

October 9, 2016

## Ordinary Time

Twenty-eighth Sunday



### *No Person Is Beyond The Scope of God's Concern*

**“Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”** What a richness of faith there is in these simple words. **“Go show yourselves to the priest.”** The lepers rely simply on Jesus’ word and indeed, **“as they were going they were cleansed.”** It is in doing what Jesus commands that one obtains one’s request – **“Blest are those who hear the Word of God and observe it.”**



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Julie & Tyler Mica in memory of the deceased of their families.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 15

4:30 p.m. Benjamin Smolik

Sunday, October 16

8:00 a.m. Annie & Frank, Elizabeth, Louis & L. J. Cerny

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



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

**First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13**

**Responsorial Psalm: 121**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2**

**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

**St. Anne’s K.J.Z.T. Society #4 Quarterly Meeting Today** in the School Chapel after the 8 a.m. Mass. All members are invited to attend and participate.

### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

#### November 1<sup>st</sup> – *The Feast of All Saints*

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

**Mass Schedule: Praha – 4:30 p.m.**

Moulton – 6:30 p.m.

#### November 2<sup>nd</sup> – *The Feast of All Souls*

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

**Mass Schedule:**

**Praha – Blessing of the Graves at 4:00 p.m.**

**Mass at 4:30 p.m.**

Moulton – Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Blessing of the graves after Mass.

#### All Souls Commemoration

During the month of November we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use the attached All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail by Oct. 31.

### St. Mary’s Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Matıcka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

***Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200***

*(Pledged Payment)*

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary’s Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Matıcka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

### 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 Nagi D.*

*For Ruben Velasquez*

*For Healing of Son-in-Law*

*For Mental Healing of Son-in-Law*

*For Renale Who Passed Away 6-11-16*

*For the Repose of the Soul of Joe Krischke*

*To Help My Son Joshua S. Find A Path To A Fulfilling Career and Happiness*

– List to be continued

## REFLECTION

### *Go and Give Thanks: Your Faith Has Saved You*

Since the Thirteenth Sunday, we have followed Jesus and his disciples on the “journey to Jerusalem.” In last week’s gospel, the disciples realizing the difficulty involved in being a disciple of Jesus, requested an increase of faith. In reply Jesus offered them the imagery of a mustard seed, teaching them it is the quality of one’s faith and not the quantity that is important. Today, in the gospel, Jesus tests the quality of his follower’s faith through the cleansing of the ten lepers.

Not only has God sent Jesus to call the Jews to salvation, but Samaritans as well. Following his heart rather than Jesus’ orders, the tenth leper was so driven by the experience of being made whole, he returned with gratitude to the *One* who had made it so. This same gratitude should drive us to return to the great feast of thanksgiving that we call the Eucharist. Gathered together each week, we hear the words of Jesus that challenge us to be healed of our pride, selfishness, anger and apathy. We eat the Bread of Life that nourishes us and heals our brokenness. Then we are sent out into the rest of the week to witness to all that we have known in Jesus. Why do we keep coming back week after week to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries? How could we stay away? Like Naaman and the tenth grateful leper, we have the opportunity at every Eucharistic celebration to be transformed by God. Jesus assures us each time we come back, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 9 – Emil Lev  
October 13 – Nichole Klekar  
October 14 – Dennis Tousek

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 9 – Congratulations Mary Ann & Emil Lev  
on your 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations  
*M/M Dennis J. Mican*  
On your Golden Wedding Anniversary  
October 15, 2016

## Annual Safe Environment Training

All parishes in the Diocese of Victoria are required to have a safe environment program which addresses providing a safe environment for all the children who participate in parish and diocesan programs. One of the requirements is that the parish has safe environment training for the youth (and their parents) annually. Therefore, in order to remain in compliance with the *Diocese of Victoria Safe Environment Program* policy, an ***age-appropriate video will be shown to the C.C.D. students on October 12.*** Parents may complete an opt-out form if they do not want their child to participate in the training.

In addition, we will send home with each child a Parent’s Guide booklet (one handbook per family). We are asking parents to familiarize themselves with the ways of protecting children from child abuse as illustrated in the booklet. It is recommended that you take time to review the booklet and discuss the issues with your child(ren).

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact the Parish Office or visit the diocese website, [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org).

### Safe Environment Presentation

*Strong Voices, Smart Choices* is peppy and bright, addressing real situations children encounter and ways to address these situations in a positive way. A friendly stranger offers some bottles of water to Ben at the park as he takes a break from a game. His friends race over and remind him of the safety rules. Later at home, Ben’s parents express their concern about his lack of judgment and inform him that his older brother and his friends are turning the situation into a speech class project about personal safety. The teens present an animated lesson that explains the difference between trusting adults and respecting them. They also illustrate how to avoid bad situations, how to respond if something bad happens and how to get help from someone they trust.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### From The 29<sup>th</sup> – The 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are only five Sundays left in sequence of events in Luke’s Gospel that we read throughout Ordinary Time, Cycle C.

From the 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday, come three passages from Luke 18 & 19, the Parables of the Unjust Judge, and the Persistent Widow, the Pharisee and the Tax Collector and the Story of Zacchaeus. The two parables have the obvious theme of prayer.

As for Zacchaeus, “salvation has come to his house.” These three passages each in its own way speak of the justification that comes from faith granted to the one who does not rely on his own merit but opens himself to the mercy of God. At the same time, they reveal the true image of the God of Jesus. This revelation is found in the person and mission of Jesus – the friend of all the lost he has come to seek out and to save.