

October 25, 2020  
**Ordinary Time**  
 Thirtieth Sunday

***The Two Inseparable Commandments:  
 Love of God And Love of Neighbor***



***To the question – which commandment in the Law is the greatest, Jesus answers – Love of God and Love or Neighbor.***

**It is easy to write this commandment off as one more religious duty we have often heard. Commandments and Laws cease to be an annoyance when they are loved for the sake of God and our neighbor's good. If God has had compassion on me and others like me I ought to be an imitator of this same Lord. After all, what is our calling as Christians if it is not a calling to be the blueprints of Christ in the world.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Thursday, October 29  
 5:30 p.m. Marcella & Ernest Chaloupka  
 Saturday, October 31  
 4:30 p.m. Louis G. Stryk  
 Sunday, November 1  
 8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Marie & Frank Lev Family

**Individual Confessions in Praha and Moulton.**

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Thursdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

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



Next weekend is *The Solemnity of All Saints*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24**  
**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**  
**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Sunday, November 1**

**2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

2020 Assessment .....	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$6,255.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$1,924.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Pat Masek*  
*Tim Pospisil*  
*Jeanette & Carl Henke*  
*Kathleen & Martin Svatek*

Do please consider making a donation.

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – The Solemnity of All Saints**

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level and are with God.

**Mass Schedule: Moulton** – 6:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.  
**Praha** – 8:00 a.m.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Feast of All Souls**

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

**Praha: Blessing of the Graves at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Mass at 4:30 p.m.**

**Moulton: Mass at 6:30 p.m.**

**All Souls Commemoration:** During the month of November we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use the All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail by October 30.

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

***In Memory of Rhonda Freytag***  
*Pasty Zamykal, Moulton, TX - \$20*

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.



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

**The Sanctuary Light  
 will be lit this week  
 in memory of John Pokluda.**



## REFLECTION

### *Two Commandments Really One*

**Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 18 1Thessalonians 1:5c-10  
Matthew 22:34-40**

It is in order to test him that a scholar of the Law asks Jesus to tell him which is the greatest commandment in the Law. Jesus' answer: *You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind* has nothing to do with fulfilling obligations. Love is constant attention to the other. Particular obligations jotted down on a calendar, like dates of birthdays are more reminders, not bills of expenses to be paid so as to be released from all debts.

The answer of Jesus flows out of the Covenant Code and is about ancient Israel now settled in Canaan, the promised land, having to welcome in their midst the vulnerable, the widows and orphans, the poor and destitute as part of God's commands. Israel had experienced liberations at God's hand, *You were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt* and because God freed you from Egypt when you cried out to him, you shall love your God ... and with all your soul. The two great commandments are engaged in our sacramental participation: as we worship God, we become imitators of Christ to love one another. It is our participation that helps us to fulfill the two greatest commandments. It strengthens us to do the same as we preach the Gospel by our lives.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 25 – Harvey Berckenhoff, Bernice LeSeur  
October 29 – Adam Hutzler, Karina Saucedo

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 26 – Frances & Leon Kubenka

Congratulation and God's blessings to  
**Lindsey Ann & Matthew Joost**  
who were recently united in the sacrament  
of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.



## Church Bulletins

Weekly Church Bulletins are posted on-line at:  
[www.stmaryspraaha.org](http://www.stmaryspraaha.org) and [www.stjosephsmoulton.org](http://www.stjosephsmoulton.org).  
If you are not able to attend church you can go on-line to read the bulletin or pick up a copy at the Parish Office or at the stand located at the entrance of the church. We will continue mailing Bulletins to the homebound.

## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Today is Priesthood Sunday. It is a special day set aside to honor

priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Do please pray for all the priests in our diocese and for priestly vocations.

### *Prayer for Priestly Vocations*

*O Lord, my God, you renew the Church in every age by raising up priests outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unchanging Love. In Your Plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for Your People. Fill the hearts of young men with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer Your call generously. Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example. Raise up worthy priests for Your Altars and ardent, but gently servants of the Gospel. Give the Church more priests and keep them faithful in their love and service. May many young men choose to serve You by devoting themselves to the service of Your people.*

*We make our prayer through Christ, the eternal High Priest. Amen.*

### **Catholic Daughters White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign:**

The campaign is held each year at the end of October. Members of the Flatonia CDA Court #2570 of the Sacred Heart of Mother Teresa, will hand out white ribbons and a prayer card after Mass this weekend. They encourage you to wear the ribbon and join them in prayer as they work to end the harm caused by pornography.

## 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:**

*In Appreciation*

*For Rhonda Freytag*

*Protect Laws For Unborn*

*For A Healthy & Happy Family*

*Please Pray For Nina Lomonte*

*For Peace & Unity In Our Country*

*Bring My Children Back To Church*

*For 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessings For Vicente Moran*

*For My Husband's Success In His MDA Cancer Trial*

*Pray For The Earth And The Wildlife Affected By Fires...*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

## PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY



**Praha Pancake Sunday the first Sunday of the month.** Come out and join us under the Parish Hall pavilion. It brings our community together for fellowship. Sponsored by the Praha Altar Society. A free will donation is appreciated.

**Hillje Altar Society Turkey Dinner Today – Oct. 25**