

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2017

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

BE A ROCK It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving Peter the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love. Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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?” (Matthew 16:13-20).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$1,407.00	\$641.00
Number of Families contributing	70	49
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (34 Weeks)	\$112,640.00	\$119,422.00
Received to Date	\$106,399.56	\$90,488.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,240.44	\$28,933.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$127.00	\$8,731.00

Sixteen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$7,216.41
Amount Outstanding	\$18,488.59

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
\$35.00	\$7,286.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$8.00.

19 **CHILDREN** contributed \$40.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$47.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 115 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 90.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Once there was a king who gave his daughter a diamond necklace but the necklace was stolen. Some said a bird might have stolen it. The king asked all to search for it and put a reward for \$50,000 for anyone who found it.

One day a man was walking home along a river. This river was completely polluted and filthy and smelly. As he was walking, he saw a shimmering in the river and when he looked, he saw the diamond necklace. To get the \$50,000 reward, he put his hand in the dirty river and grabbed at the necklace, but somehow missed it. Then he walked into the river and dirtied his pants and put his whole arm in to catch the necklace. But strangely, he still missed it! Then again he saw the necklace, right there. He plunged his body into the filthy water, but couldn't get the necklace.

Just then a hermit who was walking by, saw him, and asked him what was the matter. First, he refused to tell the truth. Then he told the hermit about the necklace and how he tried to catch it, but kept failing. The hermit then told him that perhaps he should try looking upward, instead of looking in the filthy river. He looked up and true enough, the necklace was dangling on the branch of a tree. He had been trying to capture only the reflection of the necklace all this time.

Material happiness is just like the filthy polluted river; because it is a mere reflection of the TRUE happiness. We can never achieve real happiness we are looking for in material goods. Instead we should look upwards, toward God, who is the source of REAL happiness.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Faro and Family in loving memory of Mary O'Mally Carroll on the 5th Anniversary of her death;
2. Patricia, Huey David, Tommy McGuire, John Gage and Mary Theresa in loving memory of Blond Mary Sherlock on the 2nd Anniversary of her death;
3. A Parish Family Member in Thanks to St. Expedite;

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in honor of St. Benedict; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy; and a member for a donation in honor of St. Kateri.

THINK IT OVER

The *Past* is a wastepaper.

The *Present* is a newspaper.

The *Future* is a question paper.

Read and write carefully otherwise *Life* will be a *Tissue* paper.

PART TIME/FULL TIME

Part Time Christians cannot defeat the Full Time Devils

JOKE OF THE WEEK One morning a lame man struggled into a Catholic church. He stopped in front of the holy water font, splashed some on both legs, and then threw away his crutches.

An altar boy witnessed the scene and rushed into the rectory to tell the pastor what he'd just seen.

"Son, you've just witnessed a miracle!" the priest cried. "Tell me, where is the man now?"

"Flat on his back over by the holy water," the boy said.

TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE

"Somebody has said there are only two types of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In thanks for Justt McNally on his 2nd Birthday.

Tuesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.

Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Cat on his Birthday.

Thursday: For the repose of the souls of Jim Bush Sherlock on the 34^h Anniversary of his death and Bush's Bridgie.

Friday: For the repose of the soul of Black's Jimmy Riley on the 6th Anniversary of his death.

HEALING HANDS

May God bless the hands that heal,

And bring comfort with their touch!

Yes, comfort and compassion,

Because these both mean so much.

**To the worried, weary heart,
That's burdened with pain and grief.**

**But through God's amazing grace
These hands offer sweet relief.....**

**The Lord's great loving kindness,
Working through their fingertips.
Those wonderful, healing hands
Are blessed instruments of His!**

Steven Michael Schumacher

READERS

Sat. Aug. 26th, 4:00 P.M.

Mary Duggan &
Julie Ann

Sun. Aug. 27th, 10:00 A.M.

Theresa Maria Cat &
Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Sept. 2nd, 4:00 P.M.

Mary Martha &
Sable

Sun. Sept. 3rd, 10:00 A.M.

Theresa Maria Cat &
Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Theresa Maria Cat

Tuesday Christina

Wednesday Ann Rita

Thursday Sable

Friday Fallon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Front
Left Cup

Aug. 26th

Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

August 27th

Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

September 3rd

Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Mary Cat

Tuesday Pete Man's Nora

Wednesday Ann T.

Thursday Rose Marie

Friday Ann Rita

WATCH GOSSIPING

**Listen carefully to how a person speaks about other people
This is how they will speak about you to other people.**

SMILES FROM THE BIBLE

Q. Why was Isaac twelve years old when God called Abraham to sacrifice his son?

A. Because if he had been a teenager, it wouldn't have been a sacrifice?

Q. Do you think that Moses led the Israelites through the desert for forty years because he wanted them to really appreciate the Promised Land when they finally got there, or was it because Moses refused to ask anybody for directions?

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests
laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and
desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying
priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.
But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest
to me. Amen.