

May 8, 2016

The Ascension of the Lord



Christ Raised to Heaven Present in the Church

Christ, who ascended into heaven in his body, carries on what he began on earth through his new body – the community of believers. The Church is the place of manifestation of the invisible, though active presence of the Risen Lord. Jesus continues to teach, heal, and comfort us. We do not live without him as we wait. He is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the Church.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God for all mothers of our Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 14
4:30 p.m. Benjamin Smolik
Sunday, May 15
8:00 a.m. Henry Migl

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *Pentecost Sunday*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: 104
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

No Bible Study Wednesday, May 11

PICNIC RAFFLE PRIZES BEING SOLICITED



Anyone interested in making a donation may call Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) or Liz Janak (361-596-8206). *Thank you.*

Restoring Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent donations:

St. Mary's School Praha Reunion - \$200
United Methodist Women, Normangee, TX - \$100

In Memory of Marie Masek

Leona Jones, Weimar, TX - \$15

Michael W. Dale, Houston, TX - \$100

In Memory of Dorothy & David Rusmisl

Leannae Rusmisl Timmons, Conroe, TX - \$25

In Memory of Ludmilla & Anton Migl

and their two babies Dorothy Migl & Arnold Migl

Bea (Migl) & Allen Krejci, Shiner, TX - \$1,000

A Book of Memory with the names of Donors will be on display on the Church Rededication Day, June 12. To make a donation to the project contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674 or send an email to st_joe@sbcglobal.net.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH REDEDICATION JUNE 12, 2106

A Church Rededication Celebration Planning Committee has been set up to plan/coordinate the celebration. The following are the members: Carol Barta, Robin Cerny, Lori Janecka and Kathleen Svatek. They will meet in the school tomorrow, May 9, at 5:30 p.m.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

Remember to pray for the following intentions:

World Peace

Healing for Tim

Nina, Gillie, David

For our Lady's Intentions

My Son To Sell His House

My Mom Who Had Surgery

Recovery of Tina Masek and Thanksgiving

Healing of our family – good job for our son

Persecuted Christians and All Who Need Our Prayers

REFLECTION

A New Manner of Living In Christ's Peace

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another as Jesus loved us. This sounds so simple, and yet it is so radical. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God. It has assured us that regardless of outward appearances we have even here and now a foretaste of this heavenly city, if we but choose to live in the power of the resurrection. We will be recognized as resurrection people by our active faith and our unselfish love.

The final gift Jesus promises to give is his own peace. This cannot be a reference to safety from distress because the one who promises it is the one who faced humiliation and crucifixion. The peace Jesus bestows is a peace he has won by overcoming sin and death. It issues from the union Jesus enjoys with God, a union we are now invited to share. It is a peace in which we can rest even while in the throes of life's struggles. Jesus bequeaths his peace on us just after he has assured us that God will send the Spirit to be with us in his absence. This is the greatest of his farewell gifts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 10 – Louis Barta
May 11 – Timothy Pospisil
May 12 – Sadie Noska

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



May 12 – Dolores & David Labay
– Jane & John Schneider

SOCIETY NEWS

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Praha will participate in Join Hands Day, the National Day of Volunteering on Thursday, May 12. Members will assist at the Celebration House Food Pantry with the monthly food distribution beginning at 3:0 p.m. in the CCA Room at the Flatonia Civic Center.



All Junior and adult members are invited to attend and participate in this activity.

Happy Mother's Day

Prayer for Mother

Thank you, God for my mother. How many times have I said that I will be different from my mother – "better," unusual – not like her. Yet here I stand, morally and lovingly hers.

Thank you, God for all that she said and all that she did not say, for all that she did and all that she left undone.

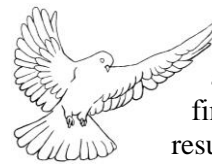
Thank you, God for letting me become so many of those good things that were my mother—the things I had not the wisdom to see in earlier day. Thank you, God for my mother.

– Donna Schaper

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet See Insert

PENTECOST – NEXT SUNDAY

Veni Sancte Spiritus Come Holy Spirit



As its name indicates, Pentecost is the feast that takes place fifty days after Easter Sunday. It is the crowning finale of the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, which lasts throughout Eastertime and ends with the pouring out of the Spirit over the apostles and in the Church. Pentecost is the final manifestation of God that has given birth to the Church. The liturgy commemorates the Pentecost that occurred in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter, yet transcends time. In fact, the liturgical celebration constantly makes this event present; from year to year. It allows those who celebrate the feast to share in the grace of the mystery. The celebration encompasses two Masses: one on Saturday evening, the other on Sunday. The liturgy for Pentecost offers a richly spread table, where everyone can feed on the living bread of the Word, entering into the mystery and taking its best fruits. Come, Holy Spirit!

***Take time this week to pray for the outpouring
of the Holy Spirit on our parish family.***

Prayer

*Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of thy faithful
and kindle in them the fire of thy love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And thou shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation,
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*