

August 30, 2020

**Ordinary Time**  
**Twenty-second Sunday**



***The Irresistible Force of God's Call***

Today's readings remind us that our God is a **Consuming Fire** but it is we who must become the ancient holocaust for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven. It is this same fire that is burning in Jeremiah's bones and urging Jesus to press on to Jerusalem, despite its costs and to which Paul advises us to surrender into as a **living sacrifice**. Gathered to celebrate the Eucharist, we offer ourselves with Christ, as we process again to Jerusalem to witness the living sacrifice of the one who made himself **holy and pleasing to God** as Paul tells the Romans.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Thursday, September 3  
5:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving For a Successful Pražská Pout Fundraiser

Saturday, September 5  
4:30 p.m. Victor, Hattie & Jerome Hermis

Sunday, September 6  
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to God For a Bountiful Harvest

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

\* *Mass with a congregation this Saturday, August 29 will be at 4:30 p.m. under the auction pavilion in Praha. Mass on demand will be at 9:00 a.m.*

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 Julia & Anton Stryk.**



**2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

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

Do please consider making a donation.

**PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 6**



*We resume Praha Pancake Sunday, next Sunday, September 6 – the first Sunday of the month.*

*Come out and join us under the Parish Hall pavilion. It brings our community together for fellowship. A free will donation is appreciated.*

Our Praha Pancake Sundays take approximately 8 volunteers to make the morning go smoothly. The time commitment is 7:15-10:00. Everything necessary for the breakfast is provided - but we can use some more hands! If you would like to help please contact Lori Janecka at (361) 772-4307 or [lorijanecka@gmail.com](mailto:lorijanecka@gmail.com)

**MASSES IN PRAHA & MOULTON**

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

*Praha – 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. on Sundays (in church). Facial masks will be required and social distancing protocol will be observed.*

*Moulton – 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 6:30 & 9:30 a.m. on Sundays (under the pavilion at the Social Center).*

With the inception of our regular scheduled Masses the Sunday Mass on social media – on demand on Facebook and our website will be suspended until further notice.

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



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

**First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95**

**Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10**

**Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**



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

## REFLECTION

### *The Paradox of the Christian Journey; Losing Begets Loving*

**Jeremiah 20:7-9 Psalm 63 Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27**

The three scripture readings today provide us with the experiences of three companions on the journey that call for courage in each of us.

When Jeremiah looked into his soul to find the courage he needed to preach God's word, he found that courage in God who had promised to be with him at the beginning of his ministry. Paul, acknowledges the challenge involved in Christian discipleship and encourages each of us to live according to God's ways rather than to conform to the allure of contemporary culture. He urges us to offer our very selves, not just our words or an occasional prayer.

Jesus' message was at times unpopular and even his disciples were unwilling to hear it. He found courage to keep speaking even though he knew he would have to suffer for this courage in ministry. With Peter and the other disciples, we are invited to *get behind* him by accepting suffering. The lesson is ours to accept or reject; suffering is an inevitable part of living and dying and not simply a dreaded experience. Suffering can have value and purpose when it is united with the suffering of Jesus.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 30 – Rylie Noska  
September 1 – Bradley Kubecka  
September 4 – Bryn Stryk

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 30 – Elyse & Eugene Chaloupka  
September 5 – Judith & James Kubecka

## CHUCKLE FOR THE WEEK

A priest was invited to attend a house party. Naturally, he was properly dressed and wearing his Priest's Collar. A little boy kept staring at him the entire evening. Finally, the priest asked the boy what he was staring at. The little boy pointed to the priest's neck. He asked the boy, "Do you know why I am wearing this?" The boy nodded his head yes and replied, "It kills fleas and ticks for up to three months!!!" – from Texas Polka News

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

*Catholic Communications Campaign,  
Black & Native Americans, Catholic University  
Please be generous.*

**Dispensation From The Obligation of Sunday Mass Extended to September 30 by the Bishop.**

## LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

### *Looking Ahead: The Twenty-third to the Twenty-fifth Sundays In Ordinary Time*

Matthew Chapter 18, is commonly called the Discourse of the Church because it collects Jesus' teachings that directly apply to the life of the Church. First, we find in it Jesus' words on who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven, on scandal and on the shepherd's behavior towards the lost sheep.

Then come the teachings of the fraternal connection and prayer in common and on the forgiveness of offenses. These two Gospel passages are read on the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Sundays. On the Twenty-fifth Sunday, the reading is the parable of the workers sent to the vineyard. We also hear two exhortations of Paul on charity and the passage of the Letter to the Philippians in which Paul proclaims, *For to me life is Christ.*

This new sequence reminds us who gather for the Eucharist, that *we hold fast in our lives to what we have grasped by our faith*, that we celebrate the love and mercy of God who gathers us into one community of forgiven people, that we are called to live in Christian charity and benevolence towards all human beings for whom Christ offered himself in sacrifice.

## 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 Healing  
For Eddie Sanchez  
For Al & Helen Kral  
For Health & Healing  
Soon World Relief From Corona Virus  
In Memory of My Father, Philip Cleary  
Pray For An End of The Covid Pandemic  
That My Faith In God Will Become Stronger  
For My Aunt Estella – May She Rest In Peace  
For Uncle Bob's Health, Happiness & Peace  
For Peace on Earth & For The Health of the Nation  
In Memory of Our Dads; Harry Macik & Willie Dujka  
For All Our Friends & Family Who Are No Longer With Us  
For All Those Suffering W/ Covid-19 & The Soul of  
Bobby Estrada  
Pray For The Schmidt Family: Caitlyn, Aiden, Lily,  
Forrest. They Lost Their Young Father/Husband Matt  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued*

## PRAŽSKÁ POUT FUNDRAISER

The Praha, August 15 fundraiser was very successful.  
See Insert.