

February 4, 2018

Ordinary Time

Fifth Sunday



Jesus, The Giver of Hope

Jesus knows the misery of human life, because he is one of us. However, suffering can no longer be interpreted as a direct punishment from God for sins committed as it was commonly believed at the time. The miracles that Jesus worked, freeing the man of unclean spirit, the healing of Simon's mother-in-law, and the generalized summary of miracles at sundown are preliminary acts of healing that foreshadow the greatest act of healing miracle, the death and resurrection of Christ. It is in this miracle that we partake at every Eucharist. In this miracle Jesus continues to heal the broken-hearted. Come and be healed.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Deana & Kenneth Bohuslav in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Larry Seifert by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10
6:30 p.m. Larry Seifert
Sunday, February 11
6:30 a.m. Grace Schoenvogel
9:30 a.m. Raymond Wenske

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday – February 14

Mass Schedule:

St. Joseph's, Moulton – 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's, Praha – 5:30 p.m.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays of Lent, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays of Lent, 7:00 p.m., Family Room.
Contact Anna Bartos (361-798-0999).

Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving

As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters at home and in all nations. The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.

Second Collection (Rice Bowl)

All Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

Lenten Food Drive

We will once again be collecting canned goods for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Eugenia Pustejovsky

Evelyn Kubicek Gladys, Steven & Dale Seifert

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner & Raffle Feb. 25.

Show your support for our Altar Society ladies who work so hard in their ministry to our Church.

MEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – MARCH 8-11

We would like to invite you to join us for a life-changing weekend. This experience will take place March 8 – 11 at Cathedral Oaks in Oakland, TX. It will be an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends. *For more information contact Joe Pilat (361.772.6420), Steven Blahuta (361.798.6968) or Kevin Bartos (361.772.5628).*

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
TUES. – Quilting Ladies Meet, Quilting Room
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Men's A.C.T.S. Team Meets, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Hall
THURS. – Quilting Ladies Meet, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Berckenhoff** and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



REFLECTION

In Today's first reading, Job complains to his friends that his days fly by faster than a weaver's shuttle. Think of the needle of a sewing machine racing up and down faster than the eye can see. This speed of Job's days is certainly echoed in what we hear about Jesus' activities in today's gospel reading. Jesus – moving from town to town, preaching the good news and casting out demons – is a bundle of energy in Mark. Within a few verses we find him healing “all who were wicked or possessed.” Indeed, “the whole city was gathered around the door” looking for his attention!

We find Jesus entering the house of Peter (Simon) and Andrew, and there is the mother of Peter's wife sick in bed with a fever. The interesting thing is not the cure, but that upon being healed, the mother-in-law immediately began to serve. (The original Greek word for her service is *diakonein* the same word that is the origin of the church's ministry of “deacon” today.) So, when we find gifts of God in our lives today, we give thanks to God knowing that the gift is not an end in itself but to be given back to God in service.

Next, we notice that Jesus' fame is beginning to spread like wildfire. It's not even the end of Chapter 1 of the Gospel of Mark and already everyone is looking for Jesus. Jesus wanted to keep his identity hidden: “He would not permit the demons to speak.” As our progress through the gospel continues through this liturgical year, we will discover that the more Jesus tries to keep his identity hidden, the more his fame and popularity with the crowds spread.

*Consider the many gifts you have received from God.
How have you used them in service of others?*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 4 – Kevin Bartos, Sandra Fisbeck, Wesley Rothbauer
Feb. 5 – Diana Moeller Kloesel, Patricia Lombardo,
Mary Ann Rother, Georgia Wagner
Feb. 6 – Jamie Anderle
Feb. 7 – Judy Barta, Kamryn Darilek
Feb. 8 – Tom Lawrence, Madison Moeller, Mason Nieto,
Robert Pilat, Marilyn Strmiska
Feb. 9 – Phillip Geissen, Brittanica Darilek, Michael Raab,
Taylor Self
Feb. 10 – Patrick Cinadr, Georgia Holub, Kyle Koncaba

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 5 – Odilia & Everardo Fernandez
– Congratulations Deana & Kenneth Bohuslav
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary
Feb. 6 – Tina & Eugene Trejo
Feb. 8 – Rosalyn & Alvin Kocian
Feb. 10 – LaSae & Eric Rother

LENTEN FISH FRY

As part of our Lenten sacrifice we participate and support the Lenten Fish Fry. All proceeds from the Fry go to charity. Last year we served 2,149 plates for a profit of \$11,810.57. A total of \$9,264.01 was donated to charity in 2017: \$7,000 of the proceeds were donated to hurricane victims in Dickinson, Friendswood, Houston, League City and Rockport. Other donations went to the Teen A.C.T.S.



Retreat, the sick of the community, bibles for Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach Center and various other charities. It is a way of reaching out in compassion and ministering to others.

Consider baking a cake(s) - we need at least 20 cakes for every fish fry, or making a monetary offering to support this noble cause. To help, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail slot.

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Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Yes, I can bake a cake(s) on the following day(s):

__ Feb. 14 __ Feb. 16 __ Feb. 23 __ Mar. 2

__ Mar. 9 __ Mar. 16 __ Mar. 23

My Monetary Donation: \$ _____

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.

Feb. 5 – K-2nd Grade After School Program

Feb. 7 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.

Next Sunday – * Youth Mass (3rd Grade); C.C.D.;
– First Communion Parents' Meeting

* All K-11th Grade C.C.D. Students are reminded to be in their classrooms by 9:15 a.m. so they can process into Church with their teacher and classmates.

Youth Ministry Center Donations

In Memory of Eugenia Pustejovsky

Gilbert Adamek

Angeline Jalufka

Mary Lou Dierschke

Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck



Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Cynthia Beran and Delia Brigman.