

January 31, 2021

Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday



What Is This?

A New Teaching With Authority

We celebrated Christmas with the birth of Jesus, marking the presence of God among us. Jesus begins his public ministry by proclaiming the gospel of God.

“This is the time of fulfillment.

The Kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

He then calls his disciples to follow him. Today, Jesus demonstrates a striking authority over Satan. “Quiet! Come out of him!” The teaching and the actions of Jesus prompt the bystanders to question, *What is this? Who is this?* He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” *Do you claim to know Jesus? Who is he for you?*

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, February 4

4:30 p.m. Albina & Louis Smolik

Saturday, February 6

4:30 p.m. JoAnn Machac

Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Ludmila & Paul Pokluda

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

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far	\$8,080.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 99.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Matt Cerny

Betty Patalik

Georgia Cerny

Carol & Gene Patalik, Jr.

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:

Roberto Duran, Eagle Pass, TX - \$100

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 2nd

We recall and honor the bringing of the infant Christ to the temple by Mary and Joseph for the prescribed offering. According to Jewish law, this was to take place 40 days after the child's birth. It is in the midst of this ritual action that two holy prophets, Anna and Simeon, beheld the Christ child and recognized him for who he was: the promised Messiah who would redeem and save all people.



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

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

MEN'S CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 20

For more information/to register (\$25) go to www.victoriadiocese.org/arise.

St. Joseph's Church Lenten Fish Fry, Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent. Drive-Through Plates-To-go or Dine Inside (social distancing) at St. Joseph's Social Center, Moulton.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Allan Weidemann.



REFLECTION

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 95
1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

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 31 – Jerome Kalina
February 2 – Callan MacDonald
February 6 – Gene Patalik, Jr.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The Altar Society is hosting Praha Pancake Sunday on February 7th starting at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and good fellowship. A free will donation will be appreciated.

We would like to invite Altar Society members to sign up to help with the Pancake Sundays. We need 8 volunteers each month and the time commitment is from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. All supplies are provided – we need your helping hands and smiling face! Please contact Lori Janecka if you would like to sign up for any month Friends and family are welcome to help.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday – February 17



Mass Schedule:

St. Mary's, Praha
4:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's, Moulton
6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving

As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters at home and in all nations. The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.

Second Collection (Rice Bowl)

Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

Lenten Food Drive: We will once again be collecting canned goods for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE – FEB. 2

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Prayer For Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutions. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. – USCCB

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Breaking News

In the Gospel today we meet a man described as having an unclean spirit. He makes an outburst at the synagogue in Capernaum, just as Jesus has concluded preaching.

We seldom encounter situations like this in our modern world, but if we did, we might decide that the person was suffering from schizophrenia. The man in the Gospel appears to be deluded, thinking that Jesus has come to destroy him. Just as Jesus cured the physical condition of cripples, lepers and blind men, he cures the mental illness of this man in today's Gospel. Jesus orders the evil spirit to come out of him. But the man is not delusional when he declares that Jesus is the Holy One of God; he is prophetic. He sees that Jesus came to destroy the evil in us so that we can be reborn as children of love.

– Deacon Dick Folger