

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 25, 2019

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*

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

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

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

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (*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
Last Week's Collection	\$1,930.00	\$946.00
Number of Families contributing	65	42
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (34 Weeks)	\$105,983.00	\$103,508.00
Received to Date	\$86,253.00	\$69,069.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$19,730.00	\$34,439.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$71.00	\$6,345.00

Eleven ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$50.00	\$46,394.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$199,700.00
Total Received	\$10,169.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$85.00.

10 CHILDREN contributed \$35.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$12.00.

The ATTENDANCE for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 90 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 125.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Missionary doctor Albert Schweitzer once said in an interview: "I realize how important to me were the help, understanding and courage, the gentleness and wisdom so many people gave me. These men and women entered into my life and became powers within me. But they never did it. Nor did I perceive the real significance of their help at the time." What Schweitzer said of those who touched him deeply, we can say of God. God entered our life and became a great reservoir of power within us. We owe all we have to God's grace."

How can I praise and honor God for all that God has done for me?

"Your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Faro in loving memory of him on his 75th Birthday and Mary O'Malley in loving memory of her on the 7th Anniversary of her death;
2. Patricia, Huey David and Family in loving memory of Blond Mary on the 4th Anniversary of her death;
3. the Family of Kaiser in loving memory of him on the 50th Anniversary of his death
4. the Family of Al in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart and St. Expedite and to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

IF YOU

If you really want to do something:

You'll find a way.

If you really don't:

YOU'LL FIND AN EXCUSE.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Three guys are convicted of a very serious crime, and they're all sentenced to twenty years in solitary confinement. They're each allowed one thing to bring into the cell with them. The first guy asks for a big stack of books. The second guy asks for his wife. The third guy asks for 1,000 cartons of cigarettes.

At the end of the twenty years, they open the first guy's cell. He comes out and says, "I studied so hard. I am so bright now, I could be a lawyer. It was terrific." They open the second guy's door. He comes out with his wife, and they've got five new kids. He says, "It was the greatest thing of my life. My wife and I have never been so close. I have a beautiful new family. I love it." They opened the third guy's door, and he's slapping at his pockets, going "Anybody got a match?"

GRACE AND STRUGGLE

"The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase."

—*St. Rose of Lima*

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

God opens doors that no one can close.

God heals wounds that no doctor ever could.

God commands and the universe obeys,

And when the day arrives that He calls His children home,

Nothing will hold them back not even the grave.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

"I never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts."

—**Horace Mann**

GOOD LIFE

Live in such a way that if anyone should speak badly about you.

"NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE IT"

ADDICTION PROBLEMS Do you have addiction problems?

Please call Richard Harmon 803-270-8376.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Monica

Wednesday: St. Augustine

Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the souls of Blond Mary Sherlock on the 4th Anniversary of her death and Mary O'Malley Carroll on the 7th Anniversary of her death.

Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Faro on his Birthday.

Thursday: In thanks for Evan and Caleb on their 8th Birthday.

Friday: For the repose of the soul of Kate Frances Carroll on the 4th Anniversary of her death.

IT'S GOD'S WAY

Sometimes I think I'm all alone

And it seems that no one cares.

When the specter of loneliness shadows me,

I wonder – does God hear my prayers?

It is then I seek out a garden,

Where flowers profusely bloom.

It is there I see the handiwork of God...

In a rose, in a tree, in the blossoms' perfume.

In a garden, I know, I am never alone,

It is there I know God's love and grace.

It is there, He wraps me in His loving arms

And gathers my loneliness in His embrace.

Charles Clevenger

READERS

Sat. Aug. 24th, 4:00 P.M.

Christina & Natalie

Sun. Aug. 25th, 10:00A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

Sat. Aug. 31st, 4:00 P.M.

Christina & Mary Duggan

Sun. Sept. 1st, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Maria

Tuesday - Joy

Wednesday - Cathy Lisa

Thursday - Christina

Friday - Bryce

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Front

Left Cup

Aug. 24th

Bridget Ann

Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Aug. 25th

Pete Man's Nora

Rose Marie

Sept. 1st

Pete Man's Nora

Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday

Cathy Pole

Tuesday

Pete Man's Nora

Wednesday

Margaret Butts

Thursday

Betty Jo

Friday

Mary Cat

GOLDEN SENTENCES

- ❖ **When flood comes, fish eats ants and when flood receded, ants eat fish. Only time matters. Just hold on. God gives opportunity to every one.**
- ❖ **In a theatre when drama plays, you opt for front seats. When film is screened, you opt for rear seats. Your position in life is only relative. Not absolute.**
- ❖ **Life is not about finding the right person. But creating the right relationship.**

DON'T COPY

LIFE IS THE MOST DIFFICULT EXAM.
MANY PEOPLE WILL FAIL BECAUSE THEY TRY TO
COPY OTHERS. NOT REALIZING THAT EVERYONE
HAS A DIFFERENT QUESTIONED PAPER

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

A VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

I enter softly this hallowed place and kneel for a moment before Your Face. I know, though my eyes are too dim to see, with pitying love, You are looking at me, so I lay my burden down at Your feet, my sin and woe, and a feeling sweet of peace steals into my restless heart, for I feel I have chosen the "Better Part." I tell you my troubles one by one, I speak of the good I have left undone, of hopes and fears, of each anxious care, for I know You are waiting and listening here. Amen.