

March 13, 2016

Lent

Fifth Sunday



From Death To Life

The Lazarus' story is our story. Just as Lazarus was raised, so we begin to live anew at baptism and, after death rise to live forever in glory with the Lord. For us death is a passage not a terminal experience. Our faith in Jesus' word arise in us hope that will see us through that passage with assurance.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Mary & Ray Michalec in memory of Emmie & George Michalec.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Annie & Ed Maresh

Thursday, March 17

8:00 a.m. Alice Cinadr

Friday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Olga & Savior Castro, Frank Kloesel,
Lydia & Joe Raab

Saturday, March 19

6:30 p.m. Daniel Brom

Sunday, March 20

6:30 a.m. Sophie & August Kasper
9:30 a.m. Daniel Fojtik, Jr.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 22

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 22:14—23:56

Remember the sick in your prayers,
especially Annie Mae Berckenhoff,
Pat & Harold Kuntschik and Brandon Smolik.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Christine Dierschke.

Prepare To Celebrate Easter



Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Mon., March 14 Moulton 5:30 p.m.

Wed., March 16 Praha 5:00-6:00 P.m.

Priests from the deanery will be assisting.

**No scheduled confessions in Moulton during Holy Week.*

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Betty Martinez

Mary Lou Dierschke

Donna & Thomas Perez

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Betty Martinez

Gladys Seifert

Evelyn Kubicek

Linda & John Machacek

RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

In Memory of Betty Martinez: Helen & Erwin Chaloupka

THANK YOU NOTE FROM BILLY T. CATTAN

February 18, 2016

Dear Fr. Gabriel,

It is to heartwarming to receive the thank you letter and generous donation. It was totally unexpected. Your donation helps us say "yes" to one more of God's children who are searching for a lifestyle free from alcohol and drug addiction.

More people than ever need the strength and comfort of our important services. Your gift will be used wisely.

It has been a pleasure to have the Diaconate Candidates in our office. Please know that we are always here to help in any way we can and our doors are always open.

In HIS name,

Daniel Barrientos

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Executive Director

Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach Center

Victoria, Texas

** St. Joseph's donated \$1,000 to Billy T. Cattan in Dec. 2015.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room.

– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

– **Lenten Penance Service, 5:30 p.m., Church**

WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

– Knights of Columbus Meeting, KC Hall

THURS. – KC Bingo, KC Hall

FRI. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament After Mass

– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Church

– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5 p.m., Parish Hall

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

REFLECTION

Jesus, Resurrection and Life

The raising of Lazarus is the last and decisive “sign” that Jesus works in order to manifest the glory of the Father and announce his supreme personal glorification at his Passover. In St. John’s Gospel Jesus’ miracles and his works in general are called “signs”. While they glorify the Father they also reveal the true identity of Jesus, thus enkindling faith.

Among the “signs” that Jesus worked, the raising of Lazarus stands out. Through this sign, Jesus showed that he himself was the Resurrection and the Life. This “sign” requires from each of us a personal answer. “I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this?” No one can evade this question. What is your response?

The miracle has its immediate consequence, the condemnation of Jesus to death. He freely gave his life so that we might live forever. *Like Thomas, we say, “Let us also go to Jerusalem to die with him,” and with him to rise.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 13 – Shannon Baker, Madeleine Wenske
Mar. 15 – Benjamin Siegel
Mar. 16 – Annette Fojtik, Jerry Fojtik, Lorene Koncaba,
Hannah Perez, Kay Pilat, Dalton Thomas,
Jeanette Tousek
Mar. 17 – Ann Koncaba, La Sae Rother
Mar. 18 – Donna Perez, David Rothbauer
Mar. 19 – Mary Michalec

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (3rd & 4th Grades), C.C.D.
Mar. 14 – After School Program (K-2nd Grade)
Mar. 16 – After School Program (3rd – 6th Grade)
– 9th -11th Grade C.C.D
Mar. 19 – 3rd & 4th Grades Lead The Saturday Evening
Rosary
Next Sunday – Palm Sunday: The C.C.D. students lead the procession into Church. *All K-8th Grade students must be in their classrooms by 9:15 a.m. The 9th – 11th Grade students must be in the Family Room by 9:15 a.m.*

PRAHA CHURCH DOORS OPEN IN TIME FOR EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

The Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday Masses will be held in the Church.

*Church Rededication Mass
scheduled for June 12, 10:00 a.m.*

Lenten Fish Fry - \$8.00 Per Plate

Next Friday’s Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies,
Roasted Red Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Dessert

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Today Jesus proclaims, “I am the resurrection and the life.” As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s Resurrection we are both consoled and energized to do his will. Your contribution to the Rice Bowl helps farmers improve crop yields, brings clean water to communities, and provides basic health and nutrition services. *Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone’s life.*

Next Sunday we enter into Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday.

We commemorate the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem according to ancient custom with a solemn procession. With songs and gestures we imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing “Hosanna”. In the procession we carry palm branches which are later taken home where they serve as a reminder of the Victory of Christ.



Sunday is the only day that there are two gospel proclamations in the same liturgy. The first takes place in at the beginning of the liturgy before the procession. It recalls Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. The second gospel proclaimed takes place in the usual place at Mass. It is the proclamation of the Passion narrative. It is proclaimed without the usual ritual gestures: the greeting, the crossing of forehead, lips, and heart, no incense, no candles. This is the most pivotal moment in the life of the Lord and in our observance of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week.

Come let us celebrate!

Holy Week At A Glance

Palm Sunday Procession: We will gather at the Resurrection Chapel at 9:15 a.m. for the procession.

Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils): March 22, Victoria

Holy Thursday:

- **Parish Family Meal:** Food will be delivered to the homebound at 5:30 p.m.
- **The Mass of the Lord’s Supper** follows the meal.
- **Gifts And Canned Food For The Needy**

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.

Holy Saturday: We gather for the Easter Vigil.

Easter Flowers: Use your Easter Flower Donation envelope to make your donation. Drop the envelope in the collection basket, mail, or mail slot at the rectory.

Lenten Food Drive: Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: An hour after Mass on Fridays of Lent.

Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner Update

See insert.