

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2016

*Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.  
— Hebrews 12:12-13*

### DISCIPLINE

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as “disciplines.” We are mistaken to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet. © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

**Second Reading** — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week’s Collection</b>	\$2,347.00	\$1,643.00
Number of Families contributing	71	51
Total Pledge for 2016	\$171,467.00	\$185,504.00
Pledged to Date (32 Weeks)	\$108,815.00	\$118,084.00
Received to Date	\$108,391.53	\$76,576.53
Envelopes Outstanding	\$423.47	\$41,507.47

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$151.00	\$5,210.00

Sixteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$8,598.52
Amount Outstanding	\$14,731.48

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

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$260.00	\$8,558.00

Ten people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$6.00.

16 **CHILDREN** contributed \$88.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$12.00.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRIES** totaled \$186.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 100 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 130.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day a man asked a monk to give him spiritual direction. To impress the monk, the man gave a lengthy recital of all his accomplishments — his university degrees, his great importance in the business world, his many volunteer activities.

As the man talked, the monk began to fill a teacup with water. The water reached the rim of the cup, and the monk kept pouring, until the water spilled onto the table. The man said, “Stop, the cup will hold no more water!” The monk answered, “Neither can I teach you anything. You are too full of yourself now. Come back when you have some room for God.”

#### **NO ROOM FOR GOD**

*Isn’t that also our problem? No room for God. Not that we do not want to listen to God. We would not be at Mass right now if we did not want to listen to God. But, from every side, we are bombarded. Our attention has drawn this way and that way.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Tom Kaiser Sherlock in loving memory on the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Pat “Al” Carroll on his 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. A Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### 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 donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy and St. Philomena; and three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

### CHURCH BULLETINS AND BLOOMERS

- Notice in a church bulletin: The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. He also accepts from a grouch.
- Sign outside a Louisiana Church.: Heaven knows when you were here last.
- Announcement on the bulletin board of a church in Ohio: This is segregated Church—for sinners only. All welcome.
- Sign in front of a Chicago church: the competition is terrible, but we’re still open for business.
- Sign on a church lawn in Des Moines, Iowa: Keep off the grass, that means you.
- Church bulletin: A new loudspeaker has been installed in the church auditorium: it was given by one of the deacons in honor of his wife.

### PRAY

When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...in His own time and in His own way.

