

October 11, 2015

Ordinary Time

Twenty-eighth Sunday



What Must I Do To Inherit Eternal Life?

No matter what we do, none of us can earn eternal life. We cannot earn a place at the banquet table of God by our good deeds. The poor cannot buy it with their poverty and the rich cannot buy it with their riches. The Kingdom of God is a gift. When the rich young man realized this truth his face fell and he went away sad. He was unwilling to let go of the things that possessed him to follow Jesus. God invites us to live on his grace and let go of what we think we need.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by the Patalik Family in memory of Eugene Patalik.

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday, October 14

6:00 p.m. For the Welfare of the Parish

Saturday, October 17

4:30 p.m. Joe, Agnes & James Jasek

Sunday, October 18

8:00 a.m. Benjamin Smolik

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Read ahead and be prepared for next weekend, *The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible:

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

St. Anne K.J.Z.T. Society #4 Meeting Today after the 8 a.m. Mass, School Chapel. Members invited and encouraged to attend.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1st – The Feast of All Saints

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

Mass Schedule: Praha – 8:00 a.m.

Moulton – 6:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

November 2nd – The Feast of All Souls

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

Mass Schedule:

Praha – Blessing of the Graves at 4:30 p.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Moulton – Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Blessing of the graves after Mass.

All Souls Commemoration



During the month of November we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use the attached All

Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail slot at the rectory by Oct. 31.

Restoring Maticka Praha



Church Restoration Fund Donations

We thank the following for their recent donations:

Nancy & Thomas Petru - \$209

(pledge payment for pew restoration)

Judith & James McCune, Wetumpka, AL - \$10

(monthly pledge payment)

In Honor of Josef & Terezie Stryk

Martha Stryk Sitka, Hallettsville, TX - \$100

Ann (Stryk) & Stan Cerny, Katy, TX - \$100

* Total contributions to date in memory of Josef & Terezie Stryk - \$10,400.

To make a tax deductible donation towards the restoration project: Restoring Maticka Praha contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.



BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for a bible study class after Mass on Wednesdays until 7:30 p.m.

Additional Picnic Donations

Prosperity Bank - \$225

St. Ann's K.J.Z.T. #4 - \$500

REFLECTION



Eternal Life Is a Gift From God

The initial exchange between Jesus and the rich man in today's gospel raises an important question: Can one gain eternal life, or is it a gift from God? The man's question implies that he believes that he can do something to deserve eternal life. Jesus' response about obeying the law indicates that a particular way of living is indeed required to those who desired eternal life. The man is not putting Jesus to the test; he has approached him with great respect. This is an honest and upright man, one who has been observant from his youth but who realizes that there is still something missing in his life. Jesus recognizes this goodness, and he loves him (*agapáō*).

Jesus however, does not seem to accept the man's salutation, insisting that only God is good. Yet he is certainly not denying his own goodness. When the man addresses him a second time, Jesus lists the commandments. The commandments themselves are not the issue here. They are included in order to point out the moral integrity of this rich man – he has acquired his wealth honestly.

St. Mark uses the detailed description of the man's goodness to show that even the righteous find it difficult to respond to the radical demands of discipleship. The man could not renounce his riches. Jesus' response is probably the key to understanding the entire passage. While those who wish to inherit eternal life are bound to the commandments, only divine grace can enable them to enter the reign of God. While they must live lives of moral integrity, they must rely completely on God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 13 – Nichole Klekar
October 14 – Dennis Tousek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 17 – Congratulations Jeanette & Carl Henke
on your 45th Wedding Anniversary

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday

This collection is taken up to help the propagation of the Catholic Faith throughout the world.

Please be generous.



ENCYCLICAL LETTER *LAUDATO SI'* ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Hill Briefing (*continued*)

- “For poor countries, the priorities must be to eliminate extreme poverty and to promote the social development of their people. At the same time, they need to acknowledge the scandalous level of consumption in some privileged sectors of their population and to combat corruption more effectively. They are likewise bound to develop less polluting forms of energy production, but to do so they require the help of countries which have experienced great growth at the cost of the ongoing pollution of the planet” (172).

➤ The encyclical is a call for political action and courage:

- “To take up these responsibilities and the costs they entail, politicians will inevitably clash with the mindset of short-term gain and results which dominates present-day economics and politics. But if they are courageous, they will attest to their God-given dignity and leave behind a testimony of selfless responsibility” (181).

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



A Scriptural Rosary

The Catholic bishops of the US, in their pastoral letter *Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity* invite us to enter into the mystery of the Mystical Body of Christ. As St. Paul teaches in his letter to the Corinthians, the mystery is that we are made part of the Body through our Baptism. By learning to celebrate our individual differences while embracing our union with others, we grow not only in our understanding of Jesus, but in the knowledge of our own true selves...

There is no better guide to help us enter into this mystery and answer these calls than our Mother Mary. In her miraculous apparitions throughout the world she has embodied the diversity of every race and nation. As our loving Mother, she draws us into union with each other through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Praying the rosary is one way which we can respond to the four calls of *Welcoming a Stranger*. As we reflect on the events in the lives of Jesus and Mary, we are invited to consider how even today, we, as Christ's Mystical Body, continue to share these joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious experiences with one another. – USCCB