

November 22, 2020

**Last Sunday in Ordinary Time
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Solemnity**



Thy Kingdom Come!

After having heard the parables of the ten virgins and of the talents, we hear on this Feast of Christ the King, the story about judgment. In this parable the disciples are compared to those on the King's right and left who are being held accountable for their actions. Jesus, in teaching his disciples, teaches us that during this in-between time, we must always be ready, and must not be afraid to act. We are also challenged to always act with love especially toward those most in need. We must act not with an eye to self-preservation or reward but out of love, with a sincere concern for others. The way we treat others is the way we are treating the King himself.

MASS INTENTIONS



- Wednesday, November 25**
4:30 p.m. The Welfare of Parishioners
- Saturday, November 28**
4:30 p.m. Matilda & Vaclav Lala Family
- Sunday, November 29**
8:00 a.m. Jim Schneider

* *Beginning December 3, the First Thursday of Advent the Thursday evening Mass will be moved to 4:30 p.m. because of the time change.*

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.

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



2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far	\$6,660.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$1,519.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:
Do please consider making a donation.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:
4:30 p.m., Praha
6:30 p.m., Moulton



Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day Mass:
8:00 a.m., Moulton in the Family Room

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offerings will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for your canned goods and non-perishable food items (rice, pasta, dry beans, etc.). You may drop your food items at any time. Drop monetary donations in the collection basket or drop box during the month of November.

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:
Anonymous Donor - \$10,000

*In Thanksgiving to God
on the Occasion of the First Holy Communion of
Callan, Daniel & Samuel MacDonald - \$ 150
Robin & Gary Cerny*

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

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The First Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



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

REFLECTION

You Did It For Me

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

The gospel passage sheds light on the nature and object of Jesus' mission. He came to proclaim it: "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." The scene of the last judgment as it unfolds before us today is both sobering and surprising. One gets the sense that there is no way of escaping it. What is surprising is the reason given for the separation. It is not based on the achievement of great deeds but rather on the meeting of the very basic needs of others – "you gave me food, gave me drink... visited me." This passage however, is not about humanitarian service. The life situation in which this passage would have been spoken by Jesus would have been when he was sending his disciples out on a mission. Jesus reserved the term "Brethren" (brothers) for his disciples. Furthermore, he referred to them as "little ones" (Matthew 10:42).

Hunger, thirst etc., symbolize the weakness and poverty of the disciples and the relief given to them symbolizes the acceptance or rejection of them and their message, exactly as in the saying about giving a cup of cold water to one of them (Mark 9:41). All this suggests that the people gathered at the last judgment will be judged according to the way they treated the disciples of Jesus. The disciple is one who is sent with the authority of the sender. To reject the disciple is to reject the one who sent him and his message. The guilt of the people being judged in this passage is not found in the wrong they have done but, in their failure to accept those who were bringing the Kingdom of God to them. To reject them is to reject the Kingdom. The sentence is passed on openness to this Kingdom.

Those who responded to Jesus' message of the Kingdom by accepting his disciples are invited into the Kingdom while those who rejected the message are cast into the punishment of eternal fire. The choice is yours. The choice you make is decisive.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 24 – Nick Patalik
November 26 – Delia Moeller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 23 – Delia & Mike Moeller

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Johnny Lawrence Kallus
and for the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development

Please be generous.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



To Our First Communicants

Callan Michael MacDonald

Daniel Ian MacDonald

Samuel Lane MacDonald

Donnell Scott MacDonald

Julian Bentley Saucedo

Through the waters of Baptism Callan, Daniel, Samuel and Julian have begun their journey of faith in our Christian community.

Prayer For Our First Communicants

Lord Jesus, bless all those who received you in Holy Communion for the first time, last Saturday. May each one of them know your love and mercy in a personal way. May all your people open their hearts to you and be transformed by this sacrament. May we become a sign of your love for the whole world. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

In all three cycles of the lectionary there is a special focus for each of the four Sundays, beginning with a gospel of the Lord's return on the first Sunday, John the Baptist on the second and third Sundays and the beginning of the infancy narrative on the fourth Sunday. This new year, Cycle B, St. Mark's gospel is proclaimed for the first two Sundays, St. John on the third Sunday and St. Luke on the fourth Sunday. The outline of the gospel readings looks like this:

The First Sunday of Advent – *The return of the Lord:* Echoes the readings of the last Sundays of Ordinary Time with their calls to watchful readiness for the end.

The Second Sunday of Advent – *John the Baptist, a call to conversion:* Presents us with the person and message of John the Baptizer - with his call to repentance and reform.

The Third Sunday of Advent - *The relationship of John to Jesus:* John points us toward the Second Coming. His role as forerunner to Jesus gently shifts our attention to the coming feast of Christmas.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent - *Mary and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth:* Has a strong Marian character as we naturally focus more intensely on the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. [Mary also claims our attention for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, a holy day of obligation.]