

August 9, 2020

Ordinary Time

Nineteenth Sunday



God Moments

Elijah, in his flight from King Ahab's queen, Jezebel sought out God on Mount Horeb (Sinai). God surprised the prophet by being revealed in a tiny whispering sound. Paul thought he had experienced the fullness of God's presence in his careful observance of the Jewish law, but he too was surprised when God was revealed to him in Jesus. On the stormy sea, the disciples thought themselves to be on their own with no defense against the elements. Yet God's presence was revealed to them in the person of Jesus, who calmed the sea and their fears.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, August 13

5:30 p.m. For An End To The Corona Virus

Saturday, August 15

8:00 a.m. For An End To The Corona Virus (Under the Social Center Pavilion, Moulton)

4:30 p.m. Lillie & Alois Kalina, Emil Lev (Under the Auction Pavilion, Praha)

**** Outdoor Mass with a congregation has resumed. Face masks and social distancing protocol will be in place. ****

* Mass with a congregation this Sunday, August 9 will be at 9:00 a.m. under the pavilion at the Social Center in Moulton.

** Note: Starting next Saturday, August 15 the Saturday evening Mass in Praha will return to the normal (Pre-Covid) schedule - 4:30 p.m. every Saturday.

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.stmaryspra.org.

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

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Albert Bures

Albert Bures Estate - \$500

In Memory of Ann Cerny

Emil Lev Family - \$20

In Memory of Felix Hajek

Felix Hajek Estate (Final Distribution) - \$1,047.53

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In Memory of Georgiann Barta

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sustain Our Faith

We meet the Lord in the strangest of places. Elijah spent the night listening to the wind, feeling the earthquake, and surrounded with fire, but the Lord was not in any of these. He came in a gentle breeze. We would like great events for meeting our God, but most often he stirs our hearts and minds very gently. If we listen, we encounter the Lord. Like Peter, we walk toward the Lord. The Lord says, "Come!" We respond, "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, and sustain our faith!"

PRAŽSKÁ POUT CANCELLED

Donations Solicited • Raffle Tickets For Sale

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.

** We acknowledge and thank Herzik's Milk & Grain for sponsoring the 2020 Raffle Tickets and for their many years of support.*

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Bennie Beale, 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 Emil Lev.



REFLECTION

Finding Peace in God's Presence

**1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Psalm 85 Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33**

Today we reflect on the experiences of the prophet Elijah, Paul and Peter. In many ways, we identify with them at this time of the Corona Virus, of feeling lost, hopeless and alone. In our despair we might be inclined to follow Elijah's lead and flee to the desert or we might feel like Peter about to drown in a dangerous sea.

Elijah knew his fear and so did Paul and Peter but all through their journey they were invited by God to move beyond their fears to a place of peace. Faith in God is sometimes described as a rope bridge over a deep gorge, swinging back and forth, with plenty of air but precious little to grab onto. What we need is to believe in the bridge more than the gorge and to cross the bridge trusting that it will hold our weight.

Elijah crossed the bridge and found out that God was not only waiting to welcome him on the other side, but had been with him all along. Jesus, for his part became the bridge for Peter. His outstretched hand caught the frightened Peter and kept him seaworthy. As we navigate the treacherous seas of our lives, Jesus is with us all the while. He is the bridge that carries us over the gorges of our lives. He is the outstretched hand that is ready to save us. There is nowhere God is not and there is no hand God does not reach out to save. Sometimes our personal lives can feel that we are at sea and can feel tossed about by the events in our lives. Through these experiences, God seems to say: *All you need to do is open your eyes and your life to me, and know that I am ever near.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 11 – Lori Janecka
August 12 – Stephen Decker
– Steven Hill
August 13 – Christina Lesikar

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 12 – Elaine & Johnnie Hoffman



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

The Assumption of Mary, Saturday, August 15

Mass Schedule – Saturday, August 15

8:00 a.m. (Moulton)

4:30 p.m. (Praha)



On this day the church celebrates Mary's welcome to heaven. As we believe that Jesus was the first to rise from the dead, so we believe he has also received his mother first into eternity. Pope Pius XII declared the

bodily assumption of Mary into heaven as a dogma of the church in 1950.

OUTDOOR MASSES IN MOULTON & PRAHA

The outdoor Masses have resumed.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday, August 9 – 9:00 a.m. in Moulton

**Saturday, August 15 – 8:00 a.m. in Moulton
– 4:30 p.m. in Praha**

Praha Raffle Tickets will be drawn after this Mass.

Sunday, August 16 – 9:30 a.m. in Moulton

Beginning August 15th, the Saturday evening Mass in Praha will be at 4:30 p.m. Beginning August 16th, the Sunday morning Mass in Moulton will be at 9:30 a.m. Will we maintain this schedule until further notice.

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 Health

For Ann Cerny

For Baby Maru

For Our Country

Pray For My Son

For Ernest Messier

For Alexandra Gonzales

For Covid 19 To Be Over

For Chrystal Scott - Healing

For Ending of Pandemic Virus 19

For Recovery of My Aunt Estelle

For Protection & Healing For All People

For Conversion of Children; Work Relationships

For Peace, Health, Son, Daughter, Sister, Husband ...

For Mike McQueen, Linda Caddy, Marian Curde – Be Well

For Health & Safety For Sandy, Wayne & Darlene Through Difficult Times

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

Pražská Pout Fundraiser Donations

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