

August 23, 2020

Ordinary Time
Twenty-first Sunday



Our Testament of Jesus

***You Are The Christ,
the Son of the Living God***

Two Sundays ago, we saw Peter step out of the boat and attempt to walk on the waters towards Jesus. It did not take long before we became aware of the inadequacy of his faith. Today, Peter testifies to the identity of Jesus.

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions – but they may only remain good intentions. We should not however be discouraged by our weakness, for just as Peter’s failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so ours need not be obstacles to God’s grace in our lives.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, August 27
5:30 p.m. Lynda Kocian

Saturday, August 29
4:30 p.m. Georgiann Barta, Ann Cerny

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

* *Mass with a congregation this Saturday, August 22 will be at 4:30 p.m. under the auction pavilion in Praha.*

**** Beginning the first weekend of September we resume our regular schedule:**

Praha – 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. on Sundays
Moulton – 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 6:30 & 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Sunday Mass will continue to be available on demand for viewing at 9:00 a.m. on our Facebook Page: St Joseph’s & St Mary’s - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website www.stmaryspra.org.

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far	\$5,200.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$2,979.00

We thank the following for their recent donations:

- Ken Stryk*
- Pat Masek*
- Susan Ivey*
- Georgia Cerny*
- Carol & Randy Barta*
- Patricia & James Gready*
- Patsy & Leonard Tydlacka*
- Esther & Edward Brautigam*
- Helen & Ernest (Junior) Chaloupka*

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
Liz & Leo Janak - \$20

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



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, Jenelle Cerny, Bea Anna Hinojosa and all those who are suffering from the Corona Virus.

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Sylvia & Fred Holub.**



REFLECTION

Who Is Christ?

**Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 138 Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20**

Our awareness of contributing more or less to the distortion of Christ's image, whether as individuals or as a Church, must not keep us from humbly but firmly confessing, especially during the Liturgy, *You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God*. Faith is a gift for which we thank God. It was transmitted to us through others to whom we are grateful to God for. The mystery of the person of Jesus, Son of God, was revealed gradually to the disciples. Since then, the Church has never ceased to probe it and to perceive the implications of Peter's affirmation, the full context of which no one will ever exhaust. When we proclaim *Jesus is the Son of God*, we know that our faith is imperfect. However, we believe and proclaim our faith with words, by our way of living and by our participation in the Liturgy. Our faith in the Son entails faith in God. In fact, today many say they believe in God, but do not recognize God as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 23 – Doris Kalina
August 24 – Marilyn Cerny
August 25 – Nathan Vrazel
August 26 – Mike Decker, Sr.
August 27 – Anna Fishbeck
– Kathleen Svatek
August 28 – Marcella V. Henke
August 29 – Johnny Barcak
– James Pfeil
– Gail Stryk

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 26 – Esther & Edward Brautigam
August 27 – Hilary & Greg Grahmann

NEW MASS SCHEDULE FOR PRAHA & MOULTON

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Moulton – 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 6:30 & 9:30 a.m.
on Sundays.**

Dear Friends,

For one hundred and sixty-four years our church has celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. This year despite the Corona Virus, we still celebrated. The Saturday afternoon Mass was well attended with parishioners and friends spread out under the pavilion. The social that followed the Mass gave all the opportunity to visit and to cool off with some refreshments while the Raffle Tickets were being drawn. In all, it was a memorable Pražská Pout celebration.

I thank Lori & David Janecka for organizing the reception and all who helped spread out and serve the goodies. I also thank Charlie Bartos who livened up the place, playing the Polkas with his accordion. Thanks Thomas Petru and Liz Janak for organizing the Raffle so well as they have done for years.

Matíčka Praha is still going strong after our predecessors landed in this part of Texas in the 1880s. We are just happy to be a part of the faith that celebrates God's protection through the intercession of Mary.

Thank you for supporting the Raffle and for your generous donations to St. Mary's Church even in these difficult times.

God bless,

Pražská Pout Fundraiser Donations Continued

Celine Kalina - \$100
Mary Lou Dierschke - \$150
Gail & Dennis Stryk - \$100
Anonymous Donor - \$1,000
Patrick Parma, Azle - \$1,000
Carol & Gene Patalik - \$200
Libby & Kyle Koncaba - \$100
Marilyn & Allen Cerny - \$100
Judy & James Kubecka - \$250
Patsy & Elmer Michna - \$100
Frankie Kubicek, Shiner - \$100
Linda & Joe Pilat, Moulton - \$50
Theresa & Dennis Tousek - \$100
Kami & John Buri, Houston - \$100
Carolyn & Alvin Hajek, Houston - \$50
Debbie & Steve Morrill, Flatonia - \$20
Clarice Marik Snokhous, Houston - \$50
Shannon & L. A. Simper, Moulton - \$200
Debbie & Alton Fojtik Jr., Moulton - \$100
Joyce & Harlan Kobza, Schulenburg - \$50
Angie Jalufka IMO Hedwig & Henry C Jasek - \$100
South Central Electric (Donna & Tim Masek) - \$1,000
First National Bank of Shiner (Flatonia Branch) - \$350

We thank all those who contributed to the Pražská Pout Fundraiser.