

July 18, 2021

Ordinary Time

Sixteenth Sunday



Finding Rest In The Shepherd

Aware of the need for those pauses that renew and refresh, Jesus called his apostles to come away with him to a deserted place. Jesus' compassion for those who sought him out and his willingness to tend to their hungers, both spiritual and physical, called forth the shepherd's love in him. Although many times extended periods of solitude and rest may not be possible, each of us is called to punctuate our days with many pauses in which to be still and know and rest in God who is the heart and center of all we are and all we do.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Joyce Janecka by Lori & David Janecka.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, July 22
4:30 p.m. Special Intention – For the Sick of the Parish
Saturday, July 24
4:30 p.m. Eugene A. Patalik, Sr.
Sunday, July 25
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4

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

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel: Mark 6:1-15

PARISH HALL RENOVATION

UPDATE



Work in the Parish Hall continues to progress steadily. The electricians, plumber and carpenters are all working to get the hall ready for August 15.

Hall Renovation Fund Donations

We thank the following for their contributions:

Doris Kokes, Houston - \$500
Patrick Kokes, Houston - \$500
Mary Ann Kokes, Houston - \$250
Mr. & Mrs. Milton Marek, Spring - \$1,000
Christine & Robert VanVeghel, Houston - \$500

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

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>

Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 24, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



We welcome the children of the parish, grandchildren of parishioners, youth of the community and teachers to V.B.S. Praha V.B.S. offers the children an opportunity to come together before School starts, to learn about their faith, have fun with their friends and make new friends.

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T #4 Praha Society Meeting Today , July 25 in the school chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited to attend and participate.

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 & Virgil Price.



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Nancy Petru.

REFLECTION

**Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34**

Availability To Serve 24/7

In today's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah addresses the problem of leadership among the Israelites and couples his criticism of the unworthy shepherds with a promise that God would intervene to gather, to lead and guide the people once again as a good and loving shepherd. In short, God promised absolute availability not only on God's part but also on the part of future shepherds whom God would personally appoint.

Mark, in today's Gospel, indicates that Jesus is that promised ideal shepherd who had compassion on the people, for they were like "sheep without a shepherd." That Jesus was intent upon sharing his shepherding duties with his own is evidenced in the fact that he sent them forth to be absolutely available, 24/7, for their contemporaries. Upon their return, they were debriefed by Jesus, who then provided time for their physical rest and spiritual recuperation. Work balanced with and supported by prayer was the ideal ascribed to by Jesus, and he would have his disciples follow his lead. However, and as is strikingly clear in today's Gospel, when the people who needed their words and works sought them out, Jesus set aside the time for rest, and whether it was convenient or not, he attended to the needs of the people. Mark tells the readers that Jesus taught the people at great length. In next week's Gospel, despite the disciples' suggestion that he dismiss the crowds, Jesus will provide for the people's physical needs and hungers. His ministry was one of absolute availability 24/7. He challenges would be disciples to be similarly given to service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 19 – Theresa Tousek, Helen Wiedemann
 July 20 – Karmyn Michalec
 July 21 – Elyse Chaloupka
 July 23 – Miguel Grifaldo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



July 19 – Josephine & Alphonse Kubenka
 July 23 – Cynthia & Allan Stryk

St. Joseph's Pancake Sunday, Today
July 18, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m., at the Parish Hall. Come join us for food and fellowship. Free will donations accepted. Proceeds to benefit St. Joseph's Church Youth Programs.

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

Dear Friends,

It is count down time to the Picnic – 28 days more. A lot is going on behind the scenes to get ready for the Picnic.

Auction Items: Lori & David Janecka are soliciting auction items from local businesses. You may once again bring in your items for tagging ahead of time. Drop off days are scheduled for: August 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14. Look out for more details & list of auction items donated.

We thank the following parishioners and out-of-town benefactors for their recent contributions:

Meat Donation Fund

Our Goal This Year \$15,000

№ of Families in the Parish 87

№ of Families who have given 12

Donations So Far \$ 8,770

Pat Masek - \$200

Denise Greive - \$250

Helen Wiedemann - \$50

R.M. Vento, Houston \$50

Lori Berger, Flatonia - \$50

Larry Stryk, Richmond - \$50

Tim Kleihege, Moulton - \$50

Patti & James Gready - \$1,000

Lillie Branecky, Flatonia - \$500

Marcel Kleihege, Moulton - \$25

Dr. Carlos Portales, Waelder - \$100

Marie & Frank Dulak, Bryan - \$200

Kathy & Paul Marek, Houston - \$500

Jeanette S. Henke – Hallettsville - \$100

Evelyn & Larry Maresh, Houston - \$50

Angie & Chad Rothbauer, Moulton - \$50

Mickey & Jim Kalpuch, Wimberly - \$500

Beth & Aaron Gaertner, Moulton - \$100

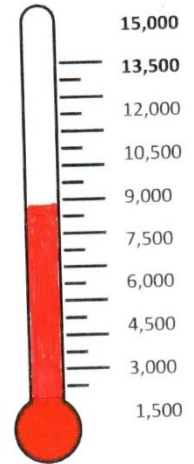
Janet & Dcn. Eddie Huse, Victoria - \$200

Virginia & Chris Spaniel, Pasadena - \$50

Aileen & Bob Shocklee, Carmel, IN - \$100

Karen (Patalik) & Mike Vrana, Spring - \$20

— Picnic Donations List to be continued



This is how you can help make our Picnic successful.

Donate Auction Items: Items of value bring in money.

Raffle Tickets: Purchase/sell raffle tickets.

Contribute to the: Meat Donation Fund, Bingo, Country Store, Music Fund, Fish Pond/Toy Box, Fr. Gabriel's Cake, other donations.

Volunteer to work: Sign up to help at the Picnic.

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

Today – Ascension Parish Picnic, Moravia
 August 1 – St. Joseph Picnic, Yoakum