

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Reason For Our Hope

In today's Gospel Jesus affirms that we are never alone or without resources for whatever we are called upon to be or to do. Always mindful that the Spirit is always with us, we continue to witness to the world. The reason for our joy, our love, our faith and our hope will always be the same – Jesus.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Celine Kalina in thanksgiving to God.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 27
4:30 p.m. Victor, Hattie & Jerome Hermis
Sunday, May 28
8:00 a.m. Lillie Zimmerhanzel

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY



Next weekend is *The Ascension of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: 47
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Joey E. Velasquez
and for the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment \$7,670.00
Contributions So Far \$ 2,210.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 5,460.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Celine Kalina
Helen Wiedemann
Rosemary & Arthur Klekar

Do please consider making a donation.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Honor of Stazy Hajek's Birthday
Betty Patalik & Family - \$25

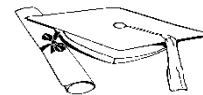
In Memory of Lillie Zimmerhanzel
Pat Masek - \$15
Betty Patalik - \$20
Mary & Marcus Jasek - \$20

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 Lillie Zimmerhanzel
Stazy Hajek *Georgie Cerny*

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE



Karmyn Michalec

Daughter of Al Michalec and Lori Janecka

We thank the Altar Society for sponsoring the coffee, juice and donuts after Mass in her honor.

THE FEAST OF ASCENSION



The feast of Ascension which is traditionally celebrated forty days counting from Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28 in the Diocese of Victoria.

SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY MASS - JUNE 18

To have your father specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Father's Day envelope in the collection basket or mail by June 13.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially James Kubecka.

REFLECTION

Life In The Spirit

As we approach the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we meditate upon the continued presence of Christ in his followers through the Spirit.

The Christian life is not an external observance of Christ's Commandments but an intense relationship with the Three Persons of the Trinity.

Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the Commandments of God not in a constraining way but out of love. Love prompts us to pattern our lives after the model of Jesus, the one we love. This means we will live with clear consciences, with gentleness and reverence. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will overflow into the lives of others. We will be agents of God's love in the world. Through our kindness and our commitment to righteous living we will cast out the unclean spirits of greed and selfishness, the spirits of deceit and manipulation, the spirits of hatred and violence. Our lives will be evidence of the Spirit in our midst.

The Liturgical Year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 22 – Johnny Alvarado

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 Craig Moody
For Harold's Healing
For Lila Rieve's Soul
Healing for Anna Decker
In Memory of Daryl Chady
For Keenan & Koy's Souls
For Prayer for Margaret Miles
For Healing of Ivan, Nora & Vic
For Ernie Hunt & Annabelle Yeske
For All Those Dealing With Diabetes
Pray For Greg: Mind, Body & Spirit
For My Husband's Conversion to the Catholic Faith
For My Mom, Phyllis Lory Who Passed Away 3/4/17
For Good Health & Healing & Family Reconciliation
Please Pray My Boys Will Return to Our Family With Our Grandchildren

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria
Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community. *Please be generous.*

Praha Picnic

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

Praha Picnic will be here before you know it. We have begun preparations here at the office and many people are already working behind the scenes for the annual event.

Picnic Raffle: Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) and Liz Janak (361-596-8206) are soliciting donations for the Raffle. Do please contact them or the Parish Office (361-596-4674) if you wish to make a donation. The deadline is May 31.

* Note: Last year we had 46 raffle prizes donated. We thank the following early birds for their donations to the 2017 Raffle:

<i>Floy Farm Interior</i>	<i>Tex Propane</i>
<i>Werner's Restaurant</i>	<i>Leona Herzik</i>
<i>St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4</i>	<i>Melvin Hutzler</i>
<i>Patek Grocery & Market</i>	<i>Arlan's Market</i>
<i>SouthStar Bank, Moulton</i>	<i>Prosperity Bank</i>
<i>Maresh Drilling Co., LLC</i>	<i>Parker Lumber Co.</i>
<i>Flatonia Veterinary Clinic</i>	<i>Schulenburg Printing</i>
<i>Flatonia Livestock Commission</i>	<i>Richter Well Drilling</i>
<i>Round Top State Bank, La Grange Branch</i>	

Picnic Chairpersons: Look out for letters in the mail this week. Picnic Meeting dates to be announced.

Bands for the Picnic: Jason Bartos has been busy securing and scheduling the bands. Here is the list:

Texas Sound Check Band – 11 a.m. - 1p.m.
and 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
The Moravians – 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
The Czechaholics – 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph's July 10-14, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This year's theme is *Mighty Fortress*. The program is open to young people of our community, age 4 through Fourth Grade. The fee for the VBS students will be \$10 per child to help cover the cost of craft materials, T-shirts and other incidentals. The program is subsidized by St. Joseph's and supported by parish societies. *Praha Parish youth are invited to participate.*

To register contact the Parish Office in Moulton (361-596-4674). Registration deadline is May 31st.