

November 21, 2021

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Solemnity



The Kingship of Jesus

When a witness is being sworn in at court, the bailiff asks, “Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?” Telling the truth can be difficult. For some the truth is worth dying for. In today’s Gospel, Jesus puts an end to the interrogation of Pontius Pilate. Jesus says he was born to speak the truth. “Whoever belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asks him, “What is truth?” We must ask ourselves the same question. Do you know the truth? Is Jesus the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth for you?

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday, November 24

4:30 p.m. For the Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday, November 27

4:30 p.m. Mary Ann Lev

Sunday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Mariella Lemon

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.



**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Katherine Pokluda.**

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.

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.
Do please consider making a donation.*

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

- Tracia & Steve Wiggs, Tyler, TX - \$20*
- Robin & Patrick Beard, Baton Rouge, LA - \$20*
- Steve Newton & Tracy Searle, Antioch, IL - \$20*

*In Memory of Mary Jasek
Denise Greive - \$25*

*In Honor of Mary & Charlie Bartos’
50th Wedding Anniversary
Denise Greive - \$25
Judie & Stephen Lev - \$50*

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 First Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

REFLECTION

**Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37**

The Kingship of Christ

In addition to providing a setting in history for the saving work of Jesus, today's gospel passage uses the figure of Pilate and the exchanges between him and Jesus to tell us who Jesus is.

- that Jesus is indeed a King.
- that his reign and authority are divine in origin.
- that those who should have recognized the truth about Jesus but refused to do so are culpable.

As the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate unfolds, Jesus tacitly accepts the title of King but the true significance of his Kingship and Kingdom are made clear.

Jesus and the Kingdom are divine in origin. This Kingdom is to be established not by human devising but by God alone and through the one who God has sent, Jesus.

The presence of Jesus in the world extends to all peoples the challenge of accepting the truth. Those who open themselves to the truth and respond to its demands will recognize the presence of God in the person and mission of Jesus.

The recognition of that presence is an experience of the Kingdom that has begun in Jesus and will forever continue in him until the end of time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 21 – Elmer Michna, Susan Velasquez
November 24 – Nick Patalik
November 26 – Delia Moeller



Congratulations

Delia & Mike Moeller

on your Silver Wedding Anniversary
November 23, 2021

Mass & Holy Hour at Raphael's Refuge November 22

Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by Exposition, Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome. Presider: Fr. Gabriel

The New Liturgical Year Begins Next Sunday

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the Church entrance for those who put in an order.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* is available in the sacristy.

St. Joseph's Pancake Sunday Today

7:15 – 8:30 a.m., Parish Hall, Moulton

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development. Please be generous.

November Is National Adoption Month



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.

ORIENTATION

King of the Universe

The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe brings us to the end of the liturgical year (the Church's calendar) and always replaces the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism and what he saw as an "Anything Goes" world. The feast refocuses our



attention on Jesus Christ's reign over the human race and human heart. Seven hundred years before Jesus' birth, the Prophet Micah announced his coming. The Magi came in search of a King. The people hailed him as King when he entered Jerusalem. Caiaphas and Pontius Pilate ask

if he was the King of the Jews, and his cross was raised with a sign declaring him King of the Jews.

Christ himself refused the title of King, yet we acclaim him as King in this feast. The feast emphasizes God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's return at the end of time, [his second coming] and his final sovereignty over all creation. This last theme is continued during the Season of Advent.

Calling Christ our King assumes that his Kingdom is unlike any other the earth has ever seen. He has no military might, passes no laws, imposes no taxes, and does not lord it over the subjects of his Kingdom. He rules by grace, and love and his reign extends to the farthest reaches of the universe. We belong to him. His Kingdom will have no end.

Praha Altar Society Forgoes Annual Bake Sale to partner with The Flatonia Band Booster Club to help defray expenses of Bob Hansen services.

The beloved Flatonia ISD Band Director, Bob Hansen recently passed away unexpectedly. Praha Altar Society has agreed to give up their Bake Sale date so the Band Booster Club can raise funds to help cover costs incurred. The Booster Club parents will staff the sale. The Altar Society hopes to help by donating homemade baked goods and canned good items for the **Band Booster Club Bake Sale on November 23rd**. Monetary offerings are also accepted. Mr. Hansen made a big impact on our community, and we hope to honor him with our donations.

– Lori Janecka, Tracie Holub & Robin Cerny