

March 21, 2021

Lent
Fifth Sunday



Do You Believe This?

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus is revealed as the Resurrection and the Life. In conjunction with the Gospels of the previous two Sundays, we discern three stages of faith. First, the Samaritan woman at the well, illustrated an initial coming to faith. Then the man born blind illustrated faith that acquired depth after he was tested. The Lazarus story today illustrates the deepening of faith that comes from facing death. The story points ahead to eternal life that God will give us through Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, March 25
4:30 p.m. Benedict Pokluda
Saturday, March 27
4:30 p.m. Allan Wiedemann & Katherine & John Pokluda
Sunday, March 28
8:00 a.m. Spec. Intention – Mary Lynn & Allen Brehm Anniversary

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 *Palm Sunday*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for a Special Intention.



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.

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

We thank the following for their recent contributions:
Trang Pham, Cypress, TX - \$100
George Neumann, Santa Fe, TX - \$20
Connie & Randall Thomas, Harwood, TX - \$100
Arlene & Kent Graziano, The Woodlands, TX - \$5,000
In Memory of Jake Luspo and Angelina & Manuel Castro ... \$20

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Allan Wiedemann & John Michael Decker
Linda & Roger Moreno - \$400

Altar Society Meeting Today, 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.



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

Mass Booking Available: Apr. 29

Sanctuary Light Booking Available: Apr 25

Bulletin Sponsorship Available:
Mar 28 Apr 4, 11, 18 & 25



Moulton Easter Picnic - April 4



REFLECTION

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Jesus, Resurrection and Life. Do You Believe This?

In John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus is the last of the seven signs that Jesus works in order to manifest the glory of the Father and announce his supreme personal glorification at his Passover.

This all-important *sign* is especially appropriate to the Sunday before Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, after the Gospels of the Living Water and the Man Born Blind. The raising of Lazarus is the *sign* that prefigures the definitive triumph of Jesus on the Cross, God's glory and the glorification of the Son victorious over death, who awakens us, making us pass, already here below to the life that bodily death cannot touch.

This is an event-sign to which each of us must try to relate. It requires from each of us a personal answer. ***I am the resurrection and the Life ... Do you believe this?*** None of us can evade this question and be a believer. With the assurance of one day sharing in the Lord's resurrection, we cannot however forget the inescapable step of the cross. Christ, Resurrection and Life, has gone through it with us. The raising of Lazarus has as its immediate consequence the condemnation of Jesus to death; he freely gave his life so that we might live forever. Like Thomas, we say, ***Let us go to Jerusalem to die with him and with him to rise.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 21 – Mary Bartos
March 25 – Martin Svatek

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Bernard John Blaha
Bridget A. Lev
and for the comfort of their loved ones.
May they rest in peace.



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, Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Corn, Dessert. *(Menu subject to change)*

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Today Jesus proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life." As we prepare to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, we are both consoled and energized to do his will. Your contribution to the Rice Bowl helps farmers improve crop yields, brings clean water to communities, and provides basic health and nutrition services. *Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone's life.*

Next Sunday we enter into Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. We commemorate the entrance of the Lord



into Jerusalem according to ancient custom with a solemn procession. With songs and gestures, we imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing "Hosanna". In the procession we carry palm branches which are later taken home where

they serve as a reminder of the Victory of Christ.

Sunday is the only day that there are two gospel proclamations in the same liturgy. The first takes place in at the beginning of the liturgy before the procession. It recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The second gospel proclaimed takes place in the usual place at Mass. It is the proclamation of the Passion narrative. It is proclaimed without the usual ritual gestures: the greeting, the crossing of forehead, lips, and heart, no incense, no candles. This is the most pivotal moment in the life of the Lord and in our observance of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week.

Come let us celebrate!

Holy Week At A Glance

Palm Sunday Procession: We will gather in front of the School for the procession.

Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils): March 30, 10:00 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria.

Holy Thursday:

- **The Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- **Gifts And Canned Food For The Needy**

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday: We gather for the Easter Vigil.

See Triduum/Easter Bulletin insert for more details.

Easter Flowers: To make a donation in memory of your loved ones, drop your Easter Flower Donation envelope in the collection basket or mail. Donors list will be published in the Bulletin.

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

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

Easter Eggs: Donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for plastic eggs are welcome. To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.