

June 12, 2016

**Ordinary Time**  
**Eleventh Sunday**



***Naming Your Sin***

**If we are to be saved, we must first acknowledge our need. If we are to be forgiven, we must first admit our sin. We learn from King David and the woman in today's gospel that no sin once admitted is beyond the forgiveness of God. To appropriate the gift of God's mercy to ourselves, we must have the integrity to plead guilty when guilty and to rely with great trust on God's grace.**

Flowers for the altar for the Saturday evening Mass are donated by Barbara & Larry Prause in honor of their marriage and in memory of the deceased members of the Janak and Prause Families.



Flowers for the Church Rededication Mass are donated by the Kalina Family in thanksgiving to God for St. Mary's Rededication and in memory of Gerald Kalina.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, June 18  
4:30 p.m. Sp. Intention – Fathers Specially Remembered  
Sunday, June 19  
8:00 a.m. Sp. Intention – Fathers Specially Remembered

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



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

**First Reading: Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1**

**Responsorial Psalm: 63**

**Second Reading: Galatians 3:26-29**

**Gospel: Luke 9:18-24**

**Father's Day Mass Next Sunday:** 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 CHURCH REDEDICATION MASS**

We welcome The Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, Bishop Fellhauer and Bishop Grahmann and the concelebrating priests, all the parishioners and benefactors of the parish to the Dedication Mass. There will be a reception and lunch following the Mass.

**Dedication of St. Mary's Church – 1895**

Flatonia, Fayette Co., Tex., Nov. 21 – The little village of Praha, in this county, was the scene of the grandest affair in its history yesterday. The occasion was the dedication of the Catholic church at that place. About 10,000 people were present, consisting principally of Germans and Bohemians. The dedication services were performed by Rt. Rev. Bishop J. A. Forest of San Antonio, assisted by about twenty priests. The church is a fine structure, built of rock and will last for all time. It will seat about 1000 people, but only a small portion of the crowd could gain access yesterday. The reception according to Bishop Forest was flattering in the extreme. When the Southern Pacific train arrived from San Antonio the bishop was met at the depot by a large crowd of people in buggies, wagons and horseback. The Flatonia city band was also in attendance, dressed in their fine new uniforms. The procession led by 100 horsemen, then began the march to Praha, distant about three miles from Flatonia. After the dedication services three sermons were preached, one in German, one in Bohemian and one in English. There were people present from this and several adjoining counties, and altogether the occasion was one long to be remembered by those participating.

– *Weimar Mercury, 30 Nov. 1895*

The Praha Catholic church in charge of Rev. Father Viana is one of the most successful parishes in Texas. The building which, is of Muldoon stone, ad was erected at a cost of \$30,000 being an evidence of the faith and good work of its members.

– *Schulenburg Sticker, 31 Oct. 1901*

**Restoring Maticka Praha**



We thank the following for their recent donations:

***Praha Altar Society - \$5,000***

***Forrest Kroschel, Hallettsville, TX - \$100***

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](mailto:st_joe@sbcglobal.net).

***No Bible Study Wednesday, June 8***

## REFLECTION

### *Naming Your Gratitude*

In today's first reading, David listens to the prophet Nathan's words and realizes that he is a sinner. "I have sinned against the Lord." David could have denied his deeds. He admitted that he was guilty and repented greatly. Nathan then assures David that God has forgiven him his sins. Although she did not utter a word, the actions of the woman in the gospel speak eloquently. Her tears told of her guilt and remorse. Her actions expressed her desire for healing and forgiveness. Unlike the Pharisee, Simon who judged her, Jesus forgave her and praised her great love as well as her faith. "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Jesus is saying that she has experienced forgiveness as exhibited by her great love. Simon, who has no sense of having been forgiven, exhibits much less love.

There is no way we can repay God for his mercy to us. However, gratitude is expressed through service to others. How do we show our gratitude for having been forgiven?

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 13 – Louise Barcak  
June 14 – Georgiann Barta  
June 15 – Henrietta Moeller  
June 17 – Emily Hill

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 13 – Louise & Johnny Barcak  
June 14 – Bea & Rudy Patek

## 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:**

*Patricia Thurgood  
For the Rivera Family  
For the health of my son  
For healing and peace in the world  
For my great granddaughter Helena  
For family peace and special intention for A.J.W.*

## FLAG DAY – JUNE 14

Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation.....one nation, under God, indivisible.



## LOOKING AHEAD

### *12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The three Gospel passages that the Lectionary has selected for the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ordinary Time – Luke 9 and the first half of Chapter 10 – form a unity.

Luke reports first how Jesus, having asked his disciples "Who do the crowds say that I am?" spoke to them about his passion and all he had to undergo on the road to the cross (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday). From this point on ten chapters of the 24 chapters of Luke deal with the journey to Jerusalem: A journey wherein all those following Jesus must walk resolutely without looking back (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday). Nothing must slow down his followers on this journey (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday). Like Jesus the followers must announce "The Kingdom of God is at hand," without being hindered by the ill will they may face, knowing that they are sent "as lambs in the midst of wolves." In this also they conform to the Lord, walking in his footsteps.

The three passages from Luke's Gospel are arranged around what is called "the following of Jesus" recognized as the Messiah of God, rejected, killed, and resurrected on the third day.

## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

**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.

## 161<sup>st</sup> Pražská Pout MONDAY, AUGUST 15

### **Picnic Raffle**

46 prizes to be given away with the top prize being a \$1,000 gift card. Other prizes include a total of \$7,575 in gift cards/gift certificates, a Queen Size Quilt, Patio Chairs, Turkey Fryer w/bottle, Gift Basket, American Eagle Silver Dollar and a Wood Cross w/ Matching Side Table. The tickets are being printed and will be on sale soon. They will sell for \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### **Attention Picnic Chairpersons**

Letters will be mailed this week.  
Look out for Picnic Chairpersons Meetings schedule.

### **Picnic Bands Schedule**

**Ennis Czech Boys** – 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Praha Bros.** – 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**The All Around Czech** – 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.