

February 26, 2017
Ordinary Time
Eighth Sunday



I've Got Your Back

Through faith and trust in God's providence, Jesus' disciples become better able to turn life's pages one by one, to live each day as if it were our last, to set aside yesterday's regrets and to deal with tomorrow's struggles only when tomorrow becomes today.

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday, March 1
5:00 p.m. For the Welfare of Parishioners
Saturday, March 4
4:30 p.m. Spec. Intention – Jurgen Paul Hutzler
Sunday, March 5
8:00 a.m. Ernest Jasek

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The First Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Responsorial Psalm: 51
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Holy Rosary Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat: Mar. 16-19

Registration forms are available at the entrance to church. For more information contact Kathleen Svatek at 214-280-7828.

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Quarterly Meeting Today, in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Catherine & Larry Meyer, Houston, TX - \$100

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200
(Pledged Payment)

In Memory of Adolph C. Jasek
Mary Jasek Family - \$25

Faith & John Broussard, Montgomery, TX - \$50

We received the follow note from the Broussards:

St. Mary's Parishioners,

Thank you so much for allowing us to walk and pray in your church.

It is a beautiful church and it's obvious that you are very proud of it.

My husband and I were there to see all the "painted churches", and it was an enjoyable tour.

Please accept this one-time donation for our thanks.

Sincerely,

Faith Broussard

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

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Frances Anderle
Mary & Charlie Bartos

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 Elmer Kobza

For Gus Schobel

For Janet & Stephen

Please Heal Katie Gerken

For My Brother Ruben Velasquez

In Thanksgiving For a Blessed Life

For The Well Being of the Bailey Baby

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

REFLECTION

Trust In God

During these Sundays of Ordinary Time we have been with the disciples in the presence of Jesus, listening to his instructions about discipleship. From the Fourth to the Seventh Sundays, we heard the first part of the Sermon on the Mount, which ended with the command: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The second part of the sermon, begins by showing in what spirit the disciples must accomplish traditional good works, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them." We then skip the first 23 verses of Matthew 6 which picture Jesus teaching his disciples about almsgiving, about prayer – the "Our Father", about fasting, and about not storing treasures on earth. Today's Gospel reading begins when Jesus says, "No one can serve two Masters ... You cannot serve both God and mammon." To be a disciple of Christ one must make a wholehearted choice to serve God. Love of God must be the top priority. All other *loves* must not be in competition with the primary commitment. Jesus then teaches us as disciples that we have no reason to be overly concerned about material things, rather we should trust God to provide what is essential. Again, worrying doesn't help because we cannot by worrying add a single moment to our life-span. If we "seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness," everything else that we need will be provided. All is in God's hands, we only have to trust.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



February 26 – Frank Michalak
March 1 – Patricia Masek
– Michael Hill
March 5 – Jason Bartos

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



March 1 – Darlene & Bob Stryk

LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Joseph's Church, Moulton



Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent
5:00-7:00 p.m., \$8.00 Per Plate
Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert

**Dine in the Parish Hall
Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go**

*All proceeds go to charities.

St. Joseph's Church Altar Society



Noodle Soup Dinner and Drawing Today
St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Moulton

Dine In or Soup, Sandwiches and Desserts To-Go

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday – March 1

Mass Schedule:

St. Mary's, Praha
5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's, Moulton
6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

"Come and admit you are a sinner in need of redemption" is hardly an invitation the typical American would find favorable. The power of Ash Wednesday however, calls believers to their place of worship in droves to confess their sin, and even to wear a public sign of their repentance.

The blessing and administration of ashes opens this season of sorrow and mercy. Ash Wednesday has been observed throughout the universal church for over nine hundred years. It invites the baptized faithful into a spirit of repentance. Even those who do not frequent the Mass come to express their sorrow and to receive the symbol of repentance. This is a day of fast and abstinence. The faithful are asked to abstain from meat today. That includes poultry but not fish and seafood. Still, the idea is to eat simply, not lavishly as a sign of self-denial and repentance.

Parish Weekly Mini-Retreat

Thursdays of Lent (begins March 9)

Mass – 5:30 p.m. Class – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

What does it mean for you to live as a child of God? Join other parishioners on Thursday evenings this Lent for Lenten Reflection and Prayer. To participate, bring your Bible. Avail yourselves the opportunity of walking closer with God this Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving: As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters at home and in all nations. The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.

***Lenten Food Drive:** Leave your canned goods for the needy at the back of Church.

***Lenten Second Collection (Rice Bowl):** Begins next Sunday.