

January 31, 2016
Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday



Called To Be God's Voice

Jesus' own struggle to speak for God began in Nazareth – and like Jeremiah, Jesus was ill-received. Jesus' statement, “no prophet gains acceptance in his native place” proved to be true for him as it has been true for prophets throughout the centuries. The prophet's rejection by his own is simply part of what it means to be a prophet. Jesus has to establish his authority as God's prophet outside Nazareth and outside the circle of family, friends and neighbors.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 6
4:30 p.m. Special Intention – Ann Cerny
Sunday, February 7
8:00 a.m. Ernest Chaloupka

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm: 138
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

No Mass, Bible Study
Wednesday, February 3

C.C.D.
Wednesday, February 3

THANK YOU FROM THE CELEBRATION HOUSE

Praha K.J.Z.T. Members,
We want to thank you for your recent food donation. It has been distributed to our clients. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you again.
The Directors of The Celebration House Food Pantry

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday – February 10



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.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:30 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.

Second Collection (Rice Bowl):
Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

Restoring Maticka Praha



To make a donation to the project contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674 or send an email to st_joe@sbcglobal.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4 Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, February 7 in the school chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.



The Praha Altar Society will be hosting the February Birthday Party at Oak Manor Nursing Home, Flatonia on Friday, February 12, 3:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend and to help serve refreshments. Enjoy the party!

HOLY ROSARY MEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT **February 18 -21, 2016**

You are invited to join us to spend a weekend with God attending an A.C.T.S. Retreat. This is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and making new friends. Its aim is to enhance our relationship with Our Lord and with other Christian men who accompany us on this journey of faith. This retreat is hosted by Catholic men, with spiritual guidance from Roman Catholic Faith.

Registration forms are available at the entrance to church.
For more information contact Andrew Velasquez.

REFLECTION

Call To A Deeper Level

Last week's gospel stopped short with Jesus' interpretation of the prophetic passage read during the synagogue service. This week we see the shocking reaction of those who heard Jesus' words.

In our moments of fervor we might wholeheartedly answer yes to the word of God, but in reality that yes is seldom uncomplicated. Even those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words but then later sought to throw him off a cliff. They turned quickly from their initial appreciation of him. Their acceptance was shallow. So many times we behave in ways we wish we would not, or what we want to do we fail to accomplish. In other situations we might stand in awe of others and yet turn against them.

Our motives and our reactions are generally quite complicated, even if our desires to be faithful are straightforward. Despite the struggles that accompany the proclamation of God's word, despite the misunderstanding it might cause, the word of God cannot be silenced. Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image placed before us as an example for us to follow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 31 – Jerome Kalina
February 6 – Gene Patalik, Jr.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



February 4 – Sireta & Frank Michalak
February 5 – Heather & Donald Jasek

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Feb. 2



We recall and honor the bringing of the infant Christ to the temple by Mary and Joseph for the prescribed offering. According to Jewish law, this was to take place 40 days after the child's birth. It is in the midst of this ritual action that two holy prophets, Anna and Simeon, beheld the Christ child and recognized him for who he was: the promised Messiah who would redeem and save all people.

ORIENTATION



No Prophet Is Accepted In His Own Native Place

Why does it seem like no prophet is accepted in his native place? It is indeed easier to accept God's truth from a stranger than from a familiar face? Sometimes our idea of integrity gets in the way.

We know a person too well to allow them to speak God's truth authoritatively, because we recall a time when they themselves made mistakes. Who are they to preach? At the same time, God calls all of us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, the joy and hope of which outshines the imperfections of those who proclaim it. The proclamation of the Good News, through our imperfect lives, words, and deeds, is a testimony to God's grace working in our lives. Familiar prophets, whose pasts make us wonder about their right to preach, are in fact witnesses of God's healing grace, transforming those among us with checkered pasts into witnesses of the Gospel.

St. Joseph's Church Altar Society Moulton, Texas



Noodle Soup Dinner and Drawing
Sunday, February 28, 2016

Raffle Drawing



1:00 P.M.

Chicken Noodle Soup Dinner

Serving begins at 10:00 A.M.

Chicken Noodle Soup • \$3.00 per Ladle

Chicken Salad Sandwiches

Whole \$2.00 • Half \$1.00

Desserts • \$1.00

Tea and Coffee • Free

Soup To Go Available • Bring Your Own Container

* Raffle tickets for sale after the weekend Masses
and at the Parish Office in Moulton.