

September 5, 2021

Ordinary Time

Twenty-third Sunday



“Ephphatha!” – “Be Opened!”

The readings of this Sunday offer us a vision of when God himself comes running to us. Eyes will be opened, ears unstopped and hearts will leap for joy. They tell us that these marvels are brought about through God’s power and that, left to our own devices, we sometimes make distinctions that divide.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, September 9
4:30 p.m. Ollie M. Pospisil
Saturday, September 11
4:30 p.m. Gary Greive
Sunday, September 12
8:00 a.m. Edith Pavlicek

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

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116
Second Reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Elaine & Bennie Petrash.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



Join us at the Praha Hall at 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast, and fellowship. All are welcome

We invite parishioners who would like to sign up to help serve and prepare breakfast. We need eight people each month and the time commitment is from 7:15-10:30 a.m. All supplies are provided - we need your helping hands and smiling face! Contact Lori Janecka if you would like to sign up for any month.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the Praha Altar Society!

Lori Janecka, Tracie Holub & Robin Cerny

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Grandpa was almost stone deaf. He finally went to see the doctor to see if anything could be done about his condition. The doctor fit him with a set of hearing aids that allowed him to hear like new.

When Grandpa went back to the doctor for his monthly checkup, the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.”

Grandpa replied, “Oh, I haven’t told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to their conversations. I’ve already changed my will three times!”

The word Jesus used when he healed the deaf man in today’s Gospel was “*Ephphatha*,” which means “Be opened.” At each of our baptisms, the celebrant prayed a prayer that our ears would be opened to hear God’s word, and our mouths be opened to proclaim it.

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.

PRAYER FOR RAIN



Lord, God, in you we live and move and have our being. Help us in our present time of trouble. Send us the rain we need and teach us to seek your helping hand on the way to eternal life. We ask this through our Lord

Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION

Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-27

Jesus Opens Our Eyes and Our Ears

From the time of our religious ancestors God promised to save us, to open eyes that are blind and ears that are deaf, to enable us to leap with the joy of being saved, to release us from the cruel bondage of hate and oppression and suffering. God made these promises, and God is faithful because these promises have been fulfilled by Jesus. He opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world. Touched by Jesus in this way, our hearts leap with joy; our world and our lives are charged with the presence of God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 6 – Tom Teykl
September 7 – Dennis Mican
September 8 – Hilary Grahmann, Kolbe Hutzler
September 10 – Jurgen Hutzler, Edward Koncaba

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



September 5 – Judith & James Kubecka

SPITTING, TOUCHED HIS TONGUE



To give his apostles a break from their missionary work, Jesus has taken them to Lebanon. Now he returns, stopping at a Roman city called Scitapolis. Some people bring him a deaf-mute and ask for a healing. Jesus does a strange thing. He sticks his fingers in the

man's ears and rubs saliva on his tongue. We might wonder why he did these unusual acts. Basically, he is using sign language, probably the only words that the man can understand. Instead of a casual "be cured", Jesus gives the man the dignity and personal care that he deserves: away from the crowd.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

*Catholic Communications Campaign
Black & Native Americans
Catholic University
Please be generous.*

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY



On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

MOULTON CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 19

Moulton's Picnic is only two weeks away. Consider helping Moulton parish as the Moulton parishioners did for our Picnic.

There will be a shuttle service to bring visitors to and from the parking lots to the Social Center grounds. We are putting all measures in place to keep all safe and we ask for your cooperation. Please mark your calendar and come join us for a good time **September 19th**.

God bless,

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Here is How You Can Help

My donation to:

- The Auction: _____

- The Meat Fund \$ _____ Fr. Gabriel's Cake \$ _____

Other donations: _____

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Name: _____

Telephone: _____

A donation may be made to St. Joseph's Church, P. O. Box 399, Moulton, TX 77975 – or – online giving available at our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org. Designate donation as Moulton Picnic.

**Moulton Picnic Raffle Tickets available. \$30 a ticket.
Only 750 tickets printed. Grand prize - \$5,000.
To purchase Raffle Tickets, call 361-596-4674.
Raffle Tickets are not sold on Picnic Day.**

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