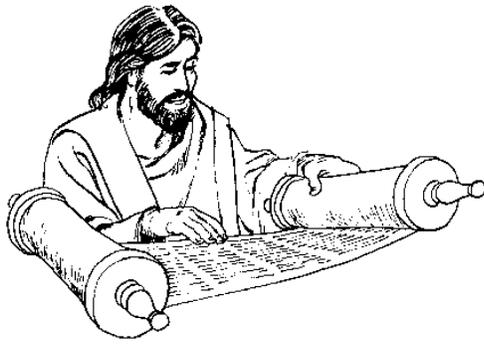


January 24, 2016  
**Ordinary Time**  
Third Sunday



### ***The Word Proclaimed***

**In both the first reading from Nehemiah and the gospel passage from Luke we see the dynamic power of the Word of God as it is proclaimed. This word reminds the people of their identity as People of God. It calls them to the faithful living out of the implications of their identity.**

**There is something unique about hearing the word of God: Hear the word of God proclaimed and allow it to take root in you.**

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of  
Leroy Fishbeck sponsored by his family.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated  
in memory of Leroy Fishbeck by his family.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Victor Prasek

Thursday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Agnes Svatek

Friday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Dorothy & Laddie Maresh

Saturday, January 30

6:30 p.m. Bessie Michalec

Sunday, January 31

6:30 a.m. Robert Weitzel

9:30 a.m. Alice Cinadr

### **PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**

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

**First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**

**Responsorial Psalm: 71**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13**

**Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Roy Kalisek.

### **Ash Wednesday – February 10**



#### **Mass Schedule:**

**St. Joseph's, Moulton**

6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**St. Mary's, Praha**

5:00 p.m.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND**

*In Memory of Lillie Dornak*

*Barbara & Dennis Janak*

*Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck*

*Elyse & Eugene Chaloupka*

*Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff*

### **ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND**

*In Memory of Lillie Dornak*

*Shirley Welfl*

*Gladys Seifert*

*Patsy Zamykal*

*Evelyn Kubicek*

### **SOCIETY NEWS**

#### **Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner - February 28**

Donations toward the Dinner are accepted and appreciated. Raffle tickets for prizes to be given away at the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner may be purchased from Altar Society members, at local businesses or at the Parish Office.

Proceeds are used to purchase the hosts, altar wine, oil for the candles, altar linens, vestments, and other items needed for Liturgical celebration. The Altar Society also provides altar flowers when needed and monetary support for Church projects and programs.

#### **Catholic Daughters Court #2018**

CDA dues of \$25 are due and can be paid to  
Gussie Machalec, P.O. Box 97, Moulton TX 77975.

#### **Christian Mothers**

Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 can be paid to  
Bernadette Fikac, 1201 CR 293, Shiner, TX 77984.

### **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, KC Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any  
Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

Remember the sick in your prayers,  
especially Betty Martinez.

## REFLECTION

### The Word of God A Response Is Expected

The Word of God elicits various responses from those who hear it.

In today's First Reading, the people were assembled at the Water Gate. Ezra read out of the scroll, bringing the Law to people who had no inkling of the scrolls contents. "They were weeping as they heard the words of the Law," because they had no idea of how Yahweh wanted them to live. They accepted the word with all its blessings and challenges. They cried out in response, Amen! Amen! We hear and we will obey! The people were at a turning point in their history and they knew it.

Similarly, in today's Gospel selection, the people have gathered in the synagogue of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. They also listened intently to the sacred scripture as Jesus read from the scroll of Israel. The ritual of Jesus rolling the scroll, the reaction of the people in the synagogue, and Jesus' concluding words, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" symbolizes a new era, a time of deliverance. Jesus publicly declares his identity and mission. The people in the synagogue were probably unaware that Jesus is the prophet who is filled with the Spirit. He is the one who inaugurates the year of deliverance; the one who launches the era of eschatological fulfillment.

We too are at a new season of the Liturgical Year. As we journey through this short period of Ordinary Time (in preparation for Lent) how we will respond to the Word of God? Will hearing God's Word proclaimed make a difference in our lives? Will we be moved into the new age of fulfillment, eager to be transformed?

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 24 – Kaylee Trejo  
Jan. 27 – Aimee Fojtik  
Jan. 28 – Trent Roznovsky  
Jan. 29 – Morgan Bohuslav  
Jan. 30 – Michael Blaschke, Frank Svetlik

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 25 – Linda & John Machacek  
Jan. 26 – Betty & Harry Maskey

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – C.C.D.

**Jan. 25** – After School Program (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades)

**Jan. 27** – After School Program (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
– 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> C.C.D.

**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

**YMC DONATION: In Memory of Lillie Dornak**  
*Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck*

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

### CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Your gift helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit but lacking in material resources to participate more fully in the life of the Church.

*Please be generous.*

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

### Challenged by God's Word

From Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth, from Paul's converts gathered at a house church in Corinth, from Ezra and all who came together at the Water Gate, we turn to another setting and another assembly, our own – the community of St. Joseph's, Moulton – gathered around the Word of God. Here we stand, men, women, and children old enough to understand. Here, we too, are blessed and challenged by God's Word.

Shall we, like Ezra and the Israelites, find in the Word of God a cause that will rouse our faith and a plan that will inspire in us good deeds? Good lives? Shall we too rejoice in celebrating the gift of the Word that brings us life?

Shall we, like Paul's correspondents, hear the Word and be reminded that we are uniquely blessed individuals who, by grace, are capable of being bound inextricably to one another as one body? Shall we be, in turn, mutual blessings for one another? Shall we honor and value our differences as God-given or shall we affirm the suspicions of the disbelieving, that true community caring and sharing is an unrealistic and unattainable ideal?

## LENTEN FISH FRY

Plans are being finalized for the annual Lenten Fish Fry. In the past, some parishioners expressed the wish to help with the Fish Fry but were unable to do so for various reasons. You could help this year by making a monetary donation or by baking a cake(s) for dessert. To help, fill out the form below and drop



it in the collection basket or mail slot.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I can bake a cake(s) on the following day(s):

\_\_\_ Feb. 10    \_\_\_ Feb. 12    \_\_\_ Feb. 19    \_\_\_ Feb. 26

\_\_\_ Mar. 4    \_\_\_ Mar. 11    \_\_\_ Mar. 18

My Monetary Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_