

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 2020

“Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.”

— Isaiah 56:1

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV). It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow. **Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.**

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman’s great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week’s Collection	\$2,867.00	\$2,171.00
Number of Families contributing	100	83
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (29 Weeks)	\$103,771.00	\$102,328.00
Received to Date	\$108,003.00	\$82,371.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$4,232.00)	\$19,957.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$323.00	\$13,094.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
80.00	\$10,200.00

Nine people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

BAA totaled \$25.00.

11 **CHILDREN** contributed \$73.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$10.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A CEO of a company was about to retire. He decided to choose a young executive from the company for the job. He called all the young executives and said, “I have decided to choose one of you to be the next CEO. I give a seed to each one of you today. You plant the seed and water it. Next year on the same date, I will see what you have grown from the seed. I will choose the next CEO then.”

There was an employee named Bill. He went home with the seed and told his wife everything. The couple started watering the seed in a pot. Days went by, everyone in the office was bragging about how each one’s plant had grown. But Bill was silent because his seed was not growing. While everyone else’s plant grew, Bill’s seed was dead. After one year the day arrived for choosing the next CEO. Bill didn’t want to bring his empty pot to the office, but his wife insisted that he be honest and take the empty pot to the office. When he arrived at the office everyone had colorful trees and he had an empty pot. His colleagues started laughing at him. When the CEO entered the room, everyone presented his tree. But Bill was standing at the back with his empty pot. The CEO noticed the empty pot and asked him, why his pot was empty. Bill told everything honestly. The CEO said, “Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the next CEO of our company. His name is Bill.” Everyone was upset.

The CEO continued, “Exactly one year ago. I had given you boiled seeds which can never grow. Everyone of you changed the seed and replaced with another. Only Bill was the honest one who stayed true.” The CEO taught the executives a lesson. If you plant honestly you will reap trust.

Jesus said, “Truth will make you free” Truth is incontrovertible. Panic may resent it, ignorance may deride it, malice may destroy it, but there it is.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

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

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, the Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit for a special intention; a member for a donation in honor of St. Michael for special intention; and three members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

We are commanded to love God and our neighbor equally, without difference. We don’t have to look for opportunities to fill this command, they’re all around us, twenty-four hours a day. You must open your eyes wide so that you can see the opportunities to give free service, wholehearted, right where you are, in your family. If you don’t give such service to your family, you will not be able to give it to those outside your home.

HOPE AND FAITH

Whatever happens, NEVER lose hold of the two main ropes of life – HOPE and FAITH.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A colonel was speaking at a dinner given in his honor before embarking for Africa. In concluding he said:

“I thank you for your kind wishes regarding my welfare on my dangerous journey, and I want you to know that when I am far away, surrounded, by ugly, grinning savages, I shall always think of you.”

INTERESTING DEFINITIONS

1. Family man: one who has several mouths to feed... and one great big one to listen to.
2. Father: a man who hopes to have enough money on Father’s Day to pay for the bills from Mother’s Day.
3. Friendship: two women mad at the same person.
4. Fashion: Something that goes in one year and out the other.
5. Flattery: Insult wrapped as a gift.

TRUTH AND LIE

“TRUTH” is like a Surgery, it Hurts, but it Cures...!

“LIE” is like Pain Killer, it gives Relief Immediately, but it gives SIDE EFFECTS LATER!!!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. John Eudes

Thursday: St. Bernard

Friday: St. Pius X

Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the Holy Souls.

Tuesday: In Honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and Holy Souls.

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Thursday: For Tom Patrick Sherlock on his Birthday.

Friday: For the Holy Souls and Precious Blood and repose of the soul of Scarlett O’Hara.

EACH MORNING

*Each morning as I see the light
And know God has kept me through the night,
I pray God guide my steps today
Along life’s rough and rugged way.*

*Lord, lead me in the paths You trod
And keep me ever close, dear God.
Don’t ever let me stray from You,
Just do the things You want me to.*

*And then, each night, at set of sun,
I pray and hope that I have done
Just some small thing to help someone
To find God’s love as I have done.*

READERS

Sat. Aug. 15th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Natalie

Sun. Aug. 16th, 10:00 A.M.
Mary Michell & Jimmy

Sat. Aug. 22nd, 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Aug. 23rd, 10:00 A.M.
Mary Michelle & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Jersey
Wednesday	-	Claire
Thursday	-	Bryce
Friday	-	Mary Ashley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	-	Rita Weaver
Wednesday	-	Rosie Cat
Thursday	-	Winnie Ann
Friday	-	Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	August 15th
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

August 16th	August 23rd
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

ARE YOU BLESSED?

1. If you can read this article, you are truly blessed because over 2 billion people in the world cannot read.
2. If you woke up this morning with more health than sickness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week.
3. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish or jar someplace, you are among the top 8% of the worlds wealthy.

THINGS I HAVE LEARNED

- I have learned that you can get by on charm for about 15 minutes. After that, you’d better know something.
- I have learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them.
- I have learned that you can keep going long after you think you can’t.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

A FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus we pray, that together in moderation, following Your life in imitation, strengthened by Your inspiration each one of us may bow in adoration, persevering in our sanctification in union with You in exultation according to Your will. Amen