

October 15, 2023

Ordinary Time 28th Sunday



R.S.V.P. to the Wedding Feast

After the parables of the two Sons and of the wicked tenants proclaimed on the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Sundays respectively, today we hear that of the people invited by a king who is celebrating his son's wedding. These Sundays could be called "Liturgies for times of crisis." They remind us of the urgency and the seriousness of the decision we must make. We must obey God in action, not just in word. We are invited to put into practice what we learn and receive when we welcome God's invitation.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, October 19

4:30 p.m. Marcella & Ernest Chaloupka

Saturday, October 21

4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Migl Family

Sunday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Rudy Patek

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm: 23

The Response: *I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

2023 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Assessment	\$11,629.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 6,810.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 4,819.00

Do please consider making a donation.

Preparedness For the Eucharistic Banquet



"Which (i.e. the Holy Sacrament) being so divine and comfortable a thing to them who receive it worthily, and so dangerous to them that will presume to receive it unworthily; my duty is to exhort you in the mean season to consider the dignity of that holy Mystery, and the great peril of the unworthy receiving thereof; and so search and examine your own consciences, that you may come holy and clean to such a heavenly Feast, in the marriage garment required by God in Holy Scripture, and be received as worthy partakers of the Holy Table."

— *An exhortation composed to be read before Holy Communion in the Book of Common Prayer.*

Individual Confessions in Praha and Moulton.

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Thursdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- 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>



Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Celine Kalina and Terri Doub.
Terri is the daughter of Dina & Derri Ohnheiser.



The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
for Delphin Janecka, Sr.

REFLECTION



Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

I Cannot Come

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation. They either ignore it completely or become so involved in their own concerns they have no time for it. Other people actually attack those who have been sent to deliver the invitation. This is the case not only in the parable but also in our world today. An invitation to the eschatological banquet does not seem to be as interesting as a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. It is not that the concerns of our lives are ignoble; they are not. But even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come.

What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; life itself is moving toward the time of the banquet. All of our plans, all of our interests, all of our distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain, and we will have turned down our invitation.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 17 – Jeanette & Carl Henke
October 18 – Congratulations Bridgette & Matt Cerny
on your 20th Wedding Anniversary

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Medicare 1 On 1, October 25, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Schulenburg Regency Villas. The workshop, offered by the Fayette County Extension Office and co-hosted by the Fayette County Committee on Aging, will assist individuals signing up/resigning for the 2024 Medicare year. Learn what to do now! Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medigap, Part D Prescriptions and more. For more information/to register call 979-968-5831.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

Wednesday, November 1st

The Solemnity 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 and are with God.

Mass Schedule: Praha – 4:30 p.m.

Moulton – 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 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.

Praha: Blessing of the Graves at 3:30 p.m.

Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Moulton: Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

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 All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail by October 30.

Liturgical Orientations – Looking Ahead

The Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Sundays

Tension between Jesus and the Pharisees mounts as we move closer to Christ the King. The Pharisees connive to trick Jesus through a question about paying tax to Caesar (Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time) and the Sadducees attempt to trap Jesus asking him to identify the greatest commandment (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time). Neither succeeds. The momentum builds as Jesus continues to teach about the inconsistency between the words of the scribes and the Pharisees, and their actions. Jesus matches his teaching against these leaders with his wisdom about what it means to be a true disciple and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. The words and actions of disciples are consistent; no hypocrisy is present. This is the basis for the judgment when the Son of Man comes. The Shepherd will welcome all into the Kingdom who have seen him in the least on earth. Should we be among them, we will join in the communion of all the saints and reside forever with the souls of all the faithful departed now reclining at the table of the heavenly banquet. The Son of Man, the host of the banquet, is our eternal King and Shepherd.