

March 13, 2016

Lent

Fifth Sunday



From Death To Life

The Lazarus' story is our story. Just as Lazarus was raised, so we begin to live anew at baptism and, after death rise to live forever in glory with the Lord. For us death is a passage not a terminal experience. Our faith in Jesus' word arise in us hope that will see us through that passage with assurance.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 19

4:30 p.m. Victor, Hattie & Jerome Hermes

Sunday, March 20

8:00 a.m. For the Welfare of the Parish

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 22

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

No Bible Study Wednesday, March 16

C.C.D. Wednesday, March 16

CHURCH DOORS OPEN IN TIME FOR EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

The Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday Masses will be held in the Church.

*Church Rededication Mass
scheduled for June 12, 10:00 a.m.*

Prepare To Celebrate Easter Spiritually



Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Mon., March 14 Moulton 5:30 p.m.

Wed., March 16 Praha 5:00-6:00 P.m.

Priests from the deanery will be assisting in Moulton. Pick up a confession book today and prepare before coming. No confessions during Holy Week.

Restoring Maticka Praha



Church Restoration Fund Donations

We thank the following for their recent donations:

Beatrice & Rudy Patek - \$500

In memory of Louise & Joe Machalec

The Louise & Joe Machalec Family - \$600

In Memory of Anton Okruhlik

Robert Lev - \$10

Hattie Stryk - \$15

Helen Holm - \$20

Nancy Sivyer - \$50

Rose DeRouen - \$20

Frances Holley - \$20

Rita & Albert Kozel - \$15

Gertie & Charlie Hajek - \$40

Mildred & Ricky Nietzsche - \$20

Dolores & Henry Joe Jasek - \$15

Debbie & Brad Dietrich & sons - \$20

Marie & Frank Dulak, Bryan, TX - \$300

We received the follow note from Mr. Dulak:

Donation for the Church Restoration Fund in memory of Thersia & Joseph Klekar my great-great grandparents and in memory of Mauric & Anna (Klekar) Cinek my great-grandparents. My grandmother Pauline Cinek shared memories of sitting in the third pew behind a column while attending Mass at St. Mary's as a child.

Frank Dulak

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

REFLECTION



Jesus, Resurrection and Life

The raising of Lazarus is the last and decisive “sign” that Jesus works in order to manifest the glory of the Father and announce his supreme personal glorification at his Passover. In St. John’s Gospel Jesus’ miracles and his works in general are called “signs”. While they glorify the Father they also reveal the true identity of Jesus, thus enkindling faith.

Among the “signs” that Jesus worked, the raising of Lazarus stands out. Through this sign, Jesus showed that he himself was the Resurrection and the Life. This “sign” requires from each of us a personal answer. “I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this?” No one can evade this question. What is your response?

The miracle has its immediate consequence, the condemnation of Jesus to death. He freely gave his life so that we might live forever. *Like Thomas, we say, “Let us also go to Jerusalem to die with him,” and with him to rise.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 17 – Gary Greive
– Julie Schneider
March 18 – Celine Kalina

Lenten Day of Reflection and Adoration

March 19, St. Mary’s Church, St. Mary’s
For more information call 361-293-1300.

St. Rose Spring Festival Today

KC Hall, Schulenburg
Turkey Dinner, Auction, Cake Walk, Music & More

LAST LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Joseph’s Church, Moulton

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$8.00 Per Plate

Fish, Hush Puppies, Roasted Red Potatoes, Cole Slaw & Dessert

*Dine in the Parish Hall
Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go*



*All proceeds go to charities.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Today Jesus proclaims, “I am the resurrection and the life.” As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s Resurrection we are both consoled and energized to do his will. Your contribution to the Rice Bowl helps farmers improve crop yields, brings clean water to communities, and provides basic health and nutrition services. *Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone’s life.*



Next Sunday we enter into Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday.

We commemorate the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem according to ancient custom with a solemn procession. With songs and gestures we imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing “Hosanna”. In the procession we carry palm branches which are later taken home where they serve as a reminder of the Victory of Christ.

Sunday is the only day that there are two gospel proclamations in the same liturgy. The first takes place in at the beginning of the liturgy before the procession. It recalls Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. The second gospel proclaimed takes place in the usual place at Mass. It is the proclamation of the Passion narrative. It is proclaimed without the usual ritual gestures: the greeting, the crossing of forehead, lips, and heart, no incense, no candles. This is the most pivotal moment in the life of the Lord and in our observance of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week.

Come let us celebrate!

Holy Week At A Glance

Palm Sunday Procession: We will gather in front of the school for the procession.

Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils): March 22, Victoria

Holy Thursday:

- The Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- Gifts And Canned Food For The Needy

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.

Holy Saturday: We gather for the Easter Vigil.

Easter Flowers: To make a donation in memory of your loved ones, drop your Easter Flower envelope in the collection basket or mail. Extra envelopes available at the entrance to church.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Food Drive: Leave your canned goods for the needy at the back of Church.