

June 19, 2016

Ordinary Time

Twelfth Sunday



Who Are We As Disciples?

If Jesus is the Messiah of God as Peter declared, what are the implications for those who claim to be his followers? It means that as the Master goes, so go the disciples. Discipleship means the willingness to deny oneself, daily take up the cross, and follow Jesus. The worldly paradigm is to accumulate all one can to attain security and thus save one's own life. Being a disciple of Jesus demands just the opposite. It requires self-denial, willingness to serve God and the needs of others daily. It promises eternal salvation in place of worldly security.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 25

4:30 p.m. Benjamin Smolik

Sunday, June 26

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Hajek & Okruhlik Family

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Responsorial Psalm: 16

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

No Bible Study Wednesday, June 22

Congratulation and God's blessings to **Barbara Marie & Larry James Prause** who were recently united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.



Restoring Maticka Praha

Rededication Day donations:

Jeanette & Carl Henke - \$500

Gladys Seifert, Moulton - \$200

Bea & Allen Krejci, Shiner - \$20

Mary Lou Dierschke, Moulton - \$250

Mary & Martin Luchak, Weimar - \$40

Betty & Harry Maskey, Moulton - \$1,000

Sharon & Daniel Vyvjala, Flatonia - \$100

Helen & Paul Flessner, Sugar Land - \$100

In Memory of Marcella & Ernest Chaloupka

Elyse & Eugene Chaloupka - \$300

(pledged a total of \$1,500)

In Memory of Edwin Darilek

Pauletta & D. J. Darilek, Moulton - \$25

In memory of the Barta, Jurek & Novak Families

Carol & Randy Barta - \$100

In Memory of Valentine M. Jurek, Jr.,

Claudie (Novak) Jurek, O.D. Guidry, Effie Guidry and Melissa Jurek

Merlene & Ed Jurek, Flatonia - \$100

In Memory of Matilda & Frank Klekar

Mike Klekar, Katy - \$20

In Memory of the Parma & Kubecka Families

Michael Parma, New Braunfels - \$22

In Memory of Charles J. Lev

Margaret & Bernard Svatek, Flatonia - \$500

In Memory of Mary Ann & James McCourt - \$100

In Memory of Bridget & John Curran (Ireland) - \$100

Eileen & Deacon John McCourt

In memory of the Paul Machalec, Sr. Family

Gussie Machalec, Moulton - \$100

In Memory of Valeria & Adolf Motal

Gayle & Steven Hill, Houston - \$500

In Memory of Rev. Fred Neubert

Marie & Frank Dulak, Bryan - \$200

In Thanksgiving for the Cerny & Stryk Families

Sharon (Cerny) & David Crowe, Katy - \$250

In Memory of Annie & Frank Cerny Family

and Stazie & John Stryk Family

Ann & Stan Cerny, Katy - \$1,000

In Memory of the Stryk Family

Robin & Gary Cerny - \$500

In Memory of Frances (Tupa) & Joe Svatek

Pam & Jerome Svatek, Flatonia - \$1,000

In Memory of Cecelia & Frank Zouzalik

Jeanette & Ervan Zouzalik, Flatonia - \$2,000

In Thanksgiving to God for Many Blessings

Patricia Masek - \$100

David Corippo, Victoria - \$300

Kathleen & Martin Svatek - \$1,000

REFLECTION

“If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

The mystery of the cross is central not only to Jesus' vocation but to his disciples' calling as well. The cross of the disciples evokes the sacrifices that the disciples must agree to in order to follow Jesus. Jesus himself bore a cross that was made of two pieces of wood, on which he died in order to rise again and give us life. Since then, the cross has become the sign of those who belong to Christ from baptism until death. To follow Christ in his steps is not to seek the cross or resign oneself to it. These renunciations and eventual death are not desired for their own sakes, but as the necessary passage to resurrection and life in Christ, in the very footsteps of Christ. To proclaim Jesus, “The Christ (anointed) of God” without following in his steps is meaningless. Traveling a daily road while bearing one's cross is the road to life through resurrection. From the beginning, Christians have sometimes been called members of the “way” (Acts 9:2). This way is Christ the Path, the Truth, and the Life. Such is our faith, such is the law written in our hearts and in our being, such is the mystery that we celebrate.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 19 – Jane Schneider
June 23 – Kristin Cerny
– Josephine Kubenka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 20 – Rosemary & Arthur Klekar

PRAHA PICNIC MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Picnic Chairpersons Letters were sent out this week to all those who chair a booth/workstation at the Picnic. Do please return your forms by June 20th.

Picnic Chairpersons/Co-Chairpersons Meetings:

Jun. 28 – Kettle, Chicken & Kitchen, Plates-to-go, Plate Distribution & Dinner Tickets, 6:30 p.m.

Jun. 29 – Beer Stand, Beer Tickets, Soda Stand & Sno Cones, Country Store, Souvenirs, Raffle, Cake Walk, Bingo, Fish Pond/Toy Box, Ring Toss, Plant Walk, Cookbooks & Publicity, 6:30 p.m.

TBA – Auction, Finance

The meetings will be held at the pavilion.

Look out for Raffle Tickets and the Picnic Donation Letter in the mail soon.

Happy Father's Day

See Insert for Fathers Specially Remembered Today

THE REDEDICATION

Dear friends,

St. Mary's Church Rededication Mass was a historic event. The social and luncheon that followed was great. Many commented how tears welled up in their eyes when the lights finally came on during the Mass. It revealed the beautiful work of our hands to the honor and glory of God.

To share with you some of the notes I received during the week; Milton Marek of Spring probably echoed the sentiments of many when he wrote in his letter to me, *The Mass of Rededication was the most impressive event that I have ever witnessed in a Catholic Church. You can tell that many hours were spent to prepare and plan for this rededication to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Patricia Parma of San Antonio also wrote:

*Dear Father Gabriel,
Děkujeme velmi mnoho pro
nádherný, slavný oslava od díky -
vzhlánu k Bohu!! We are so very grateful
to you for your dedication to restoring and
preserving Maticka Praha.
It was truly a glorious day!!
Patricia M. Parma*

Lastly,

*The rededication at Praha was awesome!
What a wonderful job you have
done. God bless you always.
Gratefully, Bishop Jiri Tellechea*

There are no words to describe how I feel. I just know God has a hand in this.

I rejoice with the many parishioners who saw the need to do something about our church and stood behind the project despite the odds. Together, we have fulfilled the hopes and aspirations of parishioners who rest in our cemetery. They first dreamt of Maticka Praha.

Through God's providence and the generosity of many, we have not only added value to their dream but have preserved it for the future. I thank you for listening to your heart and for responding to the call. What a testimony to our faith! Thank you for making Praha Maticka again.

God bless,

Second Collection Next Weekend

Peter's Pence - Be generous.