

May 28, 2017

The Ascension of the Lord



Christ Raised to Heaven Present in the Church

Christ, who ascended into heaven in his body, carries on what he began on earth through his new body – the community of believers. The Church is the place of manifestation of the invisible, though active presence of the Risen Lord. Jesus continues to teach, heal, and comfort us. We do not live without him as we wait. He is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 3

4:30 p.m. The deceased of the Cerny & Vacek Family

Sunday, June 4

8:00 a.m. Spec. Intention – Carol & Randall Barta

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY



Next weekend is *Pentecost Sunday*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 104

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY MASS - JUNE 18

To have your father specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop your Father's Day envelope in the collection basket or mail by June 13.

Extra envelopes available at the main entrance to Church.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially James Kubecka.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Alan Wayne Lockstedt
and for the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Marcella & Ernest Chaloupka
Kristina & Marty Janak, Houston, TX - \$500

In Memory of Fr. Albin E. Milich
Ava Milich South, Port Arthur, TX - \$20

In Memory of Lillie Zimmerhanzel
Anonymous Donor
Susan & Andrew Velasquez

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

Praha Picnic

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

Praha Picnic will be here before you know it. We have already received some auction donations from out-of-town friends of the Parish. Here is an update on the Picnic:

Picnic Raffle: Thomas Petru and Liz Janak are still soliciting donations for the Raffle. They hope to finalize the donor's list by the end of the week so that we can get the list to the printers. We thank the following for their recent donations:

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| <i>Patsy & Elmer Michna</i> | <i>Oakridge Smokehouse</i> |
| <i>Jenelle & Daniel Cerny</i> | <i>Prototype Machine Co.</i> |
| <i>Barbara & Larry Prause</i> | <i>Elizabeth & Leo Janak</i> |
| <i>Bohuslav Feed Mill, Inc.</i> | <i>Robert's Steakhouse</i> |
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| <i>Kathleen & Martin Svatek</i> | <i>Helen Schaefer</i> |
| <i>Henrietta & Elton Moeller</i> | <i>Deloris Smolik</i> |
| <i>Pesek - Hermes Memorials</i> | <i>Jane Schneider</i> |
| <i>Flatonia National Bank - Branch of First National Bank of Shiner</i> | |

We also thank *Herzik's Milk & Grain* for once again sponsoring the printing of the raffle tickets.

Do please contact Thomas Petru (512-751-6191), Liz Janak (361-596-8206) or the Parish Office (361-596-4674) if you wish to make a donation. The deadline is May 31.

Picnic Chairpersons: Letters were mailed this week. Look out for schedule for Picnic Meetings.

Bands for the Picnic:

The Moravians

The Czechaholics

Texas Sound Check Band

REFLECTION

Gone, But Always With You

The feast of the Ascension is a kind of Liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at the second. The feast celebrates an aspect of the resurrection – the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us to focus on Jesus' exaltation while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the Church. The Easter accounts directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus and were intended to strengthen the Christians belief in the bodily resurrection. Jesus ate in front of his disciples; he invited Thomas to touch him. In a way Jesus was saying: "I am the same one who walked with you before." This is the one (body) that you have always known. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one we have known in his humanity.

For our part, we live between the time of his departure and the time of his return. Today we rejoice in one aspect of this mystery, his triumphant ascension, next week we will celebrate the coming of the Spirit. Even though he has left us physically, we do not live without him as we await. He is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 29 – Leona Herzik

May 30 – Carol Patalik

– Suzanne Jackson

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 Long Life

For the Conversion of My Kids

For the Reley & Nelms Grandchildren

For The Robert J. Family Reconciliation

For the High Risk Pregnancy of Lauren W.

For Good Health For Myself & My Husband Ed

Pray for Leigh Ann Cook, MD Anderson Cancer Hospital

For Our Grandsons Mason & Nico to be Healed with

Their Disability

For My Brother Who Is Dealing With Depression &

Various Health Issues

That Me & My Family Will Serve The Lord Forever &

Be Great Witnesses For Our Savior

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

MEMORIAL DAY- MAY 29, 2017



Taps

**Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake,
from the hill, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.**

**Thanks and praise for our days 'neath the sun,
'neath the stars, 'neath the sky.
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.**

We remember and pray for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We also pray for those serving our country now at home and abroad.

PENTECOST – NEXT SUNDAY



***"Veni Sancte Spiritus"* Come Holy Spirit**

As its name indicates, Pentecost is the feast that takes place fifty days after Easter. It is the crowning finale of the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, which lasts throughout Eastertime and ends with the pouring out of the Spirit over the apostles and in the Church. Pentecost is the final manifestation of God that has given birth to the Church. The liturgy commemorates the Pentecost that occurred in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter, yet transcends time. In fact, the liturgical celebration constantly makes this event present; from year to year it allows those who celebrate the feast to share in the grace of the mystery. The celebration encompasses two Masses: one on Saturday evening, the other on Sunday. The liturgy for Pentecost offers a richly spread table, where everyone can feed on the living bread of the Word, entering into the mystery and taking its best fruits. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

**Take time this week to pray for the outpouring
of the Holy Spirit on our parish family.**

Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And thy shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

V.B.S at St. Joseph's – July 10-14

*Praha Parish youth are invited to participate.
To register contact the Parish Office in Moulton.*