

July 4, 2021

Ordinary Time

Fourteenth Sunday



The Risk of Preaching the Gospel

In spite of the popular enthusiasm he aroused, Jesus knew bitter failures. The Gospel writers did not hide them, because they are an essential aspect of the Lord's mission and the mission of the Church. The Good News is announced at the risk of faith. Those to whom the message is preached have the freedom to receive it or reject it. If the Church is true to her mission, it will inevitably encounter rejection, however the Church's responsibility is not to water down the message but faithfully proclaim it whether it is accepted or refused as Jesus did.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, July 8

4:30 p.m. Linda Migl

Saturday, July 10

4:30 p.m. Charlie, Annie & Mary Bartos

Sunday, July 11

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Joseph & Mary Janecek Jasek Family

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.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Next weekend is *The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

No Praha Pancake Sunday Today, July 4 due to the 4th of July holiday & the construction work at the Hall.

PARISH HALL RENOVATION

UPDATE



Work in the Parish Hall continues to progress steadily. The walk-in-cooler is ready for the cooling unit to be installed. The tilers are wrapping up their work. Additional kitchen and lighting fixtures arrived this week. The electrical and plumbing work is on track.



Hall Renovation Fund Donations

We thank the following for their contributions:

Liz & Leo Janak - \$2,000

Ruth & Clarence Metzger - \$1,000

To make a tax-deductible donation to Parish Hall Renovation Fund, contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

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

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Joe Bertegle, Seabrook, TX \$20

Richard Moss & Carol Oates - \$20

Anne & John Dect, Portland, TX \$20

Melissa Saudefer, Houston, TX - \$105

In Thanksgiving - \$50

Long Duc Ha & Hien K. Nguyen, San Ramon, CA

On-line Giving: We thank the Praha parishioners and friends of the parish who have been supporting us with their on-line donations. To make an on-line donation to the church visit us on:

<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-assumption-praha>

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 Scott MacDonald.



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Mariella Lemon & Harry Herzik.

REFLECTION

Ezekiel 2:2-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

The Prophet Is Without Honor

One would think that Jesus' liberating teaching would have been readily accepted by the people who were anxiously awaiting the Messiah. Such was not the case. In fact, many struggled with the prophetic dimension of Jesus and ultimately rejected him. It is not uncommon that we heed the voices that sound very much like our own. Frequently prophets are treated without honor. The people the prophet Ezekiel was sent to were *hard of face and obstinate of heart*. They compounded their offense by rejecting the very one sent to them by God to bring them back to the covenant relationship. The people of Galilee who heard Jesus' words questioned his authenticity because they felt that they knew him so well. They thought that he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to tell them anything from God.

We so often resent people who can do what we cannot do. True believers recognize and admit their human frailty. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail. These are obstacles to personal transformation. When we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and hearts and shine forth from us to all those around us. It would be very clear that it comes from God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 5 – Midge Elam

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



July 8 – Cynthia & Edward Koncaba
July 10 – Christina & Spence Lesikar

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 4, 2021

Independence Day Prayer

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.



Help us to continue the good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong, that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

Our parish picnic is just around the corner!

Raffle tickets and the picnic donation letter have been mailed to parishioners and out-of-town benefactors. If you have not done so yet, fill out your donation slip and turn in your raffle stubs and donations as soon as possible so you can be given credit. You may drop them in the collection basket or the mail. Extra raffle tickets for sale outside the Church after Mass.

We thank the following for kicking off the Picnic with their recent donations:

Meat Donation Fund

Marcus Jasek - \$50
Ron Kallus, Cypress - \$200
Ray Novak, East Bernard - \$50
Tracie Holub & Jim Pfeil - \$500
Ruth & Clarence Metzger - \$500
Arlene & Gilbert Velasquez - \$50
HeartBrand Beef, Flatonia - \$500
Gene Schoenvogel, Moulton - \$500
Peggy & Darrell Mica, Austin - \$250
Gloria & David Reindl, Shiner - \$250
Nancy & Cecil Wood, Waelder - \$300
Ashley & Paul Hanslik, Moulton - \$100
Lisa & David Rothbauer, Moulton - \$200
Patricia & Dennis Otto, Schulenburg - \$50
Alisha & Wesley Rothbauer, Moulton - \$100

Music Donation Fund

Richard Zgabay, Bryan - \$50
Ray Novak, East Bernard - \$50
Arlene & Gilbert Velasquez - \$50
Carol & Stan Steele, Richmond - \$500

Bingo Donations

Ray Novak, East Bernard - \$50
Evelyn & Richard Miller, Flatonia - \$50

Fr. Gabriel's Cake

Milton Marek, Spring - \$500
Ray Novak, East Bernard - \$50
Gloria & David Reindl, Shiner - \$500

Contributions from out-of-town friends of the parish are accepted and appreciated.

Picnic Supplies: We will be placing orders soon for the groceries for the meal and other items needed for the Picnic. Contact the Parish Office if you have not turned in your list for the Picnic. Also Picnic Chairpersons who have not turned in their worklist are asked to do so.

Picnic Flyers: Pick up some Picnic Flyers on your way out of Church today. Ask if you can post them at work, at area businesses and at Picnics. You can help make the Picnic a success!

St. Mary's Church VBS - July 24, 9 a.m.-1p.m.

Registration Forms at the entrance of the Church.