

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2020

*“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
— Matthew 16:19*

TRUST

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are.”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Frustrated estate lawyers found the clue they needed to link a woman from Edmonds, Washington, with a rural New York school teacher, Mrs. Howard, who died two years ago and left an unclaimed \$100,000 inheritance.

Lawyers, checking the Howard house for valuables, discovered a yellowed letter in a shoebox containing family mementos. They located the sixty-one-year-old Mrs. Berry and informed her of her unexpected inheritance.

What a surprise and delight for Mrs. Berry! And what a tremendous inheritance! But wait a minute. I know of a better inheritance. There awaits for the Christian blessings and joys unbelievable. There is only one sad point about the inheritance awaiting the Christian. The will has been written and is waiting to be read by each of the redeemed; but, alas, days come and go without the child of God reading God’s Word and rejoicing in the forthcoming inheritance.

One question my friend. How much of the “will” have you read? The inheritance came as a surprise to Mrs. Berry. Will your inheritance be as much a surprise to you? Or do you have a “know-so” inheritance? Make it a rule of life to read a chapter a day from the “eternal will,” the Word of God.

“An inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.” 1 Peter 1:4

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$4,321.00	\$4,609.00
Number of Families contributing	98	85
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (30 Weeks)	\$106,973.00	\$105,488.00
Received to Date	\$112,324.00	\$86,980.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$5,351.00)	\$18,508.00

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Mary Rat on the 15th Anniversary of her death;
2. A Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$237.00	\$13,331.00

Forty-five ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
5.00	\$10,205.00

One person 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 \$45.00.

13 **CHILDREN** contributed \$94.00.

BE HUMBLE

If you are humble, nothing will touch you. Neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed, you won’t be discouraged; if anyone calls you a saint, you won’t put yourself on a pedestal.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A couple celebrating their 20th anniversary were seated at the movies, watching one of those torrid foreign films. When they got home that night the wife turned to her husband coyly.

“Why is it you never love me like all those men in the movie?” she murmured.

“Are you crazy?” he replied. “Do you know how much they pay those fellows for doing that?”

INTERESTING DEFINITIONS

1. **Husband:** a domesticated animal capable of being skinned more than once.
2. **Home:** the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.
3. **High school age:** when boys notice that girls notice boys who notice girls.
4. **Hard times:** a season during which it is very difficult to borrow money to buy the things you don't need.
5. **Hotel:** where you stay when you have no cousins.

WHAT IS LIFE?

Life is all about three things – winning, losing & sharing.

*WINNING OTHERS HEARS,
LOSING BAD THINGS AND
SHARING HAPPY MOMENTS*

THREE TYPES OF PERSONS

A nice person will always be in **MEMORY**. A better person will always be in **DREAM**. But a sincere person will always be in **HEART**.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	St. Bartholomew
Tuesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine
Saturday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday:	For Birdie's Patricia on her Birthday.
Tuesday:	For the repose of the soul of Kaiser on the 50 th Anniversary of his death and the repose of the soul "Al" on his Birthday.
Wednesday:	For the repose of the souls of Mary O'Mally Carroll on the 8 th Anniversary of her death and for the repose of the soul of Blond Mary Sherlock on the 5 th Anniversary of her death.
Thursday:	In Honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and Holy Souls.
Friday:	For the repose of the soul of Faro in his Birthday

RELIANCE

*As I stare across the river...
An impression comes to mind,
God's love will be delivered,
Constant, in the worst of times.*

*While the leaves commence to scatter,
And the sun is positioning low,
Winds flutter, the air current matters,
Now Your shadow appears to glow.*

*Promptly, Your prayers are being heard,
Then the angels carol with glee,
As it's transcribed in His words.
Believe in God, and trust in "Thee."*

READERS

Sat. Aug. 22nd, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Reed
Sun. Aug. 23rd, 10:00 A.M. Mary Michell & Jimmy

Sat. Aug. 29th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sun. Aug. 30th, 10:00 A.M. Mary Michelle & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	August 22nd
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

August 23rd	August 30th
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

PRAYER IS BEING WITH JESUS

Don't come to prayer looking for extraordinary experiences. Come to visit your great friend Jesus, always present and waiting for you in the tabernacle. This is the friendship that strengthens us to fulfill our day-to-day ordinary duties with extraordinary love and devotion.

IN GOD'S EYES

In GOD'S eye, love is never absent. In GOD'S heart, forgiveness is never impossible. In GOD'S embrace, no one is ever alone or forgotten. GOD BLESS YOU!!!

SLOW DOWN THEREPY

Slow down; God is still in Heaven. You are not responsible for doing it all yourself right now.

Set your own pace. When someone is pushing you, it's OK to tell them they're pushing

Listen to the words you speak, especially in prayer

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~ FOR COURAGE

Dear God, give me courage, before men against their threats and against their seductions. I need courage to bear unkindness, mockery, contradiction. I need courage to fight against the devil, against terrors and troubles, temptations, attractions, depression, and above all fear. I need Your help, dear God. Strengthen me with Your love and Your grace. Console me with Your Blessed Presence and grant me the courage to preserve until I am with You forever in Heaven. Amen