

January 24, 2021

Ordinary Time

Third Sunday



Follow Me

In order to launch his mission of repentance and belief, Jesus called his first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Their immediate response to the call teaches us what it means to repent and believe in the gospel. It is turning around and re-orienting one's whole attitude toward God. This results in a personal attachment to Jesus, following him in his way - a way that will lead to the Cross and to the Resurrection.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Eugene A. Patalik Sr., sponsored by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, January 28
4:30 p.m. Fr. James Nischan
Saturday, January 30
4:30 p.m. Mike Decker
Sunday, January 31
8:00 a.m. Gerald Kalina

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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

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

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.



Mass Bookings Available

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

Sanctuary Light Bookings (\$20)

February 28

Bulletin Sponsorship Available (\$35)

January 31 February 7, 14, 21 & 28

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.*

The Blessings of Repentance

The sinners of Nineveh believed God's word, repented and were subsequently blessed with deliverance. Their repentance effected a new beginning in their lives and an introduction to the God whose name they did not know but whose beloved children they discovered themselves to be nevertheless. Saint Mark reminds us that in order to welcome the blessing of the Gospel into our lives we are first to repent, i.e., reform our lives so as to create an atmosphere wherein faith can grow.

What or who are you willing to leave behind to follow Jesus? How absolute is your repentance?



Church Tours

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 376 people toured the Church on registered tours between October to December 2020.



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 Benedict Pokluda.



REFLECTION

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 25
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

Urgency in Acceptance

There is a sense of urgency in today's readings. Unless we embrace the gospel now and live it fully, we may run out of time. The world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave our nets, the familiarity of our former ways of living, and follow the call we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We may be called from a life we enjoyed, as the Corinthians were, or we may be called like Jonah to a life from which we try to escape. In either case, God's call to discipleship is persistent, even unrelenting. As demanding as it may seem, we should be grateful that God does not give up.

As disciples we are called not only to enter the reign of God but to promote it and to spread it. We are ambassadors of God; we bring the Good News of salvation, and we do this wherever we are and in whatever we do. Having been called by God, we now begin to live our lives in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 24 – Eugene Chaloupka
January 25 – Kermit Kurtz
January 26 – Virginia Olsovsky
January 28 – Stephen Lev
January 29 – Greg Grahmann
 – Judy Kubenka
January 30 – Gentry Doyle

St. Joseph's, Moulton

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner Canceled

The Altar Society's Annual Noodle Soup Dinner has been canceled due to the COVID-19 uptake. **The raffle drawing is still scheduled for February 28th.** Your support is greatly appreciated. To purchase raffle tickets, contact the Parish Office or any Moulton Altar Society member. Monetary donations are welcomed.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.

ORIENTATION

Call to Discipleship

This period of Ordinary Time is really an interlude between seasons. Christmas is behind us, and in a few weeks we will be entering the season of Lent. Although time and again we might catch a glimpse of the future, a hint of what lies ahead for Jesus and for those who are his disciples, during this interim period our readings invite us to reflect on various aspects of discipleship. Having considered the call to discipleship last week, today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of this call, namely, evangelization, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. The character of God's reign is not revealed this Sunday, but the urgency of our acceptance of it certainly is.

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL – JANUARY 25

On January 25 the Church celebrates the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, a conversion story par excellence. Through Paul's tireless preaching and writing, Christ became known throughout the Roman world. Read the accounts of St. Paul's conversion in the Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16 and 9:1-22. He welcomed many helpers, such as Timothy and Titus, whose feast we celebrate on January 26.

This week reflect on your own ongoing conversion and those who have mentored you along the way.

Catholic Daughters Court #1597 Annual Fundraiser

Due to the pandemic, the Catholic Daughters of Court St. Rose are unable to sell their Quilt Raffle tickets at local businesses this year. We ask your help. Tickets are available in a container at the church entrance. They are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Please take what you wish to buy, and place your completed stubs and money in the envelopes provided. Return them now or throughout the next few weekends in a container also provided. The drawing will be held at the Court St. Rose Catholic Daughters Annual Fried Chicken Dinner, this year on Sunday, February 21, at the Schulenburg Hall. Your help is greatly appreciated. The Catholic Daughters support our local parishes, St. Rose School, and local, state and national charities.

Additional Christmas Flower Fund Donation
In memory of Dorothy & Bohus Migl, Marvin Barta