

March 18, 2018

Lent
Fifth Sunday



From Death To Life

The Lazarus' story is our story. Just as Lazarus was raised, so we begin to live anew at baptism and, after death rise to live forever in glory with the Lord. For us death is a passage not a terminal experience. Our faith in Jesus' word arise in us hope that will see us through that passage with assurance.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 24
4:30 p.m. Ben Smolik
Sunday, March 25
8:00 a.m. Parish Family

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1--15:47

LAST LENTEN FISH FRY OF 2018 NEXT FRIDAY

St. Joseph's Church, Moulton
Fridays of Lent

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$9.00 Per Plate

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Roasted Red Potatoes, Cole Slaw & Dessert



Dine in the Parish Hall Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go

***All proceeds go to charities.**

Prepare to Celebrate Easter

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 19 Moulton 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21 Praha 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Priests from the area will be assisting.

**No scheduled confessions in Moulton nor Praha during Holy Week.*

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, 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.

**DAY OF PRAYER AND RECOLLECTION
FOR THE LADIES OF THE PARISH - TODAY**

The ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society invite all the ladies of the parish to a Day of Prayer and Recollection at the school in Praha, today after Mass. The day will include breakfast, spiritual talks, lunch and end after lunch with a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The director of the retreat will be Fr. Gabriel.

We hope you will be able to join us.

K.J.Z.T. District II Meeting Today

We welcome members of the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas (K.J.Z.T.) District II and their families to Praha. Their district meeting and social will be held at the Parish Hall. Registration at 1:30 p.m. Memorial Service, awarding of pins and meeting at 2:00 p.m. Door prizes and catered meal to follow. Praha Society #4 is hosting the event. Praha members attending are asked to bring a dessert and a door prize.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

We thank the following for their donations:



Pat Masek - 3 Bags of Candy
Robin & Douglas Branecky - \$25
Leona Herzik - candy filled eggs
Lori & David Janecka - candy filled eggs

Barbara & Larry Prause - 4 dozen eggs & candy
Staci & Scott MacDonald & Family - candy filled eggs

To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.

REFLECTION

Jesus, Resurrection and Life

The raising of Lazarus is the last and decisive “sign” that Jesus works in order to manifest the glory of the Father and announce his supreme personal glorification at his Passover. In St. John’s Gospel Jesus’ miracles and his works in general are called “signs”. While they glorify the Father they also reveal the true identity of Jesus, thus enkindling faith.

Among the “signs” that Jesus worked, the raising of Lazarus stands out. Through this sign, Jesus showed that he himself was the Resurrection and the Life. This “sign” requires from each of us a personal answer. “I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this?” No one can evade this question. What is your response?

The miracle has its immediate consequence, the condemnation of Jesus to death. He freely gave his life so that we might live forever. *Like Thomas, we say, “Let us also go to Jerusalem to die with him,” and with him to rise.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 18 – Celine Kalina
March 19 – Lynette Okruhlik
March 20 – Fr. Gabriel
March 21 – Mary Bartos

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:

Believe In True Love
My Job Will Be Secure
In Memory of My Grandmother
For My Brother, Mark Naaden Who Has Cancer
For Our Mentally Ill Estranged 25 Year Old Precious Son
To Focus on Love, Health & Kindness For God’s Family & Me
Prayers For Healing For My Family, Bring My Children Home
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Helen Muras
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.

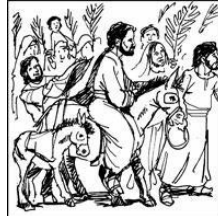


LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Today Jesus proclaims, “I am the resurrection and the life.” As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s Resurrection we are both consoled and energized to do his will. Your contribution to the Rice Bowl helps farmers improve crop yields, brings clean water to communities, and provides basic health and nutrition services. *Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone’s life.*

Next Sunday we enter into Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. We commemorate the entrance of the Lord



into Jerusalem according to ancient custom with a solemn procession. With songs and gestures we imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing “Hosanna”. In the procession we carry palm branches which are later taken home

where they serve as a reminder of the Victory of Christ.

Sunday is the only day that there are two gospel proclamations in the same liturgy. The first takes place in at the beginning of the liturgy before the procession. It recalls Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. The second gospel proclaimed takes place in the usual place at Mass. It is the proclamation of the Passion narrative. It is proclaimed without the usual ritual gestures: the greeting, the crossing of forehead, lips, and heart, no incense, no candles. This is the most pivotal moment in the life of the Lord and in our observance of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week.

Come let us celebrate!

Holy Week At A Glance

Palm Sunday Procession: We will gather in front of the School for the procession.

Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils): - March 27, 10:00 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. Parishioners are invited to participate.

Holy Thursday:

- **The Mass of the Lord’s Supper**
- **Gifts And Canned Food For The Needy**

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.

Holy Saturday: We gather for the Easter Vigil.

See Triduum/Easter Bulletin insert for more details.

Easter Flowers: To make a donation in memory of your loved ones, drop your Easter Flower Donation envelope in the collection basket or mail. Donors list will be published in the Bulletin.

Lenten Food Drive: Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations: See list of donors.