

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter



“You Are Witnesses of These Things”

During his mortal life, Jesus could not proclaim the Kingdom of God beyond the confines of the country where he lived. After his resurrection, through the ministry of the apostles, his voice can echo throughout the earth. The forgiveness of sins and salvation that comes from the resurrected can reach all those who believe in him. Going out from Jerusalem, the place where the mystery of the incarnation reached its summit with Jesus' Passover, the disciples witnessed to this by responding in faith. How do you witness to the resurrection by your life?

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, April 22
4:30 p.m. Frantiska & Josef Vanek
Saturday, April 24
4:30 p.m. The Deceased of St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4
Sunday, April 25
8:00 a.m. Paul Vrazel and Emma & Julius Stryk

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

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K.J.Z.T. MEETING TODAY

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Praha second quarterly meeting will be held today, April 18 in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

K.J.Z.T. - Katolicka Jednota Zen Texaskych Catholic Women's Union of Texas

The emblem of KJZT Family Life is the cross of salvation. Each of the four extremities of the cross appears to bud into many crosses. The light blue halo encompasses the cross to signify that we are bound together through our faith, and that our faith is central to our lives. The center of the cross is further marked with a monogram, the initials M and A intertwined, meaning Maria Assumpta, Mary Assumed into Heaven. Throughout our history, we claim her as the special Patroness of our Fraternal, its members and their families. She was the first to draw upon the benefits of the Cross by her Immaculate Conception. While full of grace, she stood by the Cross to the last and clung to it until taken up into the glory of heaven. — K.J.Z.T. Family Life



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.

Sanctuary Light Bookings Available

April 25 May 23 & 30

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week in memory of
Anastasia & Frank Patalik.**



REFLECTION



**Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19 Psalm 4
1 John 2:1-5a Luke 24:35-48**

He Is Living In Our Midst

The privileged experience of the Twelve means first of all that they truly saw Jesus, and not the product of their imagination. The appearance of the resurrected Jesus surprised them, making them startled and terrified. He had to prove to them many times over that it really was he. Despite this, “they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed.” He whom they had seen die was now “in their midst.” He showed them his crucified hands and feet, inviting them to touch him: “Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as I have.” At his request, they gave him “a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.” One could hardly claim more concretely the identity of the resurrected and the crucified – “It is really I” – and the reality of his body. What is the nature of this body? The Gospels content themselves with saying, with no explanation that it was not subject to the constraints of mortal bodies, such as that with which Jesus experienced death and burial. Henceforth, Jesus may come and go anywhere he pleases. Paul asks himself about his own resurrection: “With what kind of body will (the dead) come back?” “A spiritual body,” he responds (1 Cor 15:35-44).

As we celebrate Easter the readings invite us to contemplate Jesus as the one raised by the Father to give us peace.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 19 – Darlene Stryk
– Pam Vrazel
April 20 – Mallory Vrazel
April 23 – Brian Noska
April 24 – Randy Barta
– Jack Jameyson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



April 19 – Elizabeth & Leo Janak
April 22 – Kathleen & Martin Svatek

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND HOME MISSIONS

Your contribution helps offer financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. The [Catholic Home Missions Appeal](#) educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith.

Please be generous.

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

The Lectionary For Mass

The First Reading: Peter’s speech to his fellow Jews in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost accuses them and the Jewish leaders of maneuvering to do away with God’s servant, Jesus. Peter accused them of putting to death the “author of life,” but God raised him from the dead, and they are living witnesses to the risen Christ. This was all part of God’s plan, announced by the prophets, that God’s Christ or Messiah would suffer. None of that matters, for God now calls all to repent and be converted, so that sins are wiped away and forgotten. God invites all to the same repentance and conversion.

The Responsorial Psalm: The psalmist prays in confidence asking God to “let your face shine on us.” No matter what we have done, if we turn back to the Lord in fidelity and trust, God will answer, restore us and put gladness into our hearts once more. The Lord is the only one who can relieve our distress and bring security and peace to our hearts and minds. This is the essence of what Peter is preaching to his fellow Jews and to us today.

The Second Reading: As believers, we are called to a life of love. When we falter in that love, we should not be overwhelmed for we have Jesus, our advocate with our Father. Through his word and deeds, Jesus has reconciled the whole world to the Father. All we have to do is turn to God for forgiveness and reconciliation. This is best manifested when we love others the way God has loved us. No one can truly claim to love God and not follow through on love of others. They fool only themselves. We are to keep God’s word and grow daily in our love of others.

The Gospel: Another appearance of the risen Christ to his fearful disciples stresses that Jesus is not a ghost but really and truly risen. Showering them with peace, he affirms his living presence by asking for something to eat. The disciples, overwhelmed with joy, are instructed by Jesus as he opens “their minds to understand the Scriptures” that were written about him. Having previously instructed them, he now reiterates how the Scriptures predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer and die, but rise on the third day. In this manner repentance and forgiveness of sin would be preached to all. They and we are witnesses to these things. This Easter Time, examine how you are a faithful witness to the risen Christ.

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