

September 24, 2017

**Ordinary Time**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday**



**Mercy Without Measure**

**Today's readings offer us a glimpse of the mercy of God, which is a mercy without measure. This mercy of God is what inspired the parable of the vineyard. Whether a person came early or late to God, Jesus' actions illustrated that their welcome would be equally warm because God's ways and thoughts are tempered by mercy and love.**

Today's Bulletin is sponsored  
by Gilleta & Stan Kouba  
in memory of Venice Kouba.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Wednesday, September 27  
8:00 a.m. Millie & August Darilek  
Thursday, September 28  
8:00 a.m. Spec. Intention – Victims of Recent  
Hurricanes & Earthquakes  
Friday, September 29  
8:00 a.m. Gladys & Ronnie Dodds  
Saturday, September 30  
6:30 p.m. Justin Traylor  
Sunday, October 1  
6:30 a.m. Christine & Adolph C. Darilek  
9:30 a.m. C. W. Havel

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**

Next weekend is *The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.  
**First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**  
**Responsorial Psalm: 25**  
**Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11**  
**Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32**

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**John Franklin Cordary, Sr.**  
and for the comfort of his loved ones.  
*May he rest in peace.*



The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
for the deceased of the Bohuslav-Targac Family.

**2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

2017 Assessment ..... \$17,303.00  
Contributions So Far ..... \$12,430.00  
Amount Yet to be Contributed ..... \$ 4,873.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:  
*Pauletta & D. J. Darilek Janet & William Darilek*  
*Niki & Chad Chaloupka Vicki L. Gonzales*  
*Mary Ann & Patrick Wenske Richard Kalisek*  
**Do please consider making a donation.**

**DONATIONS TO HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS**

Through friends of the Parish we have identified families and organizations that have been badly affected by the Hurricane. Our Parish has made donations totaling \$6,000 to 6 families/organizations:

1. Lamar Volunteer Fire Department to help feed the volunteers.
2. A single mother with 4 children in Dickinson who lost their home and everything in it.
3. An elderly woman whose husband suffers from Parkinson disease. They had 4 feet of water in their home in League City.
4. A family in Friendswood who also lost their home in the flood. The husband is in the hospital with pneumonia.
5. Two families who have been flooded twice and are struggling to clean and rebuild their homes.

**There will be no Second Collection taken up in Church but we welcome anybody who wants to make a donation through the Church to victims of the flood. If you know individual families that desperately need help bring that to the attention of the Parish Office.**

The Praha Church has also so far made donations totaling \$5,000 to individual families in La Grange.

**ADDITIONAL MEAT FUND DONATIONS**

Joyce & Daniel Kresta - \$50 Pat Masek - \$50  
Joyce & Melvin Janak - \$150 Lucille Gold - \$25  
April & Bobby Simper - \$100 Vera Berckenhoff - \$20  
Roselyn & Alvin Kocian - \$40 Anita & Roy Drabek - \$100  
Jeannette & Oscar Tousek - \$10

**Total Meat Fund Donations ..... \$14,445**

*We thank everyone who donated towards the fund.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall  
FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

**Bulletin Sponsors Needed**  
**October 1, 8, 15 & 29**

## REFLECTION

### *Merit or Grace?*

The parable of the Vineyard, during Jesus' ministry, represented Jesus' response to those who accused him of wasting his time and efforts among the least members of society. No doubt the Scribes and Pharisees regarded themselves as full-time, dawn-to-dusk workers whom God would generously reward at the end of their day. These righteous ones were certain that those who strayed from God's ways could never merit the same reward. But, Jesus in whom the ways and thoughts of God became incarnate, reached out with mercy and generous forgiveness for all, not as merit that can be earned but as grace freely given to sinners.

Most of us would bristle at what appears to be an injustice perpetuated on hard-working people. The parable however teaches us a lesson about the Kingdom of Heaven. Entrance to the Kingdom cannot be earned, no matter how early one rises or how long one works. Entrance is God's gift, given freely and mercifully to those who seem by human standards to deserve it, as well as to those who do not. Generous mercy is that quality of God without which we would have no hope of survival.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sept. 24 – Colby Blahuta, German Vasquez  
Sept. 25 – Scott Chaloupka, Cynthia Cinadr, Alice Fisbeck, Lisa Zidek  
Sept. 26 – Daniel Mejias, Thomas Perez, B. Whittenborn  
Sept. 27 – Ben Darilek, Jane Janecek  
Sept. 29 – David Fernandez, Rosalie Koncaba  
Sept. 30 – Bernice Ellinghausen, Emily Perry

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sept. 29 – Irene & Steve Nieto  
Sept. 30 – Congratulations Lois & Joe Nieto  
on your 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Sept. 25** – After School Program, K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
**Sept. 27** – After School Program, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
– 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D.  
**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

### Area Picnics

Today – El Campo & Meyersville  
**Oct. 1** – *Sacred Heart Turkey/Dressing Dinner, Flatonía*  
– *Queen of the Holy Rosary Festival, Hostyn*  
– Hungerford, Mentz & Bay City  
**Oct. 8** – *Sts. Cyril & Methodius Picnic (Rescheduled), Cistern*  
– Panna Maria, East Bernard & Nada (rescheduled)  
– Our Lady of Victory Fall Festival, Victoria  
Oct. 15 – Goliad

## TRAVELING ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a traveling icon of The Holy Family. This gives us the opportunity for all families to be inspired by the example of The Holy Family and dedicate our families to build homes of communion, prayer, and love. Families are encouraged to pray before the

icon. The icon will be at St. Joseph's until September 27.

### *Prayer to the Holy Family*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.*

## RAFFLE WINNERS

**1<sup>st</sup>** – *Bernice Ellinghausen, Moulton*  
**25<sup>th</sup>** – *Frank Svetlik, Moulton*  
50<sup>th</sup> – Matthew Maskey, Pflugerville  
75<sup>th</sup> – Diane Maskey, Houston  
**100<sup>th</sup>** – *Michelle & Dale Fojtik, Moulton*  
125<sup>th</sup> – Lois Bernshausen, Shiner  
**150<sup>th</sup>** – *Allen R. Jasek, Moulton*  
**175<sup>th</sup>** – *Debbie Rother, Moulton*  
**200<sup>th</sup>** – *David Hayward, Moulton*  
**225<sup>th</sup>** – *Irene & Carlos Portales, Waelder*  
**250<sup>th</sup>** – *Mary Alice Lewkoski, Moulton*  
**275<sup>th</sup>** – *Samuel Fishbeck, Moulton*  
**300<sup>th</sup>** – *SouthStar Bank Employees, Moulton*  
**325<sup>th</sup>** – *Moulton Knights of Columbus*  
350<sup>th</sup> – Darlene & Tim Henke, Hallettsville  
375<sup>th</sup> – Carol Heinrich, Houston  
**400<sup>th</sup>** – *Ernie J. Novosad, Moulton*  
425<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Hollas, Katy  
**450<sup>th</sup>** – *Margaret & Aaron Chudej, Moulton*  
**475<sup>th</sup>** – *Jake Wachsmuth, Shiner*  
**500<sup>th</sup>** – *Nan Pilat, Moulton*  
**525<sup>th</sup>** – *Marcel Kleihege, Moulton*  
550<sup>th</sup> – William J. Portales  
**575<sup>th</sup>** – *Edward Moeller, Moulton*  
**600<sup>th</sup>** – *Tony Janak, Moulton*  
**625<sup>th</sup>** – *Anne & Daniel Raabe, Moulton*  
**650<sup>th</sup>** – *Tiffany Raab, Moulton*  
**675<sup>th</sup>** – *Alicia Valadez, Moulton*  
**700<sup>th</sup>** – *Kalla Gaertner, Moulton*  
**725<sup>th</sup>** – *Jeanette & Carl Henke, Moulton*  
**Next to Last** – *Wade Zidek, Moulton*  
**Last Ticket Drawn** – *George Jasek, Moulton*