

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 27, 2023**

*“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.

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**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.”

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Monday:** St. Augustine

**Tuesday:** Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Friday:** First Friday

**Saturday:** First Saturday

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**PRAYER FOR PARENTS**

**O God, who commanded us to love and honor our father and mother, in your compassion, have mercy on (Name), my father/mother who has passed beyond this world. In your tender care, remember his/her love, kindness, generosity, and goodness. Grant him/her safe passage to heaven and bring him/her into the eternal glory of Your presence. Amen.**

**REFLECTION**

There is a beautiful story about the pencil. The pencil maker took the pencil aside, just before putting it into the box. “There are five things you need to know,” he told the pencil, “Before I send you into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be. One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone’s hand. Two: You will experience painful sharpening from time to time, but you’ll need it to become a better pencil. Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make. Four: the most important part of you will always be what’s inside. Five: On every surface on which you are used, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.”

The same applies to each one of us too. When we find an answer to Jesus’ question (“What do you say that I am?”), we will be able to make ourselves useful to our contemporaries. We have to undergo the process that the pencil undergoes. One: We will be able to do many great things, but only if we allow ourselves to be held in God’s hand and allow other human beings access to the many gifts we possess. Two: We will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but we’ll need it to become a stronger person. Three: We will be able to correct any mistakes we might make. Four: The most important part of us will always be what’s on the inside. Five: On every surface we walk through, we must leave our mark. No matter what the situation, we must continue to do our duties to the best of our abilities (Fr. Tony Kadavil).

**CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The second collection next weekend will be for the *Catholic University of America*. Please be generous.

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

|                                 | Offertory    | Development  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection          | \$2,884.00   | \$1,836.00   |
| Number of Families contributing | 95           | 65           |
| Total Pledge for 2023           | \$160,375.00 | \$163,292.00 |
| Pledged to Date (31 Weeks)      | \$104,899.00 | \$106,396.00 |
| Received to Date                | \$86,309.00  | \$69,265.00  |
| Envelopes Outstanding           | \$18,590.00  | \$37,131.00  |

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2023 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$462.00               | \$6,399.00                   |

Thirty-three ladies contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2023 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$50.00                | \$49,545.00                  |

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

| GOAL           | \$165,000.00 |
|----------------|--------------|
| Total Pledged  | \$210,300.00 |
| Total Received | \$71,565.00  |

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

| Amount given to date | 2023 GOAL   |
|----------------------|-------------|
| \$5,266.00           | \$19,882.00 |

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

12 CHILDREN contributed \$44.00.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE totaled \$78.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Thomas and Cathy Lisa in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. Thomas Michael, Claire, and Brayden in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Captain's Rosemary in loving memory of her on her 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday;
4. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
5. and also to a another Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second for Pete William Sherlock and Lacoste Carroll.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held from 4:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M in the New Hall on Mondays and Tuesdays only. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child/children attend Religious Education classes. Teachers and Teacher Aides are obligated to be at Religious Education for the day you volunteered for.

*Religious Education Classes are as follows:*

*Monday — 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grades*

*Tuesday — 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grades*

THANK YOU to three parish members for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite; and to a parish member for a donation in honor of St. Christopher for a special intention.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** For Pete Suedle and for the repose of the soul of Mary Louise.

**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Al on his Birthday.

**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for the repose of the soul of Ned Anthony on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death; and for Jimmy Gorman.

**Thursday:** For Pete Suedle and for the repose of the soul of Mary Louise.

**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Chalkeye on his Birthday.

## READERS

**Sat. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Leah & Dayna  
**Sun. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

**Sat. Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Julie Ann & Natalie  
**Sun. Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Dayne Thomas & Gryphen  
John Daley & John Elvis  
**Sun. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Easton & Faro Thomas  
Jim Richmon

## READERS – WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Monroe  
**Tuesday** - Paris  
**Wednesday** - Dayna  
**Thursday** - Natalie  
**Friday** - Macy

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Winnie Ann  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Cathy Carroll  
**Friday** - Rosie Cat

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **August 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Right** Theresa Hun  
**Left** Cathy Carroll

## Sunday 10:00 A.M.

**August 27<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie