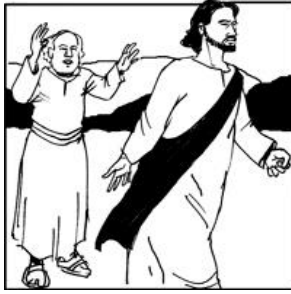


September 3, 2017

Ordinary Time

Twenty-second Sunday



Follow Me

Today's gospel focuses on Jerusalem and the coming passion of Jesus. Peter who did not want any harm to come to Jesus, responds with an objection and reasons why this cannot be. Soon, he and the others would learn that suffering was indeed part of Jesus' future. They like us, are invited to bear trials with courage and faith and follow Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 9

4:30 p.m. The Elizabeth & Frank Hajek Sr. Family

Sunday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Special Intention – Edward Jurek

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: 95

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

**St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4 Praha Bake Sale
September 2** after Mass. Proceeds will benefit:

The Flatonia Public Library

The Sisters of the Incarnate Word, Victoria

Flatonia Catholic Daughters Mini-Retreat – Sept 9

Date change for Sign-up: The sign up date for the Mini Retreat, *Our Relationship With God: Prayer* has changed from **Friday, September 1 to Monday, September 4**. Date of Mini-Retreat, Saturday, Sept. 9 and time of 9:00 to 12:00 (noon) has stayed the same. Join us for breakfast (no charge) at 8:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. This retreat is hosted by the Flatonia Catholic Daughters. You may call Kathleen Svatek at 214-280-7828 or just sign up on the form in back of the church. Hope to see you there!

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Marvin Jasek

Julia Stryk - \$25

In Memory of Vsecm - \$40

Brzobohaty, Prague, Czech Republic

In Honor of Theresia Okruhlik Bures - \$500

Cathy & Albert Bures, Yoakum, TX

Julia Ardery and Bill Bishop, La Grange, TX - \$1,000

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 James Schneider

Betty Jane & Elmer Cohn

In Memory of Dianne Simper

Georgia Cerny

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 My Marriage

For Job & Health

For Yvette's Cancer Battle

For Cora Smith & Jean Lake

Pray for Beulah & Christian

For Help to Find Employment

For Justine & Ruben Velasquez

For the Marriage of Meg & Paul

For Dora Shipley & Meera Bette

Freedom for All & For Our Health

For My Family to be Healthy & Happy

To Help Me Find Out What is Ailing Me

The First Anniversary of My Mom's Death

Help My Son Learn of His Czech Heritage

For the Eternal Repose of Saulito Villalobos

For Janet & Mark Bied, Nursing Group from Lakeway

For My Husband to be Free From Any Drugs & to be

Healthy

Please bring Chad, Ashley, Penny & Jim back to

Catholic Faith

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

REFLECTION

Losing One's Life To Follow Christ

Having announced his passion, Jesus immediately addresses his disciples. "To take up one's cross" and "to follow Jesus" go hand in hand. This means that we must lose possession of ourselves in order to gain life. Either we follow Christ, as Peter finally did, or else we remain an obstacle in his way. Following Jesus would entail losing life so as to find it and serve it. To serve one's life means to hold on to it, to love it and be attached to it and, therefore, to fear suffering and death. To lose one's life is to let go of it, and therefore to be willing to die. The paradox is that the person who fears death is already dead, whereas the person who has ceased to fear death has, at that moment, begun to live. A life that is genuine and worthwhile is only possible once one is willing to die. Jesus was fully alive because he was willing to suffer and die, not for a cause but for people.

With Peter and the other disciples we are invited to "get behind" Jesus by accepting the sufferings that are inherent in living. We can do this by faith in Jesus' promise of life everlasting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 4 – Bryn Stryk

September 7 – Dennis Mican

September 8 – Hilary Grahmann, Kolbe Ray Hutzler

Happy Belated Birthday: Anna Fishbeck, Kathleen Svatek, Marcella V. Henke, Gail Stryk, Johnny Barcak, Rylie Noska, Bradley Kubecka, Sireta Michalak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



September 5 – Congratulations Judith & James Kubecka on your 30th Wedding Anniversary

Happy Belated Anniversary: Elyse & Eugene Chaloupka

THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY

We thank everyone who baked goodies for our Cake Walk at the Picnic. It was a huge success. We made \$2,460 and we could not have done it without everyone working together. Great job!

Thank you again,

Lori Janecka

Altar Society President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 17 – Moulton Church Picnic

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

*Catholic Communications Campaign,
Black & Native Americans, Catholic University
Please be generous.*

THANK YOU!

Dear friends,

Thanks be to God for another successful Picnic. God blessed us with a beautiful day. Thanks to all the parishioners and out-of-town helpers who worked so hard together for a noble cause. Special thanks to all those who worked behind the scenes to get it all ready; those who worked in the various booths/work stations; those who helped with the cleanup after the Picnic, and the many individuals and businesses who generously donated to make it such a successful day.

I am grateful to all of you for your support, generosity and tireless efforts to get the mission accomplished. May God continue to smile on all of you for a job well done.

** See Picnic Report Insert*

Additional Meat Fund Donations

Patsy Zamykal, Moulton - \$15

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde - \$100

Donna & Tim Masek (South Central Electric) - \$50

Additional Bingo Donations: 4-E Dairy - \$20

Additional Music Fund Donations

Patsy Zamykal, Moulton - \$15

Additional Toy Box Donations

Betty Patalik - \$25

Anonymous Donor - \$50

LAST WEEKEND'S MASSES RESCHEDULED

Owing to the hurricane force winds and rain from Hurricane Harvey last weekend's Masses were canceled. They have been rescheduled as follows:

Special Intention-Marcella Vana Henke – Dec. 9, 2017

Anton Stryk – Dec. 16, 2017

AT HOME WITH THE WORD

Advent – Christ the King 2018

To foster full, conscious, and active participation in the Sunday Liturgy all parishioners are encouraged to prepare for the celebration. One way of getting ready for the Mass is to reflect on the liturgical readings at home. You realize that the *Breaking Bread Books* do not have the readings so copies of *At Home With The Word* are ordered for all those who sign up for them. A copy is \$8 but if you fill in the form below and return it in the collection basket, drop slot or mail it in by September 24, you get a copy for free.



2018 At Home With The Word

Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

Name _____