

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 14, 2016

*Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.*

— Hebrews 12:2

### THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ. © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$1,505.05	\$989.05
Number of Families contributing	65	44
Total Pledge for 2016	\$171,467.00	\$185,504.00
Pledged to Date (31 Weeks)	\$105,520.00	\$114,536.00
Received to Date	\$106,143.53	\$74,933.53
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$623.53)	\$39,602.47

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$67.00	\$5,059.00

Nine ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$6,996.61
Amount Outstanding	\$16,333.39

Eight people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$170.00	\$8,298.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$13.00.

10 **CHILDREN** contributed \$31.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$93.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 115 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 101.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**Dawn came, that morning during World War I, but fog lay so heavy on the battlefield that visibility was almost zero. When the fog finally lifted it became apparent that the French had advanced somewhat while the Germans had retreated a bit. Between the lines of battle lay a lonely farmhouse. Bullets whizzed over it.**

**Suddenly both sides stopped firing. A toddler had emerged from the house and was playing unafraid in the yard. Not a soldier on either side would fire a shot until that baby had been taken to safety. For a moment the baby had brought peace.**

**Christ came to bring ultimate peace to mankind. Sometimes we despair and wonder how long anger and evil will be allowed to reign. However, God promised that the tiny baby of Bethlehem, the Prince of peace, will establish a Kingdom of peace. On a personal level all Christians already know the inner peace this Christ gives. We have the promise that one day all men will bow down to Him, the Lord of lords and King of kings. Until that beautiful day arrives we are challenged and commanded to let the peace of God reign in our hearts.**

*Truth: "The wrong shall fail, the right prevail with peace on earth, good will toward men."*

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

—LUKE 2:14

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. A Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**FR. CHERIAN** will be leaving this Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for his annual trip to visit family and friends in India. St. Edwards wishes him a safe and enjoyable trip. We welcome Fr. Justin who will take care of St. Edward in Fr. Cherian's absence.

**THANK YOU** to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a \$80.00 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony for the Bread; two members for a \$50.00 donation each in thanks to St. Expedite; and two members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for Diocesan Youth Ministries. Please be generous.

### STRENGTH TO FORGIVE

**A soldier had beaten a Christian prisoner until he was only half-conscious. While he kicked him he asked,**

**"What can your Christ do for you now?"**

**The Christian replied,**

**"He can give me strength to forgive you."**

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE, God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. Little Johnny wrote a note: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

**TIPS FOR REINVENTING YOUR LIFE**

- **Focus on the positive and count your blessings.** Even in the most trying circumstances, God's blessings still surround you — and more are on their way.
- **Consider what you do want, rather than what you don't want.** People sometimes feel dissatisfied with circumstances in their lives, yet are often unsure of what to do about them. By focusing on your passions and talents, you increase feelings of fulfillment.
- **Get inspired.** Pray, read a book, take up a new hobby, observe nature. Breaking up your routine may result in creativity, enthusiasm and wisdom.
- **Connect with others.** We need to have others support us in our journeys. As Jesus says, 'With God all things are possible.'

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Monday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Tuesday:** St. Stephen of Hungary  
**Friday:** St. John Eudes  
**Saturday:** St. Bernard

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday:** In loving memory of Eddie Carroll on the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Wednesday:** For Jim Patrick O'Hara on his Birthday.  
**Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.  
**Friday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

**WITH GOD**

With God, my eyes have purity,  
 A keenness crisp and clear,  
 The bluest skies are kissed with grace  
 As the tideline touches here.

With God, my senses sharpen  
 As seagulls wander free,  
 The sun-drenched sand, the green of sea,  
 All touch a part of me.

With God, I see beyond this shore  
 To another waiting there,  
 Where angels' anthems orchestrate  
 God's tender loving care.

With God, I touch eternity  
 And know it goes beyond  
 The time and space I have on earth  
 In tomorrow's whispered dawn.

**READERS**

**Sat. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Ann T. & Bridget Ann  
**Sun. Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

**Sat. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Julie Ann & Rita Weaver  
**Sun. Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** Dayna  
**Tuesday** Theresa Maria Cat  
**Wednesday** Rose Marie  
**Thursday** Blair  
**Friday** Rosie Cat

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** Front Left Cup  
**Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>** Bridget Ann Winnie Ann

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie  
**Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>** Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

**Monday** Bridget Rita  
**Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora  
**Wednesday** Ann T.  
**Thursday** Rose Marie  
**Friday** Bridget Ann

**SELF CONTROL**

Ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them.  
 Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and weigh you down.

**SILENT SMILE** Silence is the best way to avoid many problems. Smile is the powerful tool to solve many problems. So have a silent smile always.

**THE BEST WAY**

- Q. What is the best way to contact your long-lost relatives?  
 A. Win the lottery.  
 Q. What is the best way to make somebody remember you?  
 A. Borrow money from them.

**PRAYER CORNER**

**FOR PEACE IN THE FAMILY**

*Lord Jesus, my family needs Your help today. We are searching for tranquility and peace and an end to discord. Give us strength and compassion to understand each other, wisdom and love to help each other and the trust and patience we need to live peacefully together. Grant that through the intercession of Your mother, Mary, and St. Joseph, our family too may become a Holy Family – a family that works together as one, a family that embraces space and love, a family whose members are dedicated to each other and to God. Amen.*