

November 14, 2021

Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday



Be Prepared!

As the Church's liturgical calendar winds down, the readings are sobering, scary, and hopeful. They shake up any complacency and pry us from misplaced confidences. We are told things will not always be the way they are now. Those who are concerned about the end of the world are counseled to entrust the unknown and unknowable future to God's caring and capable hands. The Good Shepherd has promised not to lose any of his sheep and it is this shepherd who is coming to fulfill his promise he made to us.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Robin & Gary Cerny in recognition of National Adoption Month – celebrating a family for every child.

November celebrates the lifelong benefits to families touched by the miracle of adoption, honors birth mothers for their courageous choice and remembers children who still need permanent homes.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, November 18
4:30 p.m. Cecilia & Charlie Hajek and Sissy Hajek
Saturday, November 20
4:30 p.m. Cecilia Lev
Sunday, November 21
8:00 a.m. Patricia Michna

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.

2021 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Assessment	\$8,710.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 5,200.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 3,510.00

Our quota must be paid by the end of the year.

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Georgia Cerny Rosemary Klekar

Do please consider making a donation.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Chris Parma, San Antonio, TX - \$200

In Memory of Mary Jasek

Trey Masek - \$30

Patti & Andy Masek - \$50

Cynthia & Allan Stryk - \$50

Charlotte & Larry Masek - \$25

Mary Ann & Emil Lev Family - \$40

Chaloupka Dairy (Elyse & Eugene Chaloupka) - \$100

In Honor of Mary & Charlie Bartos' 50th Wedding Anniversary: Robin & Gary Cerny - \$50

In Thanksgiving to God for Our Good Health

Betty & Steven Quiroga, Poteet, TX - \$75

We thank K.J.Z.T. #4 St. Anne's Praha for their recent donation of \$500 to St. Mary's Church.

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>

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Next weekend is *The Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 93

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37



**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Robert R. Schaefer.**

REFLECTION

**Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32**

Trust in God

At the close of the liturgical year, the readings speak of the end of time, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to his disciples about the days of final tribulation. They are a terrible undoing of creation, an extinguishing of the light of the sun and moon, with the stars falling from the sky. Against the backdrop of this chaos, Jesus assures his disciples that he will come again in power and glory, gathering his elect from "the end of the earth to the end of the sky." No matter what horrendous suffering they endure life will rise again in them through his power, he tells them. The readings today give hope that everlasting radiance and tender new beginnings come after refinement in the fiery furnace of suffering.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 15 – Lori & David Janecka
November 17 – Gail & Dennis Stryk
November 18 – Staci & Scott MacDonald

BARTERED BRIDE OPERA IN PRAHA NOVEMBER 20, 2:00 P.M., AT THE PAVILION

St. Mary's Church in Praha will be hosting the performance of Bedrich Smetana's opera *The Bartered Bride*, in a Road Tour, that is making its way to several Texas cities courtesy of the University of North Texas (UNT) and the Czech Educational Foundation of Texas.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. under the Pavilion adjacent to the Church. There is NO Charge. A good will offering will be accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy prior to the performance. Seating will be available, or attendees may bring their own lawn chairs. Following the performance there will be a recitation of the Rosary at 4:00 P.M. in the Church followed by Holy Mass at 4:30 P.M. *The UNT performers in the touring group are being led by Dr. Thomas Sovik.*

2022 Mass Book Opened: To book a Mass, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Light or Bulletin call the Parish Office or put your intention and offering into the collection basket or mail. *Called in requests will be honored only upon receipt of donation.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development. Please be generous.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:

4:30 p.m., Praha 6:30 p.m., Moulton

Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day Mass:

8:00 a.m., Moulton in Family Room

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offerings will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for your canned goods and non-perishable food. Monetary donations are also welcome. Drop monetary donations in the collection basket or mail.

Safe Environment Training Today For C.C.D.

Youth: The Diocese of Victoria requires each parish and diocesan entity to implement this program. The following training session will be held this week:

KidSmartz is a child safety program created by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children that strives to educate families about preventing abduction and empowering kids to practice safer behaviors. This program offers resources to help parents, caregivers and teachers protect kids by teaching and practicing the 4 Rules of Personal Safety using classroom lessons, at home lessons, parent tips and fun printable activities.

Liturgical Orientation

Every year, on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time the Church offers us a celebration explicitly centered on the mystery of the end-time. This Sunday makes the shift in the post-Pentecost season to the great themes of the end. This theme will be in the forefront from now until the First Sunday of Advent.

The Liturgy thus invites Christians to consider all things under the aspect of eternity by grounding themselves in their certainties guaranteed by faith: creation, which God made beautiful and good, will be transfigured by the Spirit; Christ will come again; those who prepared themselves to receive him will live with him forever; this future is decided in the present. It matters little to know when or how the new world will appear: at the end of a slow germination, invisible to human eyes, or with the dazzling suddenness of a flash of lightning? The images that evoke it must not mislead us. The day and the hour remain the secret to God alone.

We must note that in this Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we end the reading of Mark's gospel. On the following Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we read a passage from John.

Next Sunday, is the Thirty-fourth Sunday, or the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel proclaims Jesus king by the sign on his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. *Iesus nazarenus rex indaeorum* – Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews). The New Liturgical Year begins with Advent on November 28.