

August 22, 2021

## Ordinary Time

Twenty-first Sunday



### Staying or Leaving

#### The Choice of Keeping Faith With God

**Our consideration of Jesus' teaching about the bread of life leads us to the threshold of a decision. Will we choose Jesus, despite the incredible claims he makes? Or will we decide to stay where we are; satisfied with the lives we are living? For believers, faith in Christ consists in recognizing Jesus as the savior who has the words of eternal life. Choosing Jesus will bring us deeper into the mystery of the Eucharist. Are you willing to entrust your life to God through Jesus?**



Flowers for the altar the weekend, are donated by Bernice LaSeur in memory of Eddie, Joyce & Mark Kubecka.

Flowers in front of the Blessed Mother are donated in thanksgiving to the medical team and first responders for the care given at Praha Picnic.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, August 26

4:30 p.m. Stazy Hajek

Saturday, August 28

4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving For A Successful Picnic

Sunday, August 29

8:00 a.m. Julia & Anton Stryk

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

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15**

**Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**

**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

### HALL RENOVATION FUND DONATIONS



We thank the following for their contributions:

*Betty Patalik - \$200*

*Anonymous Donor From Praha - \$2,000*

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:

*Thank You & God Bless - \$20*

*In Memory of Kathy McKerlie - \$20*

*In Memory of the Parma Family - \$20*

*Melanie Quinlan-Farley, Kemp, TX - \$20*

*Anne & Tad Walsh, Cedar Park, TX - \$20*

*In Memory of Lilian & Charlie Orsak - \$20*

*Bonnie & Tom Griffin, Bergheim, TX - \$20*

*Ricky, Mamcy & Kennedy Mallet, Welsh, LA - \$20*

*Vickie L. & Eldon R. Flower, Kingwood, TX - \$20*

### ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of David Labay*

*Mary & Charlie Bartos*

*In Memory of Ollie Pospisil: Arlene Holmes*

**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 & Virgil Price.**



**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Mike Decker.**

## REFLECTION

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Psalm 34**  
**Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69**

### *Decide Today*

The decisions called for in today's readings are not the kind we face every day. They are not choices among several options, all of relatively the same value. Rather, they are life decisions, the kind that determine the fundamental direction we will take and consequently influence every other decision we will make. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. This decision would determine their identity. They would be known as the people of whichever god they would choose, and they would be bound to the norms and practices set down by that god. "Decide today whom you will serve." The disciples of Jesus had to make a similar decision. Was he the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations? And if not to him, "To whom shall we go."

We make our decisions based on our experience and our aspirations. Is the direction we will take a familiar one? And if it is not, is there reason to think it is still the one for us to take? Is there someone who knows this path and who can help us in our decision? If there is not, is there any reason for us still to decide on this course of action? It seems that the major decisions in life must be made on the basis of insufficient information. In other words, they demand faith.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 23 – Doris Kalina  
August 24 – Marilyn Cerny  
August 25 – Nathan Vrazel  
August 27 – Anna Fishbeck  
– Kathleen Svatek

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 26 – Esther & Edward Brautigam  
August 27 – Congratulations Hilary & Greg Grahmann  
on your 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Pray for the repose of the soul of

***Luciano Ruiz, Jr.***

and the comfort of his loved ones.

*May he rest in peace.*



\* Luciano is the son-in-law of Marilyn & Allen Cerny.

**Moulton Church Picnic - September 19**

## PRAŽSKÁ POUT UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Wow! What a Picnic. How are we going to top that one? We could not have done this without God's help, the support, hard work and generosity of parishioners and friends of the Parish alike.

Among many others. I single out our Sister Parish, Moulton parishioners. They came, they worked, they donated items and bought at the auction. How gracious of them. Hopefully, you will also help with the Moulton Picnic – September 19<sup>th</sup>.

I know people want to know seconds after the Picnic how many plates were sold and how much the Picnic made. Some others do Monday morning quarterbacking about what went wrong. I get all that. We had a successful Picnic. Let us now pat ourselves on the back and take a victory lap for a job well done and a successful day. The glitches and figures will be addressed in their own time. We prepared a meal for close to 6,000 plates with 14,000 pieces of chicken, 2,200 pounds of stew meat – 14 kettles of stew, 2,000 pounds of potatoes, 34 cases of sauerkraut, 60 cases of green beans, 215 loaves of bread, pickles, kolaches, cakes, pies and cookies and enough tea mix to make 480+ gallons of tea. In addition, 530 cases of beer, 94 cases of water, 39 ½ cases of soda water, ... Only Jesus multiplies loaves and fishes, not Fr. Gabriel – *at least not yet. HA! HA!*

Right now, we are moving the Moulton Picnic to the front burner. There is a lot to be done to kick it in gear. I need your help.

I thank the various chairpersons who did a fantastic job managing the booths and work stations - hats off to Helen Schaefer who has been managing the kitchen for 37 years. She and her crew did a fantastic job. The stew they said was the best. Thanks to Jr. Chaloupka and crew. Thanks to Johnnie Hoffman and crew, the chicken was excellent. I also thank the many who worked behind the scenes night and day to get the Hall and Kitchen in working order for the Picnic. It was 68 degrees in the Hall. When was the last time you experienced that in Praha Hall on August 15<sup>th</sup>?

Lastly, I thank Mary Lou, our Administrative Assistant for managing the Control Center so well to accomplish our mission. I love it when the plan comes together.

God bless,

*Fr Gabriel*

Through the waters of Baptism  
***Greyson Liam Grahmann***  
child of Hilary & Greg Grahmann  
has begun his journey of faith  
in our Christian community.



**Cistern Picnic Today:** Cistern parishioners were at our Picnic to help us last week. It is only fair that we also attend their Picnic today to support them. At least go get a plate. Thank you.