

November 20, 2016

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Solemnity**



Jesus Remember Me

Jesus' innocence in dying converted the criminal who hung beside him; his death was the Good News that sinners longed to hear. Jesus' promise to the repentant criminal affirmed his identity as Messiah. In life, in death, and in life again, Jesus remains King of all ALL hearts.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Robin & Gary Cerny in recognition of National Adoption Month.

November celebrates the lifelong benefits to families touched by the miracle of adoption, honors birth mothers for their courageous choice and remembers children who still need permanent homes.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, November 24

7:00 a.m. Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday, November 26

4:30 p.m. Sister Loretta, Sister Joan or Arc,
Annie Tupa

Sunday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Dierschke

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The First Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 122

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m., Praha 8:30 a.m., Moulton

Thanksgiving Day Prayer



God, our Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness.

We have received generous gifts from your hand so that we may learn to share your blessings in gratitude. Open our hearts to concern for others so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund
Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha**



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Louis Stryk

Pat Masek - \$15

*In Memory of William C. Garbade
and Lillie (Pavlas) & Allen Seifert*

Annabell Garbade & Family, Round Rock, TX - \$50

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Those who wish to make a donation toward the purchase of Poinsettias for the Church could do so in memory of their

loved ones. *Christmas Flower envelope attached.*

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 My Family

For Better Health

For Ron Freeman

For Anybody Suffering

For Peace & Direction

For Health of Friend (Surgery)

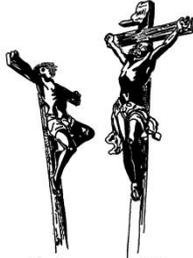
For Frank Hernandez Tara, Br. H. Garcia, Sam..., All Veterans

For All Those Who In Any Way Helped to Restore Maticka Praha Church

- Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

REFLECTION

The Kingship of Christ on the Cross



Today you will be
with me in paradise.

Today we celebrate Jesus as king by remembering what appears to be the lowest point of his life. The picture of Jesus hanging on the cross between two criminals who were executed along with him drives home a message. The ways and wisdom of God are inscrutable. It was in being brought low that Jesus' greatness was fully revealed. In the moment when he appeared to be most powerless, he redeemed all from sin and death. It is those who rejected Jesus in disbelief who proclaim Jesus' unique identity: *The chosen one, the Christ of God, King of the Jews*. One of the criminals in his encounter with Jesus establishes Jesus' innocence, acknowledges his Kingship and asks to share in his reign. The words of faith he shared help us realize that as long as we draw breath, repentance and forgiveness are possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 21 – Elmer Michna
– Susan Velasquez
November 24 – Nick Patalik
November 26 – Delia Moeller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 23 – Congratulations Delia & Mike Moeller
on your 20th Wedding Anniversary

The New Liturgical Year Begins Next Sunday

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the Church entrance for those who put in an order. To order a booklet call 800-933-1800.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* is available in the sacristy. Lectors pick up your copy.
- The *2017 Respond & Acclaim* CDs are ready. Organists and Song Leaders pick up your copy at the organ.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development (CCHD)

The CCHD works to transform lives and communities, focusing steadily on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the U.S.

Be generous.

The Conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy November 20, 2016, Feast of Christ the King



**A living sign of
the Father's love
in the world**

Year of Mercy

Dec. 08, 2015 – Nov. 20, 2016

[A]s we seal the Holy Door, we shall be filled, above all, with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace. We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future. — *Pope Francis*

PREPARING FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

In all three cycles of the lectionary there is a special focus for each of the four Sundays, beginning with a gospel of the Lord's return on the first Sunday, John the Baptist on the second and third Sundays and the beginning of the infancy narrative on the fourth Sunday. This year, Cycle A, the St. Matthew's gospel is proclaimed. The outline of the gospel readings looks like this:

- First Sunday:** *The return of the Lord.*
Second Sunday: *John the Baptist, a call to conversion.*
Third Sunday: *The relationship of John to Jesus.*
Fourth Sunday: *Mary and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth.*

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Moulton – December 15, 5:30 p.m.

Praha – December 21, 5:00 p.m.