

September 4, 2022

**Ordinary Time
Twenty-third Sunday**



**Plan Ahead;
Count the Cost**

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers a lesson to those who would be his disciples. In the figures of a tower builder and a warring King who plan ahead, disciples learn that they are not to be naïve regarding their commitment to Christ. Each of us must take time to assess our commitment, to calculate the cost and what Jesus asks of us and then be willing to give ourselves over single-heartedly to him.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, September 8
4:30 p.m. Julie & Louis Herzik
Saturday, September 10
4:30 p.m. Edward Jurek
Sunday, September 11
8:00 a.m. Karl Steinhauser

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Edward Jurek.

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



We thank the following for their recent donations:
Lawrence & Darlene Jones, Houston, TX - \$20

In Memory of Eula Hawkins - \$20
Tia & Zane Ables, Pittsburg, TX

In Memory of Mary & Adolph Jasek - \$20
Luke Jasek, Round Rock, TX

In Memory of my Deceased Family Members - \$20
Jana Raelurek, Wharton, TX

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY - TODAY

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
Join us at the Praha Hall Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast and fellowship. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

Help Needed: The Praha Pancake crew invites you to sign up to help prepare and serve breakfast. We need 8 volunteers each month and the time commitment is from 7:15-10:30 a.m. All supplies are provided. We need your helping hands and smiling face. Contact Lori Janecka if you can help.

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.

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

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

2023 AT HOME WITH THE WORD

To foster full, conscious, and active participation in the Sunday Liturgy all parishioners are encouraged to prepare for the celebration. One way of getting ready for the Mass is to reflect on the liturgical readings at home. Copies of *At Home With The Word* are ordered for all those who sign up for them. Fill in the form below and return it by Sept. 25th.

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2023 At Home With The Word

Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

Name _____

REFLECTION

Wisdom 9:13-18b Psalm 90 Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Discipleship – A Dear And Daily Cost

Discipleship is a costly business, not to be taken lightly! Anyone who experiences its attraction ought first of all to weigh the pros and cons and decide, realistically whether true discipleship is possible. There is no compromise; Jesus himself is the model of obedience and fidelity.

Bearing the cross summarizes discipleship. When Jesus is crucified upon Calvary, there is little else that could so effectively separate him from his family, friends, origins or cultures - his was a Roman death - crucifixion. In carrying out his mission of the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, he has to bear such separation. The same will be required too, of the disciple, the true follower.

It is this separation that the word "hatred" covers. A disciple is not being asked to nurture deep personal loathing for family and origins, but to understand that God's Kingdom calls for a radical change in life. The Kingdom of God takes precedence over everything else and it must therefore be assessed realistically, as a carpenter, planning to build, assesses the scope of the project. In Jesus' day, it may have been the building of a tower to protect home or vineyard. Today it could be planning one's "dream home." The dream may be fine, but can the project be finished?

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

*Catholic Communications Campaign,
Black & Native Americans, Catholic University*
Please be generous.

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY



On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

MOULTON CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 18

Moulton's Picnic is only two weeks away. Consider helping Moulton parish as the Moulton parishioners did for our Picnic.

There will be a shuttle service to bring visitors to and from the parking lots to the Social Center grounds. Please mark your calendar and come join us for a good time **September 18th**.

God bless,

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Here is How You Can Help

My donation to:

- The Auction: _____

- The Meat Fund \$ _____ Fr. Gabriel's Cake \$ _____

Other donations: _____

Sign me up to help at: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

A donation may be made to St. Joseph's Church, P. O. Box 399, Moulton, TX 77975 – or – online giving available at our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org. Designate donation as Moulton Picnic.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Sept. 4 – Bryn Struyk
Sept. 6 – Tom Teykl
Sept. 7 – Dennis Mican
Sept. 8 – Hillary Grahmann
– Kolbe Ray Hutzler
Sept. 10 – Edward Koncaba
– Jurgen Hutzler

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Sept. 5 – Congratulations Judith & James Kubecka
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulation and God's blessings to **Heather Paige & Delphin Daniel Janecka III** who were recently united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.



AREA CHURCH PICNICS TODAY

Hallettsville, High Hill, Shiner

**Moulton Picnic Raffle Tickets available. \$30 a ticket.
Only 750 tickets printed. Grand prize - \$5,000.
To purchase Raffle Tickets, call 361-596-4674.
Raffle Tickets are not sold on Picnic Day.**