

July 10, 2016

Ordinary Time

Fifteenth Sunday



“And Who Is My Neighbor?”

In response to this question asked by a scholar of the Law, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. This Gospel passage challenges the disciples of Jesus to love their neighbor as themselves. To discover who is your neighbor; when you encounter a stranger who has need of you, put yourself in the person’s place. From your behavior and action it is they who will recognize whether you are their neighbor.

Remember the Samaritan.

“Go, and do likewise.”



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Karina & Alex Farek in memory of Olga & Adolph Masek.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 16

4:30 p.m. Lala-Tousek Family

Sunday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Frank Jasek

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Responsorial Psalm: 15

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



No Bible Study Wednesday, July 13

For Nathan’s safety

For my friend and mentor

For the health of Donn & Jan

For Vacquorme C., Hoyt C. & Jorver M.

For bodily and spiritual healing of my family

For recovery of sister-in-law who had a stroke

For healing of my sister-in-law after stroke/cure for cancer

For the families & souls of Kase H., Mason P. and all who mourn in My Seasons of Hope grief support group

Remembering Maticka Praha Roots



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Honor of Josef & Terezie Stryk

Robert Stryk, Victoria - \$50

Stanley Stryk, Victoria - \$100

Elaine & David Olaz, Bulverde, TX - \$100

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Stryk, Victoria, TX - \$100

Pauline & Timothy Tauer, Montgomery, TX - \$100

*Total contributions to date in memory of Josef & Terezie Stryk - \$12,800

We received the following letter from Rev. John Wagner (Casa De Padres) San Antonio, TX:

July 3, 2016

Father Gabriel,

Sorry I procrastinated so long in thanking you for your warm letter of invitation to the Restoration of Praha Church and your letter following the ceremony. You were so kind and thoughtful to do this.

You planned a super ceremony very fitting to the magnificent restoration you made. You are to be highly complimented for all you did to make this possible. The incredible front of the Church is beyond words, now the Praha Church in honor of our Blessed Mother is the most outstanding of all the Painted Churches. I congratulate you and all who helped to bring the plans of restoration to completion. May God bless you for sharing your joy with me.

With Gratitude and Best Wishes,

John

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:

In thanksgiving

Pray for my whole family

For David Reinkemeyer

For the needs of our family

For the needs of my brother Joe

For my brother who is battling depression

For job stability, good health, safe travel

For Insela, Jose Guadalupe and Priscilla

In thanksgiving and continuous health for my brother

Votive candle intentions continued



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REFLECTION



Samaritan Love – The Rule of the Disciple

If we read today's Gospel carefully, it would appear that Jesus' challenge to emulate the goodness of the Samaritan was not to be thought of as quality of love that should be saved only for emergency situations. The Samaritan love to which Jesus calls his disciples is understood as a way of life; indeed, it is the rule of discipleship. Samaritan love, this love and caring that encounters a stranger and transforms him into a friend sees the plight of a person in need, not as a burden but as an opportunity to emulate Christ. This love must become a habitual quality that characterizes those who belong to Jesus, not as heroes but as ordinary people who have become accustomed to loving heroically without seeking heroic acclaim. Samaritan love is not limited by prejudice. In the parable, the Samaritan, a natural enemy of the Jew, did not see the victim's ethnicity, but only his pain and his need. Samaritan love is a love that does not count the cost and seeks no recompense. Besides personally caring for the wounded man, the Samaritan provided for his continued care.

For all of the Samaritan's valiant efforts, Jesus did not call him a saint or a hero. He called him *neighbor* and held him out as an example of the love that should distinguish his disciples from others.

The Samaritan love to which we are challenged via today's liturgy is not the exception but the norm for us, the disciples of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 13 – Sarah Berckenhoff
– Allan Stryk

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



July 10 – Christina & Spence Lesikar

AREA PICNICS

July 17 – Moravia Picnic, Moravia
Aug. 7 – St. Joseph Picnic, Yoakum
Aug. 15 – Praha Picnic
Sept. 18 – Moulton Picnic

Church Picnic – August 15

Update on Picnic Chairpersons Meetings continued.

The Refreshment Chairpersons: Tim Pospisil (Beer Stand); Dennis Olsovsky & Martin Svatek (Beer Tickets); Edward & Cynthia Koncaba and Jason Bartos (Soda Water & Sno Cones) have turned in their orders and are ready to keep everybody hydrated. Mark Kalich (Beer Stand) has retired after many years of service. We thank him for doing a good job.

Outdoor Games/Booths Chairpersons: Thomas Petru & Liz Janak (Raffle); Nancy Jasek & Georgia Cerny (Country Store); Frances Kubenka (Souvenirs); Kathleen Svatek (Cook Books); Robin Cerny & Sharon Crow (Cake Walk); Amy & Hilary Koncaba (Ring Toss); and Mary & Staci Bartos (Fish Pond/Toy Box); are getting their booths ready. Jason Bartos (Music) has all the bands lined up for your listening/dancing pleasure. We thank Herzik's Milk & Grain for sponsoring the Raffle Tickets again this year.

Auction, Finance & Publicity Chairpersons: Lori & David Janecka (Auction), Dennis & Gail Stryk (Finance); and Staci Bartos (Publicity) are preparing for the big day. Do you have your auction items ready? Look out for details for dropping them off to be tagged. Pick up some picnic posters to display at your work place, picnics and area businesses.

As you can see everybody is geared up and ready to go. We met with Helen Schaefer & Josie Kubenka to finalize the meal supplies order. We are ready to accept your Meat Donations, Music Donations and other donations. Fill out the forms and drop them in the mail or collection basket.

Contributions from out-of-town friends of the parish are accepted and appreciated.

This is how you can help make our Picnic successful.

Donate Auction Items: Items of value bring in money.

Raffle Tickets: Purchase/sell raffle tickets.

Contribute to the: Meat Donation Fund, Bingo, Country Store, Music Fund, Fish Pond/Toy Box, other donations.

Volunteer to work: Sign up to help at the Picnic.

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My donation to the Auction. (include market value)

My donation to: Meat Fund \$ _____ Bingo \$ _____

Music \$ _____ Country Store: _____

Other donations: _____

I would like to help at the picnic. Sign me up to help with: _____

Name: _____

Phone # _____