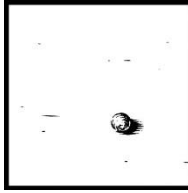


October 2, 2016

Ordinary Time

Twenty-seventh Sunday



Faith Works Wonders

Faced with the challenge of discipleship that calls for a constant conversion and renewal, it is not surprising that the apostles during their journey to Jerusalem turn to the Lord to plead:

“Increase our faith!”

If these pillars of faith petition the Lord in this manner, how much more reason do we have to do so, who are of little faith.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 8

2:00 p.m. Brown-Mica Wedding

4:30 p.m. Theresa & Jerry Kubenka

Sunday, October 9

8:00 a.m. Eugene A. Patalik, Sr.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm: 98

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

St. Anne’s K.J.Z.T. Society #4 Quarterly Meeting Next Sunday in the School Chapel after the 8 a.m. Mass. All members are invited to attend and participate.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week especially Rudy Patek and Julia Stryk.

October Month of the Most Holy Rosary

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2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment	\$7,618.00
Contributions So Far	\$4,520.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$3,098.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Jane Schneider

Deloris Smolik

Cynthia & Allan Stryk

Consider at making a contribution.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

St. Anne’s K.J.Z.T. Society #4 - \$500

In Memory of Patricia Brent

Harold Brent, Houston, TX - \$20

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200

(Pledged Payment)

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary’s Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Matıcka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

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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:

For Ryan

For Daniel

For Sam Kilmer

For Nina Carpenter

For Our Grandchildren

In Memory of John Mooneyham

Come Back To My Beloved Texas

Prayers For My Mother, Imogene

For Stella, Ruben, Justine Velasquez

For Tab & Dale (for Marriage & Baby)

For Successful Heart Surgery for Sister-in-law

For William Duffy, Margaret Duffy, Connie Taylor

REFLECTION

The Service of Faith

The second part of the Gospel this Sunday does not speak specifically of faith but of *disinterested service*.

In the parable the Servant was doing double duty. Ordinarily, in the ancient world, a person who owned servants designated their allotted tasks; some labored in the fields while others were assigned domestic duties. Even with the heavy burden he was doing no more than was expected of him as a servant. Therefore, he should not have expected even an expression of gratitude from his master.

Jesus' point is clear; those who accept God's gift of faith and the relationship that flows from it are to consider themselves *servants*, no more, no less. The issue in this parable is not how the Master treats the servant but how the Servant understands his role. God is God and Master; we are creatures and servants. Faith affords us the insight to understand who we are, servants in the manner of Jesus, who assumed the role of the servant who suffered, washed the feet of his own, and ministered to sinners. With this example in mind, the implications of the parable are clear. Even if our actions never cause scandal and we forgive those who wrong us on every occasion, we are doing no more than our duty. Our discipleship calls us to keep stirring into flame the gift of faith. This is our duty and honor.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 2 – Hattie Stryk
October 5 – Brooke Cerny
October 8 – Gary Cerny, Georgia Cerny

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 2 – Georgiann & Louis Barta
– Denise & Gary Greive



WEDDING BANNS

Julie Ann Brown & Tyler Charles Mica

Respect Life Sunday is celebrated today. The purpose is to raise consciousness and provide resources on various issues that affect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. We pray for – and renew our resolve to bring about – a culture of life and an end to the killing of innocent human beings, especially those who are vulnerable due to age, size, health or dependency.

Safe Environment Training For C.C.D. Students – October 12

Safe Environment Presentation

Strong Voices, Smart Choices is peppy and bright, addressing real situations children encounter and ways to address these situations in a positive way. A friendly stranger offers some bottles of water to Ben at the park as he takes a break from a game. His friends race over and remind him of the safety rules. Later at home, Ben's parents express their concern about his lack of judgment and inform him that his older brother and his friends are turning the situation into a speech class project about personal safety. The teens present an animated lesson that explains the difference between trusting adults and respecting them. They also illustrate how to avoid bad situations, how to respond if something bad happens and how to get help from someone they trust.

ORDINARY TIME

27th Sunday – 34th Sunday (Christ The King)

Introduction: During this period of Ordinary Time the Lectionary readings begin with a continuation of our reflection on discipleship and community and then abruptly change. In the last weeks we see that the mysterious workings of God find their culmination in the establishment of the reign of God and our invitation to enter into the reign.

First Readings: We are told at the onset that faith is the foundation stone of our lives. Later the readings move away from what is expected of us to the unexpected that God accomplishes. The role of prayer is next considered. The final passage that highlights the life of the disciple reminds us of the attitudes that should be ours when we come before God in prayer. We must identify ourselves with the lowly and the needy and humbly bring our petitions before God confident God will hear our prayers.

Psalms: The Responsorial Psalms create an assortment of prayerful responses to God and can be viewed as responding to some theme found in the First Reading.

Second Readings: With the exception of the reading for the Feast of Christ the King, the passages are continuous readings from 2 Timothy and 2 Thessalonians.

Gospels: The Gospel readings are a collection of the teachings of Jesus. The one account of the healing of ten lepers ends with an instructive saying, and the report of Jesus' visit to Zacchaeus is a lesson in action. The teaching itself focuses on four major themes: the question of faith, aspect of prayer, the universality of salvation, and the aspects of the end-time.

Conclusion: We live in the time between. The reign of God has been established already, but its flowering is not yet accomplished. All the readings address some aspect of this in-between time. Above all, we are reminded that we have indeed died with Christ and we have risen with him, and so we have nothing to fear. All we have to do is open ourselves to the wonders prepared for us.