the sower. Jesus is still very much aware of the antagonism that is building against him in the hearts of some of his listeners.

All three parables in today's Gospel, the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast, teach that the coming of the Kingdom is a growth process that occurs over time.

To interpret the story of the weeds and wheat as a parable we must ask, "To what person or thing in the story is the audience being compared?" and "What is Jesus teaching the people about themselves by making this comparison?" As was true in the parable of the sower, those listening to Jesus are compared to the soil, or the field. Jesus is teaching the crowd that the Kingdom, which is being established within them, is not immediately experienced as the complete victory of good over evil. Rather, both within each individual and within the community as a whole, "wheat" and "weeds" grow simultaneously. We therefore, need not be overly discouraged by the presence of the weeds. In time the weeds will be destroyed. The wheat, however, will be gathered into barns. In the meantime, the weeds will not kill the wheat. The presence of sin and suffering will not destroy the presence of good. Good will win out in the end. Over time the Kingdom will grow so that the whole world is changed. Jesus teaches in parables in order to reveal the truth, not to hide it.

Patience: The Willingness of A Loving God To Wait



In today's first reading we are reminded of the benefit we enjoy because of the patience of a loving God. Jesus calls forth this same nonjudgmental quality of patience from us, his disciples. Comprised of a triplet of parables, the Gospel invites us to deal with others the way

God deals with us. While the servants were ready to pull up the weeds as soon as they appeared in a sort of nip-it-in-the-bud mentality, the householder was patient enough to let wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. As it has always been, the good and the not so good live side by side. It is God's prerogative to judge between them. God mercifully withholds divine judgment until the harvest. There is hope for all of us.

PRAŽSKÁ POUT CANCELLED

Donations Solicited

Raffle Tickets For Sale



After 164 years of celebrating Pražská Pout we have cancelled the 2020 celebration because of the pandemic to protect lives. To keep up the Home Place until the next Picnic, we are soliciting funds through the mail and online.

Raffle Tickets have been mailed out to all parishioners and our benefactors. For extra tickets to sell contact the Parish Office (telephone: 361-596-4674 or email: st_joe@sbcglobal.net). Consider making a donation. We count on your generosity.

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This is How You Can Help

- We (I) donate \$_____ to the 2020 Pražská Pout Fundraiser.
- For online giving go to www.stmaryspraaha.org. Designate donation as Praha Picnic.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 19 – Theresa Tousek
– Helen Wiedemann
July 20 – Karmyn Michalec
July 21 – Elyse Chaloupka
July 25 – Allen Cerny

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



July 19 – Josephine & Alphonse Kubenka
July 23 – Cynthia & Allan Stryk

Church Tours

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 183 people toured the Church on registered tours between April to June 2020. *Last year 3,701 people toured the church on*



registered tours during this same time period