

July 24, 2022

**Ordinary Time
Seventeenth Sunday**



Why Pray?

This question speaks to one of our most essential human needs. Jesus knows that his disciples needed to share in the relationship he had with God. He therefore taught us a simple, honest and profound prayer. We pray because the words we utter in God's presence are the breathing that sustains our lives. God is nearer to us than our own heartbeat. The day we cease to pray, we cease to live and to be who we are before God and others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, July 28
4:30 p.m. For the Success of the Church Picnic
Saturday, July 30
4:30 p.m. Spec. Intention – Tracie Holub & Jim Pfeil
Sunday, July 31
8:00 a.m. Julia & Anton Stryk

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of parishioners at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.



**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
for a Special Intention.**

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

Doris A. Niccolai, Texas City, TX - \$25

Frank Kubicek Jr., Shiner, TX - \$100

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY DONATION

We thank the Brunner Family for their recent contribution of \$200 to St. Mary's Cemetery.

On-line Giving: We thank the Praha parishioners and friends of the parish who have been supporting us with their on-line donations. To make an on-line donation to the church go to:

<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-assumption-praha>

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Praha Society Quarterly Meeting, Today in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The quarterly meeting will include a guest speaker. All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD



On The Journey to Jerusalem

From the 18th to the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the framework of the *Journey to Jerusalem*, the Gospel according to St. Luke has incorporated certain teachings of Jesus that function as a course on discipleship. These teachings may appear to be disjointed and illogical, but they are not.

The four gospel passages read from the 18th through the 21st Sundays are grouped under the heading: *In all things consider the End*. These teachings of Jesus are seen from the perspective of the End of all things – eternity, the Master's return, judgment, and entry into the Kingdom.

- The happy End of human life does not depend on wealth, and it is foolish to hoard it when what is needed is to grow rich *in what matters to God* – 18th Sunday.
- One must therefore dedicate oneself to gathering a never-failing treasure, behaving as a *faithful and prudent steward* – 19th Sunday.
- Such conduct and behavior contrasts sharply with the world's ways of acting often leading us to conflict with those who do not appreciate all things in the light of this *End* – 20th Sunday.
- Yet entry into the Kingdom requires these choices – 21st Sunday.

CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

REFLECTION

Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138
Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

How Do We Talk To God?

Today, we hear Abraham talking to God about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. In the conversation Abraham gets close to God and barter with God on behalf of the just people who may live in the city. For Abraham, the just should not be punished for the sake of the wicked. Abraham's prayer is conditioned by his knowledge of God as caring, merciful and personally involved in the affairs of humans.

Jesus' disciples on the other hand want to know how he talks to God, like a child with a parent, like a Son to a loving Father. Jesus' teaching about prayer is offered within the context of his own prayerful communication with God. The disciples saw him at prayer. Their request is understood as a desire to share in the union that Jesus shares with the Father. Jesus' Father is our Father. He asks for *our* daily bread and forgiveness for *our* sins. Jesus' talking to God is all *we* and *us* and not *I* and *me*. When we talk to God as Jesus has taught us, we are drawn into his relationship with God and with all he loves as brothers and sisters. Attached to the Our Father is a series of teaching on prayer. Through the parable of the friend knocking at midnight, Jesus encourages persistence in prayer. The dotting attention we receive from God must be translated into selfless acts of caring for others. Do you acknowledge and accept all others as children of the same Father? Or is your talking to God mere lip service? How do you talk to God?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 25 – Allen Cerny
July 26 – Thomas Petru
July 28 – Dennis Stryk

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 30 – Tracie Holub & Jim Pfeil

25th

Congratulations
Marilyn & Allen Cerny
on your Silver Wedding Anniversary
July 26, 2022

Vacation Bible School July 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



We welcome the children of the parish, grandchildren of parishioners, youth of the community and teachers to V.B.S. Praha V.B.S. offers the children an opportunity to come together before School starts, to learn about their faith, have fun with their friends and make new friends.

How You Can Help With The Picnic?

Auction: Donate items of value to the auction. Cattle, Antiques, Quilts, Woodcrafts, Metal Works, Homemade Goodies. We need a variety of items for our guests.

Meat Donation Fund: Our Meat Donation Fund goal this year is \$20,000. Help us keep the price of a plate at \$12. We have a long way to go to meet our goal. Have you made your donation?

Raffle Tickets: Have you turned in your raffle stubs and donations yet? Contact Thomas Petru, Barbara Prause or the Parish Office to pick up extra tickets to sell.

Bingo & Music Fund Donations: It takes a lot to have good music for our guests. Bingo donations are needed as well. Can you help?

Country Store: The out-of-town people love homemade jelly, home-canned/baked goods, and hand-made crafts. Let's make sure we have plenty on hand.

Fr. Gabriel's Cake: Fr. Gabriel's Cake will be auctioned off at the Picnic. Make a donation towards it for a piece of cake.

Other Picnic Donations are welcome.

On-line Donations. For your convenience visit us on-line <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-assumption-praha>.

Desserts & Cake Walk: Get your ovens ready. We need at least 200 cakes (pies, strudels, rosettes ...) for the cake walk and can never have enough desserts for the meal.

Publicity: Pick up some flyers and post them at your place of work and at area businesses. Invite all your friends and family to the Picnic.

Contributions from out-of-town friends of the parish are accepted and appreciated. See Insert.

PICNIC WORKERS NEEDED

- 14 people to help fill plates for the plates to go lines
- Bingo workers, Tea servers, & Cake Walk volunteers
- Hamburger Stand volunteers needed

To volunteer to help do please check the form below and return the form to the Parish Office or contact Helen Schaefer or Theresa Tousek (plates-to-go), Jane Schneider (Bingo), Carol & Gene Patalik (Tea), Robin Cerny (Cake Walk) or the Parish Office if you can help. Sign up as soon as possible – worker's list will be out soon.

Yes, I can help with:

- Plates-to-go lines** _____ 8:30-10:30 a.m.
_____ 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. _____ 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Bingo** _____ 2:00-4:00 p.m. _____ 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Hamburger Stand** **Tea Servers**
- Cake Walk** **Where Needed**

Name: _____

Phone # or Email: _____