

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2017

*Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.*

— Psalm 85:12

**CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME** "Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Strongly stated, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their relationship with God, were not afraid to make. The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might inform or perhaps challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### **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** — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

### **OUR GIFTS RECORD**

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$2,199.00	\$1,349.00
Number of Families contributing	89	69
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (33 Weeks)	\$109,350.00	\$115,939.00
Received to Date	\$105,137.56	\$89,847.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,212.44	\$26,091.80

### **LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$164.00	\$8,604.00

Twenty ladies made a contribution last week.

### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT**

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$7,141.41
Amount Outstanding	\$18,563.59

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

### **HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$25.00	\$7,251.00

Two people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$10.00.

14 **CHILDREN** contributed \$32.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$29.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 125 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 115.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Two thieves had planned a robbery for over a period of three weeks. When the night finally arrived. They approached the radio shop from the rear, gained entrance and then it happened. They triggered an alarm that switched on floodlights, started five motor driven cameras, and set off a tape recorder that bellowed over loud speakers for the police. Their presence and crime were no longer a secret.

The result was one captured thief and all-out police alerts for the other one. His picture had been recorded by the cameras and only time was needed to suspend him. Christ told his disciples in Luke 12:2 to always be on guard. Be careful to keep your life clean and spotless for there is "nothing covered," He told them.

Just as surely as the thieves were caught for their crime, so will man face a judging God one day. Those secrets sins of life are not hidden from God. He sees, and he knows the heart of man. He remembers our sins, if not confessed, and will hold us accountable for them. The presence of sin in man's life does not go unseen by God for "there is nothing covered that will not be revealed.

### **FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. A Parish Family Member in Thanks to St. Expedite;

**THANK YOU** to two members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

### **THINK ABOUT IT**

- If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep.
- The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention.
- Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.
- Don't learn safety rules by accident.
- The 10 Commandments are not multiple choices.
- The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts
- Ideas won't work unless YOU do.
- The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.
- One thing you can still give and keep...is your word.
- A turtle makes progress when it sticks its head out.

### **PADRE PIO'S FIVE RULES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

1. Weekly Confession.
2. Daily Communion.
3. Spiritual reading.
4. Meditation.
5. Examination of conscience.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A small boy is sent to bed by his mother... (Five minutes later) "Mom..." "What?"  
 "I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a glass of water?"  
 "No. You had your chance. Lights out."  
 (Five minutes later) "Mom..." "What?"  
 "I'm thirsty...can I have a glass of water?"  
 "I told you no! If you ask again I'll have to spank you!"  
 (Five minutes later) "Momm..." "What?"  
 "When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a glass of water?"

**SOME FUNNY THOUGHTS ON MARRIAGE**

In welding there are sparks first and bonding forever.  
 In wedding there is bonding first and sparks forever.

When a man marries a woman they become one; the trouble starts when they try to decide which ONE.

Spouse: Someone who'll stand by you thru all the trouble you wouldn't have had, if you had stayed single.

**THE POWER OF PRAYER**

Much prayer, much power! Little prayer, little power!  
**NO** prayer, **NO** power!

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Tuesday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Wednesday:** St. Rose of Lima  
**Thursday:** St. Bartholomew

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For Tom Patrick Sherlock on his Birthday.  
**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Mary Rat on the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.  
**Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph  
**Thursday:** For the repose of the souls of Mary O'Mally Carroll on the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death and Blond Mary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of her death.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the souls of Kaiser on the 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and Pat "Al" Carroll on his 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**STRENGTH**

I ASKED THE Lord to strengthen me –  
 I prayed all through the night....  
 For, I have heavy burdens to bear,  
 That do not turn out right.

And then the Lord did answer me –  
 "The burdens will not stay,  
 Trust My Word... You will have strength,  
 And the burdens will fade away.

And, then I quickly realized  
 If burdens come my way,  
 Faith shall shield me –God is there,  
 And strength comes as I pray.

*Edna Massimilla*

**READERS**

<b>Sat. Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Ann T. & Bridget Ann	<b>Sun. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b> Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph
<b>Sat. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Mary Duggan & Julie Ann	<b>Sun. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b> Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

<b>Monday</b>	Theresa Maria Cat
<b>Tuesday</b>	Christina
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ann Rita
<b>Thursday</b>	Sable
<b>Friday</b>	Fallon

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Aug. 19<sup>th</sup></b>
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

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

<b>August 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>August 27<sup>th</sup></b>
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

<b>Monday</b>	Rose Marie
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pete Man's Nora
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ann T.
<b>Thursday</b>	Rose Marie
<b>Friday</b>	Ann Rita

**FORGIVENESS**

- Anyone can hold a grudge, but it takes a person with character to forgive.
- When you forgive, you release yourself from a painful burden.
- Forgiveness doesn't mean what happened was okay and it doesn't mean that person should still be welcome in your life.
- It just means that you have made peace with the pain and are ready to let it go.

**IF YOU**

**If you really want to do something:  
 You'll find a way.  
 If you really don't:  
 You'll find an excuse.**

**PRAYER CORNER**

**TAKE PITY ON ME**

Father, I believe that You hear my cries and take pity on the anguish of my heart. Extend Your hand as I seek Your loving pardon for the selfishness in my life, when I place my own desires and comfort above other's needs and failed to offer You due thanks for Your care and mercy. May selfishness, my enemy, be overcome by Your grace so that I may never cease to proclaim Your praise now and in eternity. Amen. Alleluia!