

October 18, 2015

## Ordinary Time

Twenty-ninth Sunday



### *Servant of All, Like the Lord*

Today's readings serve as a commentary on the life of discipleship. Jesus came to serve and to suffer for our sake. Our servant calling must likewise remain humble and open to the prospect of sharing in Christ's redemptive suffering. Are we willing to drink this cup?



**Altar Flower Donors Needed:**  
See chart at the entrance to church  
for available dates.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 24  
4:30 p.m. Henrietta & George Migl  
Sunday, October 25  
8:00 a.m. Marcella Chaloupka

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



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

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126**  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6**  
**Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52**

**Break Time:** Fr. Gabriel will be away next weekend. While he is away, Mary Lou will continue to handle the day to day affairs of the office. Do please contact the Parish Office for any pastoral need.

### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

#### November 1<sup>st</sup> – *The Feast of All Saints*

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

**Mass Schedule: Praha – 8:00 a.m.**

Moulton – 6:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

#### November 2<sup>nd</sup> – *The Feast of All Souls*

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

**Mass Schedule:**

**Praha – Blessing of the Graves at 4:30 p.m.**

**Mass at 5:00 p.m.**

Moulton – Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Blessing of the graves after Mass.

#### All Souls Commemoration

During the month of November we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use the attached All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail by October 31.

### Restoring Maticka Praha



#### **Church Restoration Fund Donations**

We thank the following for their recent donation:

*In Memory of W. C. Juliav*

*Celine Kalina - \$20*

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

### PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY



The last Sunday in October is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and to affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Priesthood Sunday is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International, an organization of lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life. *See poster at entrance to church.*

### BIBLE STUDY

*No Bible Study Class Wednesday, October 21.*

## REFLECTION

### *The Call To Service*

Jesus and his disciples were traveling from Caesarea Philippi in the North to Jerusalem in the South. On their way, Jesus has been instructing his disciples in the blessings as well as the rigors of discipleship. He has been frank, speaking more of service and suffering and less of power and prestige. This makes the request of James and John seem all the more strange. Indeed their request for seats at Jesus' right and left hand seems so inappropriate and unbecoming of their position as disciples. In essence, they asked Jesus for the privilege of traveling with him holding first-class tickets and enjoying the privileges thereof. Like James, John and the other disciples, we have yet to fully comprehend the role of the servant-leader. Jesus struck the path that we are to follow. Serving the needs of all, he always opted for a third-class ticket. This work is our primary responsibility. It remains our challenge to daily stay the course and, on this side of grace to accept the third-class status that Jesus himself elevated to holiness.

### **The Reward of Discipleship**



As we move closer to the end of the Liturgical Year we look at the question of discipleship. What reward do we hope to receive for our loyal service? The answer to this question is found in the character of the Messiah. Two images are offered to us today: the suffering servant and the suffering high priest. If we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we must follow to the end.

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises we made at baptism to renounce sin and to live lives that are directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. It is the love of God that impels us, not the thought of reward. However, after we have borne the burden of this decision for a while we realize some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder what it is all worth. How will we benefit from our dedication? What will we get out of it? We know that we will be generously blessed by God, that we will inhabit one of the mansions that Jesus has gone ahead to prepare for us. Would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

It seems that two of Jesus' closest friends felt that same way. These two brothers belonged to Jesus' inner circle. They had already been set apart from the others. They had been privileged to witness his transfiguration (cf. Mark 9:2-8). Surely they were not asking for a privilege that God had not already granted them.

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

### **World Mission Sunday**

This collection is taken up to help the propagation of the Catholic Faith throughout the world.

*Please be generous.*

## LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

### **29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ordinary Time**

In the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus makes three predictions of his passion as he goes on his march to Jerusalem. In the gospel readings of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ordinary Time, we are with Jesus and his disciples in the last phase of his journey to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus has just finished telling the Twelve what is in store for him at the end of the journey; arrest, insults, condemnation to death, and three days later – Resurrection. The disciples are following, but they are terrified. James and John, who have their minds on other things, believe that Jesus is announcing the beginning of an earthly Kingdom that has messianic dreams. As a consequence, they approached Jesus to ask that they be closely associated with his glory, in the first two places nearest him. Obviously, they have not understood anything. Jesus then moves to open the eyes of his blind disciples (29<sup>th</sup> Sunday).

Immediately afterward, the gospel reports that at that moment Jesus *was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, ... began to cry out and say, Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.* Moved by this man's faith, Jesus summons him and grants him what he asks: his sight. The man begins to follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem (30<sup>th</sup> Sunday). In these two stories we learn that it is the light of faith alone that allows us to see the true meaning of following Jesus.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 22 – Jenelle Cerny

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 18 – Bridgette & Matt Cerny

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Ordinary Time, Weeks 30-34; November**

October 25: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday

November 1: All Saints Day

Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection Begins

November 2: All Souls Day

November 8: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

November 15: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

November 22: 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Christ the King)

November 26: Thanksgiving Day