

September 12, 2021

## Ordinary Time

Twenty-fourth Sunday



### *The Son of Man Must Suffer*

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Flowers for the altar the weekend, are donated by Libby & Kyle Koncaba in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 8<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, September 16  
4:30 p.m. Vlasta Pekar  
Saturday, September 18  
4:30 p.m. Mariella Lemon  
Sunday, September 19  
8:00 a.m. Louis 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.

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

**No St. Joseph's Pancake Sunday Next Sunday  
(Church Picnic)**

**PICNIC REPORT – SEE INSERT**

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

*Memory of Wilson B. Korona - \$20*

*In Memory of Julia & Harold Singel - \$20*

*In Memory of John Estes - \$100*

*Grayson Estes & Haylie Treas*

*Visitor from Illinois - \$20*

*To Help Keep The Church Beautiful*

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

#### *By What Kind of Faith Do We Live?*

Today we direct our attention to the figure of the Messiah. There are several messianic traditions, each one characterizing the anointed one of the future in a unique way. The readings show us the diverse expectations of the people and how unexpected Jesus' radical self-proclamation was. Finally, the epistle is a reminder of how far we still are from recognizing the presence of the Messiah in our midst.

There are so many different understandings of the Messiah, many of them firmly rooted in our religious tradition. This very fact causes much of our misunderstanding. The people of Jesus' time held various views. They expected Jesus to act in a certain way, and they misunderstood him. Can we be so sure that we have the kind of insight they lacked? Can we claim to understand him? Or are we more like the people in James' community" people who profess faith in Jesus but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things but do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living? Do we recognize the Messiah in our midst?

### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

**First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 54**

**Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3**

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

### Holy Communion To The Homebound Resumed

If you are homebound and need to be brought Holy Communion at home, do please contact the Parish Office.



**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Annie & Frank Cerny.**

## REFLECTION

Isaiah 50:4c-9a Psalm 116 James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35

### *Dying With Jesus*

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. It is no wonder that we think there must be some mistake. Even the one who cries out in faith, "You are the Christ," can insist that their person must be rebuked: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." How does God think? God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives lose them; those who lose their lives save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit: Jesus will be killed but will then be raised from the dead.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 13 – Camden Bosl  
– Roger Moreno  
September 14 – Robin Cerny  
September 16 – Alphonse Kubenka  
– Helen Schaefer  
September 17 – Mike Moeller

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



September 14 – Helen & Ernest (Junior) Chaloupka  
– Elizabeth & Kyle Koncaba  
September 15 – Anna & Michael Fishbeck

**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>

**Remember the sick in your prayers this week,  
especially Scott MacDonald & Virgil Price.**

Pray for the repose of the soul of

***Cynthia Ann Baca***

and the comfort of her loved ones.

*May she rest in peace.*



**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.**

## **Moulton Church Picnic is next Sunday, September 19.**

To ensure the safety of all, face masks and social distancing are encouraged. Sanitizing stations will be available for your protection. We are putting all measures in place to keep everyone safe and we ask for your cooperation. Here is a breakdown of the Picnic.

**Mass:** In the church at 10:00 a.m.

**Drive Through Plates-To-Go:** The line forms between the old cemetery and the new cemetery (North Lancaster/Memorial Drive) and comes onto the Social Center grounds at the driveway on the north side of the building (Jaeggli Drive).

**Parking:** The parking lots around the church, etc. will be available for parking. Shuttle service available.

**Meat-To-Go:** Fried chicken and stew will be sold on the North West side of the stew/chicken frying kitchen.

**Dining Inside or on Picnic Grounds:** You may eat inside or at the picnic tables available outside - purchase your tickets in the Social Center.

**Music:** Ken Brothers outside from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Mark Halata & Texavia inside from 2 - 6 p.m.

**Beer Sales/Snack Bar/Hamburgers:** Inside and outside bars will be open, Snack Bar accessible from under the pavilion and from the Bingo room. Hamburger Stand is located outside near the Beer Stand.

**Auction:** The Auction will be held under the pavilion beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**Various Booths:** The Cake Walk, Bingo and Raffle will be inside. The Country Store, Face Painting, Fish Pond, Pencil Pull, Ball Throw, Money Tree, Over & Under, Plant Walk, Ring Toss, etc. will also be available outside for your Church Picnic entertainment.

## ORIENTATION

### ***Whoever comes to me must deny himself.***

Mark's Gospel is written to Christians who are facing persecution and possible martyrdom. Mark is holding Jesus up as a model because Jesus did not choose an extended life on earth over fidelity to his Father's will. Jesus chose the cross. However, the cross did not ultimately lead to death; it led to eternal life.

Here, in today's reading, Jesus is telling the apostles that he must suffer and die. Peter, rather than supporting Jesus on the necessity of suffering, suggests that it isn't necessary. That is the question central to Mark's Gospel. A person who tries to persuade another that suffering is unnecessary is acting as Satan, is tempting the person who must face suffering to be unfaithful. Jesus rejects Peter's temptation in the harshest of terms.

Mark emphasizes the lesson to be drawn from this interchange by having Jesus explain the lesson to both the disciples and the crowd; "*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.*"