

September 6, 2015

## Ordinary Time

Twenty-third Sunday



**“Ephphatha!” – “Be Opened!”**

The readings of this Sunday offer us a vision of when God himself comes running to us. Eyes will be opened, ears unstopped and hearts will leap for joy. They tell us that these marvels are brought about through God’s power and that, left to our own devices, we sometimes make distinctions that divide.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday, September 9

6:00 p.m. For the Welfare of the Parish

Saturday, September 12

4:30 p.m. Delphin Janecka

Sunday, September 13

8:00 a.m. Julia Okruhlik

### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Read ahead and be prepared for next weekend, *The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible:

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116**

**Second Reading: James 2:14-18**

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**



### BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for a bible study class after Mass on Wednesdays until 7:30 p.m.

### Mass Intention Bookings Available



**September 19 & 27**

To book a Mass contact the Parish Office in Moulton (361-596-4674).

## Restoring Maticka Praha



### Church Restoration Fund Donations

We thank the following for their recent donations:

**Theresa Stastney, Cypress, TX - \$500**

**Nancy & Thomas Petru - \$209**  
(pledge payment for pew restoration)

**In Memory of Eugene A. Patalik, Sr.**  
Betty Patalik - \$2,000

**In Memory of Relatives (The Chaloupkas)**  
**Buried in the Cemetery**  
Linda Kutach, Bastrop, TX - \$100

To make a tax deductible donation towards the restoration project: Restoring Maticka Praha contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Grandpa was almost stone deaf. He finally went to see the doctor to see if anything could be done about his condition. The doctor fit him with a set of hearing aids that allowed him to hear like new.

When Grandpa went back to the doctor for his monthly checkup, the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.”

Grandpa replied, “Oh, I haven’t told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to their conversations. I’ve already changed my will three times!”

The word Jesus used when he healed the deaf man in today’s Gospel was “*Ephphatha*,” which means “Be opened.” At each of our baptisms, the celebrant prayed a prayer that our ears would be opened to hear God’s word, and our mouths be opened to proclaim it.

### AT HOME WITH THE WORD

#### Advent – Christ the King 2016

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 20, you get a copy for free.

#### 2016 At Home With The Word

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## REFLECTION

### Jesus Opens Our Eyes and Our Ears

From the time of our religious ancestors God promised to save us, to open eyes that are blind and ears that are deaf, to enable us to leap with the joy of being saved, to release us from the cruel bondage of hate and oppression and suffering. God made these promises, and God is faithful because these promises have been fulfilled by Jesus. He opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world. Touched by Jesus in this way, our hearts leap with joy; our world and our lives are charged with the presence of God.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 7 – Robert Benys

– Dennis Mican

September 8 – Hilary Koncaba

September 10 – Edward Koncaba

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today – Picnics: Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica, Cuero

– St. John Annual Feast, Fayetteville

– Sacred Heart Picnic, Hallettsville

– Shiner Catholic Church Labor Day Picnic

Sept. 7 – Labor Day, Parish Office Closed

Sept. 9 – Mass & Bible Study Class

Sept. 13 – Holy Cross Festival, Yorktown

Sept. 16 – Mass & Bible Study Class

**Sept. 20 – Moulton Church Picnic**

Sept. 23 – Mass & Bible Study Class

**Sept. 27 – Picnic Appreciation Dinner**

(Look out for details)

– Sts. Peter & Paul Festival, Meyersville

## SPITTING, TOUCHED HIS TONGUE



To give his apostles a break from their missionary work, Jesus has taken them to Lebanon. Now he returns, stopping at a Roman city called Scitapolis. Some people bring him a deaf-mute and ask for a healing. Jesus does a strange thing. He sticks his fingers in the

man's ears and rubs saliva on his tongue. We might wonder why he did these unusual acts. Basically, he is using sign language, probably the only words that the man can understand. Instead of a casual "be cured", Jesus gives the man the dignity and personal care that he deserves: away from the crowd.

## PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY



On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank

you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

– Archdiocese of Detroit

## MOULTON CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, September 20, K.C. Hall

**Open Air Mass 10:00 a.m. at the City Park**



### FRIED CHICKEN & STEW DINNER

**\$9.00 Per Plate**

**Begins at 10:30 a.m.**

**Drive-thru plates-to-go and meat-to-go available.**

Train Ride, Ball Throw  
Fish Pond, Ring Toss

Hamburgers, Sno-cones  
Popcorn, and more...

Cake Walk, Plant Walk  
Country Store

### AUCTION

1:00 p.m.

Livestock, quilts, hand-made items

### DRAWING

Grand Prize

\$5,000.00 Gift Certificate

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moulton, Texas Picnic Always Third Sunday of September

*Many Moulton parishioners helped to make our Pražská Pout a success by working at the picnic, purchasing raffle tickets, donating to various funds, donating/buying at the auction. Won't you consider helping our sister parish. To make a donation or to find out how you can help contact the Parish Office at 361-596-4674.*