

March 7 2021

**Lent**  
**Third Sunday**



**Water of Life**

**Moses in today's first reading is presented as frustrated with the incessant and ungrateful grumbling of the Israelites, yet God responds with patience, providing a supply of water from the rock to the thirsty wanderers. The gift of water in an otherwise waterless desert became a sign of God's perpetual presence in the midst of his people.**

**The Samaritan woman in the gospel will also be given to drink of the water of life; through her, Jesus will teach each of us how to similarly satisfy all our thirsts in him.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**



- Thursday, March 11  
4:30 p.m. Alois, Frances & Mark Anderle
- Saturday, March 13  
4:30 p.m. Gary Greive
- Sunday, March 14  
8:00 a.m. Arthur Klekar

**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 of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

*We return to Cycle A Readings for Lent.*

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit  
this week in memory of  
Robert R. Schaefer**



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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

***In Memory of Bridget Lev - \$100***  
*Jillian & Larry Stryk, Richmond, TX*

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS**

**PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY**

*Always the First Sunday of the Month*



Join us at 9 a.m. at the Praha Hall for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice & coffee. ALL ARE WELCOME. A free will donation is appreciated.

**The Altar Society is always looking for volunt**

**eers to help with Praha Pancake Sundays.** The time commitment is 7:15 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of every month. Everything is provided we just need your smiling face and helping hands. Please contact Lori Janecka if you and your family would like to help. Lori may be reached at (361) 772-4307.

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING - MARCH 21**

The Praha Altar Society will have its annual membership meeting on Sunday, March 21, 2021 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All men and women of the parish are encouraged to join. The dues are \$5.00 per person. If you would like to join please provide the following information: Name, address, phone number, email address and date of birth. You may drop your details and check for \$5.00 payable to the Praha Altar Society, in the collection basket or mail it to:

Tracie Holub, 1618 W State Hwy 71 #123, La Grange TX 78945 Thank you for your consideration.



**Moulton Easter Picnic – April 4**



Plans are coming together for our annual Easter Picnic. There will be a Fried Chicken Dinner with sides, plates-to-go and dine inside the Social Center at \$10 per plate. *See insert.*



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

## REFLECTION

Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42

### *Living Water, Gift of God*



Each year at this time the Gospels hold forth teachers to guide and inspire us on our shared journey. Our mentor today is a “*thirsty*” Samaritan woman. Because of her physical thirst, she initially misunderstood Jesus’ offer of living water. Jacob’s well had satisfied the physical life of his descendants for centuries, but Jesus supplemented Jacob in offering *living water* that would give eternal life. Even without a bucket, Jesus and his gift of living water was greater than Jacob. Jesus’ gift is the truth of his teaching and he invites the thirsty to be satisfied with the word of God proclaimed to us. His invitation and her encounter with him set in motion a process of transformation whereby the woman evolved from a sinner to a witness.

God continues to reach out to us, offering us what satisfies. Like the Samaritan woman we must first come thirsting for God.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 7 – Lexie Noska  
March 8 – Addison Berckenhoff  
– Judith Kubecka  
March 9 – Michael Fishbeck  
– Bob Stryk  
March 12 – Margaret Hanslik  
– Rosemary Klekar

## LENTEN FISH FRY

**St. Joseph’s Church, Moulton**

*Fridays of Lent*

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$10.00 Per Plate  
Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert



***Dine in the Social Center with social distancing protocol in place or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go.***

**\*All proceeds go to charities.**

Next Friday’s Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Oven Baked Potatoes, Corn, Dessert.  
*(Menu subject to change)*

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

**Second Collection This Weekend - Rice Bowl**

Be generous.



**Prepare to Celebrate Easter  
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service**

Monday, March 22 Moulton 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25 Praha Mass at 4:30 p.m.  
**Confessions Follow**

*\* No scheduled confessions in Praha during Holy Week.*

**Stations of the Cross  
Fridays of Lent, 5:30 p.m.**

The journey of the Stations of the Cross is a time-honored tradition in the Church. The Lenten Season affords us all a great grace moment to participate in the sufferings of Christ for our salvation. Make an effort to join the Parish Family at 5:30 p.m. in church.

**Lenten Food Drive:** Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

## LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

*The Third Sunday of Lent*

Why did the Samaritan woman come to draw water at noon, the hottest time of the day? Did she want to avoid the times the other women in town came to the well? What are the places in my life where I am embarrassed, where I avoid interaction with others? What are the noon day wells of my life? Can I imagine Jesus approaching me there?

Jesus tries to reveal his thirst to her - perhaps his thirst for intimacy with her - but she puts him off. She's not worthy. It won't work. When he offers to satisfy her thirst, she puts him off. He can't satisfy what she needs, at least with this well, and without a bucket. How do I put Jesus off, with excuses, with problems, with barriers? I don't have time; I haven't done this before; my stuff's too complicated; I don't know how to find you in this mess.

When he shows her that he knows her, she knows she's in the presence of someone special - perhaps the one she has thirsted for all her life. Do I let Jesus show me that he knows and understands me? Can I find the words to say he is the one I have thirsted for all my life? The grace will come when I see that I have been at the well a long time and have long been thirsty. When I can name the new thirst, the Water that now satisfies that thirst, I can overcome my remaining resistance to trust. When I see that Jesus reveals himself to me by revealing me to me, thereby showing me my need for him as Savior, I will rejoice and tell the whole world, too.

– Creighton University