

July 12, 2020

Ordinary Time

Fifteenth Sunday



The Word Takes Root

Jesus' parable of the sower, the seeds and the soil invites us to think more about what happens to us when we hear the Word of God. Give the proper welcome, the Word can take root, grow, flower and bear fruit. Isaiah tells us that the Word of God comes as an invitation to allow God to permeate our life as water saturates soil. If we allow the seed of the Word to grow in us the results will be incalculable. We will be able to speak the words that will effect hope and healing, forgiveness and peace in human hearts.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Susie & Henry Butschek Family

Thursday, July 16

5:30 p.m. *The Deceased of the Joseph & Mary Janecek Jasek Family (Praha)*

Friday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Paul Michalec & Harvey Barta, Julia & Louis Satsky, Ora Nell Satsky

Sunday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Delphin Janecka Sr., Jim Schneider (Praha)

Mass with a congregation this Sunday, July 12 will be at 9:00 a.m. under the pavilion at the Social Center in Moulton.

Mass on Sunday, July 12 will also be on demand for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org.

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

Bulletin sponsorship available (\$35):

July 26 August 2 August 23

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment \$17,685.00
Contributions So Far \$ 5,995.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$11,690.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Richard Kalisek

Roberta & Daniel Mejias

Kathy & Dcn. Kenneth Fishbeck

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their contributions:

Irene & Steve Nieto - \$200

Tracy & Frank Nieto - \$200

To make a tax-deductible donation you may go to our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org and donate online or make a donation directly to St. Joseph's Church.

SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society Meeting Canceled

The Altar Society Meeting that was scheduled for July 13 in the Parish Hall has been canceled. Members will be contacted via email concerning the issues that were scheduled for discussion.

Knights of Columbus #3244

Family Night Postponed: To help prevent the spread of Covid-19 the KCs have postponed the Annual Family Night until later in the year.

2020 KC Dues: Members who have not yet paid their 2020 KC dues are encouraged to do so now. The dues are critical to Council operations.

KC Bingo will not reopen until Covid-19 subsides.

The Sanctuary Light has been removed from the tabernacle area (Adoration Chapel) due to the repairs project in the Church. We are therefore suspending the Sanctuary Light sponsorship until the candle is returned to the Adoration Chapel.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Bea & Clarence Bohuslav, Rosalie Koncaba, Gail & Matthew Maskey and all those in our community suffering from the Corona Virus.

REFLECTION



Levels of Receptivity of the Word of God

The readings for this Sunday call us to a kind of self-examination. The Gospel describes various levels of receptivity. Today we are challenged to look into our own lives in order to discover how receptive we are.

Receptivity is the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by that other, perhaps to be transformed. Receptivity came very naturally to us when we were children. We instinctively knew we were needy. As we grew and matured, we became more and more independent and self-directed and less inclined to be influenced by others. This situation is natural, but it does have its drawbacks. The more independent we are, the less likely it is we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas.

By definition disciples are receptive to the one they are following. Because of the independence into which so many of us have grown we can experience a major problem here. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinize ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open.

At issue is not the character of the seed but the disposition of the soil. It makes little difference who sows the seed. God works through both the well-recognized and the most unlikely of sowers. Is our openness superficial, like the rocky ground? It is fickle, like the thorny ground? Or are we really receptive to the Word of God, like the ground that produces? And finally, are we as productive as we might be?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 12 – Shannon Simper, Elizabeth Sustr
July 14 – Kalli Baker, Yolanda Bartos
July 15 – Roberta Mejias
July 16 – Amanda Janecek, Magdaleno Perez,
Angeline Wagner
July 18 – Robert Bartos, Michael Mikulencak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 12 – Jeralyn & Troy Barta
July 13 – Congratulations Karin & Kenneth Filipp
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary
July 14 – Jamie & Justin Anderle
July 18 – Rose & Joseph Bartos

LOOKING AHEAD

From the 15th to the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel of Matthew, the “Discourse in Parables” constitutes a well-defined unit. “On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into the boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables.” Thus, begins chapter 13. And at the end, Jesus asks, “Do you understand all these things?” It is rare enough to find in biblical books a whole so clearly recognizable as a unit. This chapter is read in its entirety on the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Sundays in Ordinary Time, Year A; therefore, we see an obvious sequence in this succession of Sunday liturgies.



Fifteenth Sunday:

1st Reading – Isaiah 55:10-11
My word will not return void
Psalm – Psalm 65:10-14
God has watered the land
2nd Reading – Romans 8:18-23
Creation awaits with eager expectation
Gospel – Matthew 13:1-23
A sower went out to sow

Sixteenth Sunday:

1st Reading – Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
God’s might is the source of justice
Psalm – Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Lord, you are good and forgiving
2nd Reading – Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit intercedes with us
Gospel – Matthew 13:24-43
Let them grow together

Seventeenth Sunday:

1st Reading – 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
An understanding heart
Psalm – Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Lord, I love your law
2nd Reading – Romans 8:28-30
Conformed to the image of Jesus
Gospel – Matthew 13:44-52
Sell all for the kingdom

And we continue with the reading of the important chapter 8 of Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

C. C. D. NEWS

Faith Formation During The Pandemic

We are making plans as to how best to implement the 2020-21 C.C.D. Program in view of the Corona Virus. We will be scheduling meetings with parents and C.C.D. Teachers soon to discuss different options on how to proceed during this pandemic.