

July 16, 2017

Ordinary Time

Fifteenth Sunday



A Rest That Refreshes A Graced and Effective Word

In the parable of the Sower, what is in question is the Word of the Kingdom. It is lavishly sown because the Lord wants to address all without discrimination. The Sower does not make distinctions between different soils; he simply throws the seeds. His Word concerns everybody. The challenge for us however, is that, the word must be heard with clear ears, heeded, held to the heart and lived with truth without distorting the message. How receptive are you to this word of God?

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 22

4:30 p.m. Marie & Tony Masek

Sunday, July 23

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of St. Anne's K.J.Z.T.
Society #4

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY



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

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4 Meeting July 23 in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Members and their families are invited to attend and participate. A continental breakfast will be served. The July 23 Mass is for the St. Anne's Society members.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Dianne Simper

Julia Stryk - \$20

Schacherl Chunchal Family, Shiner TX - \$20

In Memory of Cecilia & Anton Masek - \$200

Masek / Jasek Family

Melvin Hutzler, Bulvrede, TX - \$200

(pledged payment)

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

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Dianne Simper

Mary & Charlie Bartos

CHURCH DOORS

The rest of the Church doors have been installed. The figures depicted on the doors are:

Front Doors (Outside Figures) – Sts. Peter & Paul and Sts. Cyril & Methodius

Front Doors (Inside Figures) – The Baptism of Jesus (Jesus & John the Baptist) and Mary Queen of Heaven & The Assumption of Mary

East Doors – Prince Wenceslas & St. Vitus and St. Adalbert of Prague & the Infant of Prague

West Doors – St. Ludmila & Agnes of Bohemia and The Visitation (Mary & Elizabeth)

The artwork was done by Gretchen & Antonio Loro of Loro Fine Art, Houston. We thank Bobby Buehring of R. B. Construction, Moulton for the beautiful carpentry work.

K.J.T. State Family Day – July 23 at the K.J.T. Activity & Fraternal Center, 6116 St. Highway 71E, La Grange. Registration beings at 10:30 a.m., Mass at 11:00 a.m., meal served from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Rita Marie Fajkus

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.



Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Emil Lev.

REFLECTION



Words That Come Alive

Like the sower in today's Gospel, Jesus spoke the word of God among us freely. The fruitfulness of that word however depends upon the receptivity of the one who hears it. God's word does not order or force us, but rather challenges and invites. With our human freedom we can refuse to listen, ignore or even reject the word.

Some of us at first listen and act upon it, but when difficulties arise, when the challenge of the word seems to be inconvenient, we lag in our attentiveness. Some of us choose to be receptive to what agrees with our own point of view but close our ears and minds to what corrects and challenges us. Mercifully, God does not cease to speak his word to us again and again. This word can grace us and change us for the better. At issue here is not the quality of the seed, the word, but the disposition of the soil on which the seed falls.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 19 – Chelsea Kubenka
 – Nancy Petru
 – Theresa Tousek
 – Helen Wiedemann
 July 20 – Karmyn Michalec
 July 21 – Elyse Chaloupka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



July 19 – Josephine & Alphonse Kubenka

Area Picnics

Today – Ascension of the Lord, Moravia
 – St. Matthew's Czech Day Celebration, Jourdanton
 August 5-6 – St. Anthony's Shrimporee, Palacios
 August 6 – St. Joseph, Yoakum

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

Our parish picnic is only a month away.

Raffle tickets and the picnic donation letter have been mailed to parishioners and out-of-town benefactors. If you have not done so yet, fill out your donation slip and turn in your raffle stubs and donations as soon as possible so you can be given credit. You may drop them in the collection basket or the mail. Extra raffle tickets for sale outside the Church after Mass.

We thank the following for kicking off the Picnic with their recent donations:

Meat Donation Fund

*Peggy & Darrell Mica, Austin - \$50
 Pat & Tom Lawrence, Moulton - \$50
 Betty & Harry Maskey, Moulton - \$10
 Lisa & David Rothbauer, Moulton - \$50*

Music Donation Fund

Betty & Harry Maskey, Moulton - \$10

Bingo Donations

*Pat & Tom Lawrence, Moulton - \$10
 Aaron & Beth Gaertner, Moulton - \$10*

Fr. Gabriel's Cake

*Pat & Tom Lawrence, Moulton - \$10
 Betty & Harry Maskey, Moulton - \$20
 Marcella & Henry J. Henke Sr., Hallettsville - \$25*

Cake Walk

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde – 5 Pecan Pies

Country Store

Will Lawrence, Moulton – Pot Holders

Auction Donations

Betty & Harry Maskey, Moulton – Baby Quilt
 Lisa & David Rothbauer, Moulton – Full/Queen Afghan w/ 2 Pillows
 Patti & James Greedy – MacWagon w/ table, Rubbermaid Container Set

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

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My donation to the Auction. (include market value)

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

Music \$ _____ Fr. Gabriel's Cake \$ _____

Country Store: _____

Other donations: _____

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

Name: _____

Phone # _____