

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2020

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water!”

— Isaiah 55:1a

OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs” (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, “Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?” After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today’s Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill. Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,831.00	\$2,045.00
Number of Families contributing	87	66
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (27 Weeks)	\$97,367.00	\$96,008.00
Received to Date	\$100,616.00	\$76,717.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$6,498.00)	\$19,292.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$147.00	\$12,295.00

Twenty ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
60.00	\$10,090.00

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 \$60.00.

8 **CHILDREN** contributed \$49.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$7.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a coffee shop and sat at a table, a waitress put a glass of water in front of him

“How much is an ice cream sundae?”

“.50 cents,” replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of this pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

“How much is a dish of plain ice cream” he inquired.

Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was bit impatient.

“.35,” she said brusquely.

The little boy again counted the coins.

“I’ll have the plain ice cream,” he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill in the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, was .15 cents- her tip.

Jesus told us to love and care for others as you want to be loved and cared. The little boy in the story tells us to be kind to others even if they hurt you.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Big Apple in loving memory of him on the 4th Anniversary of his death;
2. A Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Helping his wife wash dishes, a minister protested, “this isn’t a man’s job”

“Oh yes it is,” his retorted, quoting 2Kings 21:13 “I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.”

THANK YOU 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 a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite & Saint Joseph for the needy; and four members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

AWAY FROM THE POISON OF SIN

The more you **WALK AWAY** from things that poison your soul, **THE HEALTHIER YOU WILL BE**

ALL ARE FREE

*The richest wealth is **WISDOM**. The strongest weapon is **PATIENCE**. The best security is **FAITH**. The greatest tonic is Laughter, & surprisingly, **ALL ARE FREE**.*

WALK AWAY

Walk away from people who put you down. Walk away from fights that will never be resolved. Walk away from trying to please people who will never see your worth. The more you walk away from things that poison your soul, the healthier you will be.

INTERESTING DEFINITIONS

1. Dentist: fellow who bores you to tears.
2. Dieting: accepting every loss as a gain.
3. Discussion; an exchange of intelligence as opposed to argument which is an exchange of ignorance.
4. Dreams: the free movies of sleep
5. Doctor's Office: a good place where you find the newest in medicine and the oldest in reading material.

AINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. John Vianney
- Wednesday:** Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Thursday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day
- Friday:** St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Dominic

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Pat Raid Riley on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Eddie Carroll on his Birthday.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Margaret Sherlock on her Birthday.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul Big Apple on the 4th Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** In honor of the Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist, Holy Family and all Saints..

MY PRAYER CHAIR

*In have a favorite little spot
Where I sit to say a prayer;
In a quiet corner of my home-
I call it my prayer chair.*

*Within easy reach... my bible,
My rosary and my shrine
Where I can pray to Mary
And her Son Divine.*

*If things go wrong or when I feel
My cross too hard to bear,
I find peace and encouragement,
As I sit in my prayer chair.*

READERS

- Sat. Aug. 1st, 4:00 P.M.**
Cathy Lisa & Reed
- Sun. Aug. 2nd, 10:00 A.M.**
Bridgette Anna & Jimmy
- Sat. Aug. 8th, 4:00 P.M.**
Cathy Lisa & Reed
- Sun. Aug. 9th, 10:00 A.M.**
Bridgette Anna & 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.**
Front: Mary Margaret
Right: Cathy Pole
Left: Kim Gallon
- August 1st**
Mary Margaret
Cathy Pole
Kim Gallon

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- August 2nd**
Rose Marie
Mary Cat
- August 9th**
Rose Marie
Mary Cat

TRUST IN GOD

Talk with God, **NO BREATH IS LOST**. Walk with God, **NO STRENGTH IS LOST**. Wait for God, **NO TIME IS LOST**. TRUST in God, **YOU WILL NEVER BE LOST**.

BIBLE ON LAUGH

The word “laugh” appears for the first time in the Bible in Gen. 17: 17 when God informs the 100-year -old Abraham that his 90-year-old wife Sara will give birth to a son. Both Abraham and Sara laughed heartily. God commanded Abraham to name his son “Isaac,” which in Hebrew means “God’s laugh.” After she gave birth to Isaac, Sara exclaimed: “God has given me cause to laugh; all those who hear of it will laugh with me.” (Gen. 21:6)

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

FOR GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION

Loving God, I give You thanks for this day You have given me. I ask that Your Spirit be with me. Guide and direct my thoughts and my actions, So that others may see the love that Christ has given to everyone in me. Help me to be aware of the needs of those around me, and give me the courage to share Your love with everyone I meet. In Jesus’ name . Amen