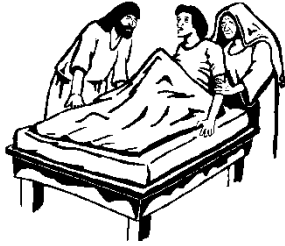


June 5, 2016

Ordinary Time
Tenth Sunday



I Tell You, Arise

At the heart of the Gospel and of faith is the resurrection of the dead, the pledge and assurance of which is found in the resurrection of Christ. In Jesus, we recognize the Prophet, the Lord who gives life. In and through him, "God has visited his people." This "visit" is not a past event. It is renewed especially in the Sacraments beginning with Baptism, where, for the first time, the Lord says to us: "I tell you, arise."

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 11

2:00 p.m. Janak-Prause Wedding

4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Kalina & Stryk Family

Sunday, June 12

* **10:00 a.m.** Spec. Intention – Georgiann Barta

* ***Church Rededication Mass***

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*. We also celebrate the Rededication of St. Mary's Church, Praha. The readings for the Mass:

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: 122

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: John 4:19-24

No Bible Study Wednesday, June 8

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society Meeting today after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Praha Cookbooks Still Available (\$25) – If you have not yet purchased one or want to buy one as a shower or wedding gift, please contact Kathleen Svatek, Georgia Cerny, Cyndi Stryk, Denise Greive or Theresa Tousek.

Father's Day Mass – June 19: To have your father specially remembered in the Mass Intention of the day, return your Father's Day envelope by June 13.

ST. MARY'S PRAHA REDEDICATION

Join us celebrate the Rededication of our church next Sunday at 10 a.m. Bishop Brendan Cahill will preside over the liturgy. There will be a social and a luncheon in the hall following the Mass.

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment	\$7,618.00
Contributions So Far	\$2,610.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$5,008.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Stazy Hajek

Celine Kalina

Ernest Chaloupka, Jr.

Consider at making a contribution.

Restoring Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent donations:

Earlene O'Brien - \$100

Annette & Ray Novak, East Bernard, TX - \$200

In Memory of George Cerny - \$700

Georgia Cerny & Family

In Memory of Marie & Tony Masek

From their children - \$50

In Thanksgiving to God for Marion Merseburger Freeman

Caroline Freeman, Houston, TX - \$500

A Book of Memory with the names of Donors will be on display. To make a donation to the project contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674 or send an email to st_joe@sbcglobal.net.

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of John Kalina Jr. & Robert Benys

Mary & Charlie Bartos

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 peace and love

Spec. Intention - Nolan

For the Bill Ermis Family

For our business & families

In loving memory of J. H. Freeman

Peace and light for Thomas, Bill & Sutor

For prayers for David, Arnold & Reromleing, UK

For flooding to stop in Texas, all family & friends, peace in the world

REFLECTION

What Would You Do?

Two widows are featured in today's Readings. With no husband, no inheritance rights and no voice, the Sidonian widow was dependent upon her son, the man of the family. So it was with the widow of Nain. Her only son was her legal protector. When both widows lost their sons to death, they were marginalized and vulnerable. When Elijah restored the Sidonian widow's son and Jesus restored the widow of Nain's son to life, each was in effect restoring the widows' lives. This life-giving theme that runs through the readings today challenges us to be strong defenders of life in all its forms. This defense of life requires us to raise our voices in support of the unborn and to speak against capital punishment. It is more than a Catholic position. It is a human stance. Life is too sacred a value. The sacredness of life is under threat on a global scale. Wars take the lives of young and old. When the violence is finally over, there are no winners. All are losers because the gift of life is desecrated. As Jesus' followers, we are called to give not only of our surplus but also of our substance, so that the dignity of human life is preserved. Those who suffer from want are no less temples of the Holy Spirit than we are.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 5 – Jessica Schneider
June 6 – Gayle Hill
June 8 – Beatrice Patek
June 9 – Madison Vrazel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 10 – Diana & Mike Decker, Sr.

PRAHA PICNIC MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Picnic Raffle Update: A big THANK YOU to the 67 individuals, families and businesses who donated a total of \$7,575 for raffle prizes. In addition the following have been donated: Queen Size Quilt, Patio Chairs, Turkey Fryer w/bottle, Gift Basket, American Eagle Silver Dollar and a Wood Cross w/ Matching Side Table for this year's picnic raffle. The raffle will have 46 prizes to be given away with the top prize being a \$1,000 gift card. The tickets will sell for \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

Thomas Petru & Liz Janak, Raffle Chairpersons

WEDDING BANNERS

Barbara Marie Janak & Larry James Prause



Looking Ahead - Summer Ordinary Time

11th – 18th Sunday

Introduction:

After the feasts of The Most Holy Trinity and The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, the Sundays of Ordinary Time resume the continuous reading of St. Luke's gospel with the raising of the widow of Nain's son from the dead by Jesus (Sunday 10), Jesus dining at the Pharisee's house (Sunday 11), Peter's confession of faith (Sunday 12), and the beginning of Jesus and his disciples' journey toward Jerusalem (Sunday 13).

First Readings:

The readings from the Old Testament could be considered a random listing of "do's and don'ts" of a disciple. Not even King David was exempt from obedience to the Law. When confronted with his sin, he did repent. On the 12th and 14th Sundays, the chastised house of David was promised eventual reestablishment, and that promise was fulfilled in the restoration of the City of Jerusalem. On Sunday 13, Elisha shows disciples what to do: Commit yourself wholeheartedly. Moses on Sunday 15, assures us that the law is really not hard to follow as we are inclined to imagine.

The lessons of the last three Sundays are straight forward. As disciples, we are expected to be openhearted. Finally, as disciples, we ourselves must realize the transitoriness of all earthly things. Our fundamental commitment must be to God.

Psalms:

The Responsorial Psalms of this segment of Ordinary Time include hymns of praise of God and gratitude in God.

Second Readings:

The continuous reading, first from the letter to the Galatians and from the letter to the Colossians, allows us to trace the teaching of St. Paul to the two communities. In the letter to the Galatians, Paul teaches that faith in Christ is what justifies us, not faith plus observance of the Law.

In the letter to the Colossians St. Paul teaches that Christ is the firstborn of creation as well as the firstborn of the dead. Joined to him, we share in his exalted status.

Gospels:

The gospels of this time recount the public ministry of Jesus. They uncover the contours of discipleship. The disciple is one who is intent on serving the Lord regardless of the criticism, whether silent or spoken, from those who either do not understand or who do not approve. One's discipleship is shaped by the way one perceives Jesus. Jesus clearly stated that he would suffer greatly, and those who would follow him should be prepared for the same fate. Their lives would be uncertain, and they might have to readjust their priorities. There would be no other way; commitment to follow Jesus must be total. The fundamental charge of the disciple is to proclaim by word and example that the only good in life that endures is commitment to God in Christ.