

January 17, 2021

## Ordinary Time

### Second Sunday



#### What Are You Looking For?

In response to this question of Jesus the two disciples of John the Baptist, asked Jesus *where are you staying?* The two disciples speak their desire to follow Jesus. Andrew, one of the two disciples after his encounter with Jesus answers the question *What are you looking for?* When he turns to his brother, Peter and tells him, *we have found the Messiah.* That is how Peter comes to Jesus. What is your response to this question of Jesus - *What are you looking for?*

#### MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, January 21

4:30 p.m. Vlasta Pekar

Saturday, January 23

4:30 p.m. Benedict Pokluda

Sunday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Paul Vrazel and Emma & Julius Stryk

#### Individual Confessions in Praha and Moulton.

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 25

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

#### 2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment .....	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$7,750.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$ 429.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Pat Masek*

*Rosemary Klekar*

*Tracie Holub & Jim Pfeil*

*Josie & Alphonse Kubenka*

We thank all those who contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. With your generous support we should be able to pay off our remaining debt to the bishop. We are counting on all who have not yet contributed to the fund to do their part.

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

*In Memory of Patsy Michna - \$200*

*Elmer Michna*

**Mass Bookings Available:** January 28

February 4, 6, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21 & 28

**Sanctuary Light Bookings (\$20):** February 21 & 28

**Bulletin Sponsorship Available (\$35):**

January 24 & 31 February 7, 14, 21 & 28

**Mass Stipend:** It has been a long-standing tradition of the Church that an offering is made by parishioners when Mass (prayers) is requested. The donation given is an offering to God for your intention to be fulfilled and not a payment for the Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to be generous in their offering. \$5 is the least offering when Mass is requested. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Mass they request.

To book a Mass, Sanctuary Light, Altar Flowers, or Bulletin call the Parish Office or put your intention and offering into the collection basket, drop slot or mail. *Called in requests will be honored only upon receipt of donation.*



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 Ruth Metzger.**

**The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Patsy Michna.**



## REFLECTION

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Psalm 40  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42

### Considering Our Vocation

Ordinary Time is ushered in with a meditation on the call to discipleship. This call is not reserved for a select few. It accompanies our baptismal commitment and is issued to all Christians.

Discipleship is not something we take upon ourselves. It is an invitation from God. It might come to us in the form of an inner call, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naiveté of childhood, in the vigor of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls us. We could be called during some religious event, while we are in the embrace of our family, or when we are out with our friends. The ordinariness of the occasion can sometimes deceive us into misjudging the significance of the event. But if we are attentive to the promptings of our heart we will be given the insight needed to recognize what is really happening: we are being called by God.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 17 – Elizabeth Janak  
January 21 – Marcus Jasek

## 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:

*Special Prayers for B.T.*  
*For Family & Friends*  
*Eternal Peace of Pedro Garza III*  
*For Katy Hospice – They Help Many In Need*  
*Please Pray For My Husband Jeff, My In-Laws*  
*For Veterans: Alvin, Cleone & Arland Pavlicek, J. T. Stryk Sr.*  
*For World Peace, End of Pandemic, Health of Kim Harvey*  
*That L & L Will Soon Be Blessed, For us on Our 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Repose of Souls*  
*For Those Who Are Unemployed or Underemployed & Those Leaders Impacting The Lives of Others ...*  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Your contribution educates priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders; assists missionaries and pastoral workers; trains catechists and youth ministers; supports the Church's work with the poor. *Please be generous.*

## THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – JANUARY 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18, and concludes on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. This year's theme "Abide In My Love...You Shall Bear Much Fruit," is taken from John Chapter 15. Throughout 2021, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one."

## LOOKING AHEAD LITURGICALLY ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE B



Each year of the three-year Liturgical Cycle, (A. B. C.) is dedicated to one of the synoptic Gospels, (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This year we are in Cycle B. We read from Mark's Gospel.

Every year on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time we read a passage from John's Gospel. This year being Cycle B, it is the call of the first disciples – John, Andrew, and his brother Simon Peter (John 1:35-42). As we go along in the year, St. Mark's Gospel shows Jesus always on the go, unceasingly moving elsewhere, farther, and urging his disciples to make up their minds to follow him without ever stopping and getting settled.

**Mark's Gospel challenges us, "This is no longer the time to remain neutral. You must choose sides – for or against Jesus. He is not shut up in the tomb. Throw your lot with Jesus, the Living One, the Son of God."**

## DIOCESE OF VICTORIA MEN'S CONFERENCE

**February 20:** This event for men ages 18 and up will feature inspiring talks, prayer, group discussions, resources, great food and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For more information/to register (\$25) go to [www.victoriadiocese.org/arise](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/arise).



## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY JANUARY 18, 2021

The federal holiday reminds us of Dr. King's achievements and of our continuing moral obligation to build a just society with equal rights for all.