

May 13, 2018

## The Ascension of the Lord



### Continuing the Mission

The celebration of Christ's Ascension focuses our attention on just exactly what we are to do now that Jesus is no longer with us in the flesh. Jesus' mission was to bring us into union with God and with one another and to heal everything that obstructs that union. With his ascension, that mission is now ours. Each of us is consecrated and empowered to carry on this mission with the assistance of the abiding presence of the Risen Lord. *How is your life a participation in this mission?*



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God for all the mothers of our Parish.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 19

4:30 p.m. Robert R. Schaefer

Sunday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Agnes Jasek & Lillie Zimmerhanel

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



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

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

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104**

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

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**



Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Julia Stryk.

## Happy Mother's Day

### Prayer for Mother

Thank you, God for my mother. How many times have I said that I will be different from my mother – "better," unusual – not like her. Yet here I stand, morally and lovingly hers.

Thank you, God for all that she said and all that she did not say, for all that she did and all that she left undone.

Thank you, God for letting me become so many of those good things that were my mother—the things I had not the wisdom to see in earlier day. Thank you, God for my mother.  
— Donna Schaper



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet – See Insert

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

**Melvin Hutzler - \$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.

### PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY

The first Praha Pancake Sunday was held on Sunday,

May 6, 2018 and was a huge success! We served pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, cereal, juice, coffee and milk to over 65 guests. It was a lovely morning

of fellowship with parish and community members. The next Praha Pancake Sunday will be on June 3rd.

We would like to invite all able bodied parishioners and Altar Society members to sign up to help with future Pancake Sundays. We need 8 volunteers each month and the time commitment is from 7:30-10:30 a.m. All supplies are provided - we need your helping hands and smiling face!

Please contact Lori Janecka (361-772-4307 or [lorijanecka@gmail.com](mailto:lorijanecka@gmail.com)) if you would like to sign up for any month.....friends and family welcome to help!

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the Praha Altar Society!

## REFLECTION

### *Proclaim the Gospel to All Nations*

The readings for this Sunday show us that it is the inherent responsibility of the disciples of Jesus to continue his mission. Jesus did not send his disciples into the world to proclaim the good news without the support necessary to accomplish their purpose. The ascending Jesus promised the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and empower his own for mission. With keen awareness of our need for the ongoing gift of the Spirit to inspire, drive, and authenticate our work as Jesus' disciples, we must remind ourselves that before Jesus sent the Church into the world, he sent the Spirit in the Church.

Like Jesus, we are sent to be fully immersed in the human condition so that every person we encounter, everything we touch, will experience the presence of God with us.

However, like Jesus, we are also to follow the lead of God who calls us apart from the ways of the world to witness to other values, to other goals so as to live an alternative lifestyle within the world inspired by our faith in the ascended Lord.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 15 – Johnnye Jameyson  
May 16 – Dianne Neiman

## PICNIC RAFFLE PRIZES BEING SOLICITED

It's time to start thinking about making donations to the Raffle. Thomas Petru has started contacting businesses to solicit raffle prize donations. Anyone interested in making a donation may call Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) or Liz Janak (361-596-8206). The Raffle Prize donation deadline is May 31. *Thank you.*

## 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:**

<i>For Financial Blessings</i>	<i>For All Souls</i>
<i>For Travelers &amp; Visitors</i>	<i>To Save My Home</i>
<i>For Susan &amp; Frank Wynne</i>	<i>For Special Intention</i>
<i>For Levi Hernandez – Health Reasons</i>	
<i>For The Repose of The Soul of Hayden Hummel</i>	
<i>For The Repose of The Soul of Eva Mae Espinoza</i>	
<i>For My Mother – Broken Foot, Arm &amp; Knee</i>	

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

### Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria



Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community.

*Please be generous.*

## PENTECOST – NEXT SUNDAY

### **Veni Sancte Spiritus Come Holy Spirit**



As its name indicates, Pentecost is the feast that takes place fifty days after Easter Sunday. 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 thou 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.*

## Bingo At Oak Manor Nursing Home



The K.J.Z.T. ladies volunteer to do Bingo every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Manor Nursing Home. We would appreciate your help and it would make the residents happy. Anybody is welcome to help. To help or for more information contact Georgia Cerny at 361-865-3354.