

April 2, 2017

**Lent
Fifth Sunday**



Do You Believe This?

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus is revealed as the Resurrection and the Life. In conjunction with the Gospels of the previous two Sundays, we discern three stages of faith. First, the Samaritan woman at the well, illustrated an initial coming to faith. Then the man born blind illustrated faith that acquired depth after he was tested. The Lazarus story today illustrates the deepening of faith that comes from facing death. The story points ahead to eternal life that God will give us through Jesus.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Emmie & George Michalec and is sponsored by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, April 5
8:00 a.m. Fr. Dan Morales, Msgr. Lawrence Stuebben
Thursday, April 6
10:30 a.m. Shady Oak - Mary & Alfons Vana
Friday, April 7
8:00 a.m. Frank Michalec, Lee Schoenfeld, Emily & Johnnie Wagner, Mary & Joe Wagner
Saturday, April 8
6:30 p.m. Ida Koranek
Sunday, April 9
6:30 a.m. Dan & Donnie Mican
10:00 a.m. Arnold & Lydia Nieto

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: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Emmie & George Michalec.

ATTN: LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

The Holy Week schedules are in the Sacristy. Pick up your schedule before you go home today.

Prepare to Celebrate Easter

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service



Wednesday, April 5 Praha 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 7 Moulton 5:30 p.m.
Priests from the area will be assisting.
* No scheduled confessions in Moulton during Holy Week.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - See Insert.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Doris Foster, Sharon Etlinger
9:30-11:00 a.m. - Anna & Michael Fishbeck
11:00-11:30 a.m. - Barbara Hermes, Betty Maskey
11:30 am.-12:00 p.m. - Nancy Sivyer, Betty Maskey
12:00-12:30 p.m. - Eleanor Wagner, Nancy Sivyer, James Wenske
12:30-1:00 p.m. - James Wenske, Eleanor Wagner
1:00-1:30 p.m. - Eleanor Wagner, Maria Kloesel
1:30-2:00 p.m. - Maria Kloesel, open
2:00-3:00 p.m. - Lisa Rothbauer, open
3:00-4:00 p.m. - Mary Ann Wenske, open
4:00-4:30 p.m. - Rose Rothbauer, open
4:30-5:00 p.m. - Rose Rothbauer, Mike Janecek
5:00-5:30 p.m. - Mike Janecek, Angie Jalufka
5:30-6:00 p.m. - Angie Jalufka, Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck
Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Leslie Haas
Deana & Kenneth Bohuslav

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY - Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., YMC
TUESDAY - Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
WEDNESDAY - Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- Lenten Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., YMC
THURSDAY - Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
- KC Bingo, Moulton Oaks Hall
FRIDAY - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Family Room
- Lenten Penance Service, 5:30 p.m., Church
- No Stations of the Cross, due to Penance Service
- Fish Fry, serving starts at 5 p.m., Parish Hall
- Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Emergency, call the Office at any time.

Last Lenten Fish Fry for 2017 Next Friday



Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Roasted Red Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Dessert.

\$8.00 per plate. All proceeds go to charities.

We thank the following for their recent donations toward the Fish Fry:

- Anonymous Donor - \$50
Deana & Kenneth Bohuslav - \$25

Linda & Rodney Petrek (Alley BBQ) - 18# Vegetables

**Our Joyful Walk Toward Holy Easter
The Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**Jesus, Resurrection and Life.
Do You Believe This?**

In John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus is the last of the seven signs that Jesus works in order to manifest the glory of the Father and announce his supreme personal glorification at his Passover.

This all-important *sign* is especially appropriate to the Sunday before Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, after the Gospels of the Living Water and the Man Born Blind. The raising of Lazarus is the *sign* that prefigures the definitive triumph of Jesus on the Cross, God's glory and the glorification of the Son victorious over death, who awakens us, making us pass, already here below to the life that bodily death cannot touch.

This is an event-sign to which each of us must try to relate. It requires from each of us a personal answer. ***I am the resurrection and the Life ... Do you believe this?*** None of us can evade this question and be a believer. With the assurance of one day sharing in the Lord's resurrection, we cannot however forget the inescapable step of the cross. Christ, Resurrection and Life, has gone through it with us. The raising of Lazarus has as 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 go to Jerusalem to die with him and with him to rise.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr. 2 – Betty Roznovsky
Apr. 4 – Troy Barta
Apr. 5 – Julie Fojtik
Apr. 8 – Barbara Filipp, L. A. Simper

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.; First Confessions
Apr. 3 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Apr. 5 - 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.
Apr. 6 – ***Easter Youth Choir Practice, 3:30-4:30 p.m.***
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 9:45 a.m. The 9th – 11th Grade students must be in the Family Room by 9:45 a.m.***

Youth Choir For Easter Mass

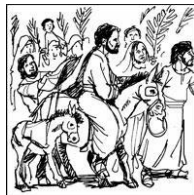
It is our tradition to have our Parish Youth sing at the Easter Sunday Mass. A meeting/practice is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Church. Come, join your friends and sign praises to God this Easter.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone's life. *Be generous.*

Next Sunday we enter into Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. 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 **9:45 a.m.** for the procession.

Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils): April 11, 10:00 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. Parishioners are invited to participate.

Holy Thursday:

- **Parish Family Meal:** Parishioners are invited to attend. 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. Donors list will be published in the Bulletin.

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

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Come spend some time with the Lord in preparation for Easter.

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

Easter Egg Hunt Donations:

Gregory Hirsch – \$15 for candy filled eggs.
Pat, Will & Tom Lawrence – 50 dz. candy filled eggs
To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.