

October 17, 2021

Ordinary Time

Twenty-ninth Sunday



The Least are Greatest

Today's readings serve as a commentary on the life of discipleship. Jesus defined the path to glory as one of service. Jesus declared that he had come to serve and to give his life as a ransom – the price required to redeem a slave or to recover an object that had been pawned. This gift of himself cost him no less than everything. He challenges us, his followers to be similarly spent for the sake of the Kingdom.

Are you willing to drink this cup?

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, October 21

4:30 p.m. Felix Hajek, Jr.

Saturday, October 23

4:30 p.m. Ollie M. Pospisil

Sunday, October 24

8:00 a.m. Donald 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



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

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

November 1st – *The Solemnity of All Saints*

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level and are with God.

Mass Schedule: Praha – 4:30 p.m.

Moulton – 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

November 2nd – *The Feast of All Souls*

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

Praha: Blessing of the Graves at 4:00 p.m.

Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Moulton: Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

All Souls Commemoration: During the month of November, we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use the All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail slot at the rectory by October 30.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Amy & Chelsey Young - \$20

In Memory of Nellie Vecera - \$40

The Potter Family, San Angelo, TX

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Hranicky - \$20

Robert Hranicky, La Grange, TX

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

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

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Praha Annual Meeting

Today in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Blair Tousek.



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Frances & Alois Anderle.

REFLECTION

**Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm 33 Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45**

As Jesus Did

James and John come up with a classic misunderstanding of the Christian way of life. "Grant that in your glory we may sit one on your right and the other on your left." Completely ignoring Jesus' words about suffering and death, they fear their importance will be overlooked when Jesus is finally recognized and accepted as the glorious Messiah most Jews were expecting. "Can you drink the cup that I drink, or be Baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" Early Christian baptism was always administered by immersion. Being submerged in water conveyed one's commitment to die with Jesus; coming up from the water, was one's belief in one's resurrection. The heart of Christian faith lies in Jesus' explanation of what it means to die with him. For Jesus, it is to be completely open to whatever God asks of us. Secondly, it is to accept even the most insignificant people on an equal footing with everyone else. Thirdly, it is to look at our entire lives and our purpose for being on this earth. By referring to himself as "a ransom for many", Jesus is saying he finds his value in the value of those he serves. If Jesus is important, it's only because he serves important people. Nothing could be more revolutionary!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 22 – Jenelle Cerny

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 17 – Jeanette & Carl Henke
October 18 – Bridgette & Matt Cerny

C.C.D. BEGINS TODAY

The 2021-22 C.C.D. Year begins today, October 17. If you are interested in having your child attend C.C.D. in Praha and have not yet registered your child(ren) contact Staci MacDonald or the Parish Office.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Mary Cecilia Jasek

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.



Priesthood Sunday October 31

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

World Mission Sunday

This day is designated to offer prayer and financial support for missionaries around the world. It is also a day to remember that the Church is missionary at its very core. All the baptized are called to carry on the mission of Christ and to proclaim the good news to the world.

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

29th – 30th Sundays in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus makes three predictions of his passion as he goes on his march to Jerusalem. In the gospel readings of the 29th and 30th Sundays in Ordinary Time, we are with Jesus and his disciples in the last phase of his journey to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus has just finished telling the Twelve what is in store for him at the end of the journey; arrest, insults, condemnation to death, and three days later – Resurrection. The disciples are following, but they are terrified. James and John, who have their minds on other things, believe that Jesus is announcing the beginning of an earthly Kingdom that has messianic dreams. As a consequence, they approached Jesus to ask that they be closely associated with his glory, in the first two places nearest him. Obviously, they have not understood anything. Jesus then moves to open the eyes of his blind disciples (29th Sunday).

Immediately afterward, the gospel reports that at that moment Jesus *was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, ... began to cry out and say, Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.* Moved by this man's faith, Jesus summons him and grants him what he asks: his sight. The man begins to follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem (30th Sunday). In these two stories we learn that it is the light of faith alone that allows us to see the true meaning of following Jesus.

AREA EVENTS

Today - St. Joseph's Pancake Sunday, 7:15-8:30 a.m.

Come join the Moulton parishioners for breakfast.

**October 29 - Holy Hour At Raphael's Refuge,
10:00 -11:00 a.m.** All are welcome

November 7 – Praha Veterans Day Celebration

Mass 9:30 a.m., Memorial Service 11:00 a.m., Air Force Flyover 11:45 a.m., Fried Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings \$12.

2022 AT HOME WITH THE WORD

To prepare for Mass use *At Home With The Word* to reflect on the Readings before Mass. Fill the form below for a free copy. Deadline October 24.

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2022 At Home With The Word

Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

Name _____