

November 19, 2017

Ordinary Time
Thirty-third Sunday

Trustworthy, Active and Efficient
Servants



The parable of the talents reveals the meaning and the importance of the time that elapses between the Master's departure on his journey and his return. The time of the Lord's absence is for us, a time of active waiting.

We each have received invaluable capital according to each one's capacity. The Master's trust is unheard of. It exceeds the boundaries of reason. The Master relies on his servants' sense of responsibility. Obviously, only the Lord can act in this manner with his servants. In the parable we are dealing with God, who bestows his infinite riches upon his servants who have faithfully administered the portion of the capital entrusted them. The conduct of the third servant was truly a mortal sin that deprived him forever from sharing in his Master's joy.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Helen & Daniel Bohuslav sponsored by their family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Betty Martinez by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 22

8:00 a.m. Lalie Bartos

Thursday, November 23

6:30 a.m. Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday, November 25

6:30 p.m. Mary Patek

Sunday, November 26

6:30 a.m. Daniel Kozelsky

9:30 a.m. Paul Leininger

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Alice & Albert Pilat.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 20 - Community Thanksgiving Service.

Old Moulton Baptist Church

Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m., Praha

Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, **6:30 a.m.**, Moulton

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offerings will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.



Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance. You may drop your food items at any time. Drop the envelope for monetary donations in the collection basket or drop box during the month of November.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER
PROJECT APPROVED

The Building Board of the Diocese of Victoria at a meeting with the St. Joseph's Social Center Committee approved the project. The next step will be a meeting with the committee to discuss the final plans for commencement of the project.

SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society Raffle Update

Altar Society members have been soliciting raffle prizes for the raffle held in conjunction with the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner in February. So far parishioners, local businesses and friends of the Altar Society have donated 44 prizes. Prizes are still being accepted. Contact Bernice Ellinghausen (596-7721) to donate prizes.

The Catholic Daughters meeting has been rescheduled for November 27, instead of tomorrow November 20 so members may attend the Community Thanksgiving Service at Old Moulton Baptist Church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC – Community Thanksgiving Service. See article.

TUESDAY– Quilting Ladies Meet

WEDNESDAY – No Champions Club Meeting, Thanksgiving Holiday.

THURSDAY – Thanksgiving Day, Parish Office Closed. See Mass Schedule.

– 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.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Georgia M. Kalisek

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.



Remember the sick in your prayers especially Joyce Luksovsky.

REFLECTION

Keeping Watch While Working For the Lord

As the liturgical year winds down, the scripture texts draw our attention to the ultimate winding down of our lives, and our world, and we are reminded that there will be a final reckoning. Each of us has been given unique gifts and abilities that we must put to the best possible use. Discovering our particular talents can be a delightful adventure; helping others to discover theirs is equally rewarding. But the real challenge lies in translating that delightful discovery into serious, practical service of God and others. This can be a rather risky enterprise. Sometimes our talents placed in the service of others are open to criticism, scrutiny and ridicule. Nevertheless, even if our efforts will never be acknowledged as eloquently as those of the worthy wife in the Proverbs reading, our belonging to Jesus calls forth our generosity and perseverance.

In all we are and all we do, we keep in mind that there is no room here for procrastination. God's gifts cannot be left on the shelf until we retire or find a more convenient moment. On the contrary, these gifts have a very short shelf life, and the precious fragility of life should spark a sense of immediacy that makes us willing to share our talents and ourselves now. Moreover, we are called to praise and foster the talents we see in others.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 19 – Bethany Braeuer, David Smolik
Nov. 21 – Deacon Milburn Kram, Elmer Michna,
Julianne Raabe, Jeanette Targac
Nov. 23 – Gloria Reindl
Nov. 25 – Allen Jasek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 24 – Cynthia & Robert Beran
– Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff
Nov. 25 – Jean & Sidney Bochat

The New Liturgical Year Begins December 3

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the main entrance to Church for those who put in an order.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* are available in the sacristy.

Mark Your Calendar Advent/Christmas Activities

Dec. 3 – Czech Christmas Mass Concert, 3 p.m., Praha
Dec. 6 – Community Pre-Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.
Dec. 10 – Breakfast With Santa
Dec. 12 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:30 p.m., Moulton
Dec. 13 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:00 p.m., Praha
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Pageant

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development - Works to transform lives and communities, focusing steadily on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the U.S. *Be generous.*

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF THE DEAD REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

November comes between the rejoicing of the harvest and the short, dark days of winter. It is a time when people focus on death and the dead. During the month of November we profess our solidarity with the saints and our ancestors on whose shoulders we stand.



Here at St. Joseph's we are proud to have a place to honor our dead and to pray for them – the Resurrection Chapel. It is dedicated to the greater glory of God in loving memory of our mothers and fathers in faith who planted and nurtured the seeds of the Catholic Faith in Moulton. The memorial plaques located in the Chapel provides families the opportunity to memorialize their loved ones. A memorial plaque for a couple or for an individual is \$1000.00. Niches for cremated remains are also available.

Contact the Parish Office if you wish to memorialize your loves ones. We presently are waiting for two more families to complete the next plaque so we can have the names inscribed before Christmas.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (8th Grade), YMC Bake Sale,
– Safe Environment Training (C.C.D. Grades K-8)
Nov. 20 – After School Program, K-2nd Grade Safe
Environment Training
Nov. 22 – No 3rd - 6th Grade After School Program
– No 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – No C.C.D. (Thanksgiving Holiday)

First Communion Enrollment

The following students were enrolled as First Communion Candidates: Greyson Anderle, Judson Anderle, Carson Beyer, Sophia Vazquez, Zurely Vazquez. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion.

Parish Youth Ministry Bake Sale Today

Proceeds from the annual Bake Sale go towards the YMC for the benefit of the youth of the community. All parishioners are invited to support the Center. *Coffee and juice will be served outside after Mass.*

Christmas Eve Pageant

Pageant forms were distributed to Sunday School and K – 8th Grade C.C.D students. All C.C.D. youth who plan to participate in the pageant are asked to return their forms by next Sunday, November 26.

