

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 28, 2016

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.

— *Hebrews 12:22a*

HUMILITY

Have you ever been in a group of people—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn't say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such "regular" folks. What is it that makes people seem so "regular"? Today's readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$1,787.55	\$1,018.55
Number of Families contributing	76	47
Total Pledge for 2016	\$171,467.00	\$185,504.00
Pledged to Date (33 Weeks)	\$112,110.00	\$121,632.00
Received to Date	\$110,103.08	\$77,595.08
Envelopes Outstanding	\$2,006.92	\$44,036.92

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$184.00	\$5,394.00

Seventeen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$8,688.52
Amount Outstanding	\$14,641.48

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
\$90.00	\$8,648.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

20 **CHILDREN** contributed \$87.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$32.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 80 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 145.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Two boys were fighting bitterly over a broken toy. Finally, one shouted, "It's time one of us acted like a Christian. Why don't you?" Strange how we can insist that the other person be righteous but ignore the evil within ourselves.

An old prophet reported an injustice to King David. It seems a wealthy shepherd stole the single lamb of a poor citizen. David, angered by such injustice demanded, "As the Lord lives, the man that has done this thing shall surely die." Pointing a finger in the face of the boiling king, Nathan said, "You are the man!" David is staggered as he is suddenly convicted of his sin with Bathsheba. In bitter tears he asked forgiveness for the terrible sins he had compounded by his own unchecked lust. God forgave him. But David reaped what he had sowed as he saw the results of his sin worked out in his own family.

Jesus warned of a self-righteousness so blinding that we cannot see the "beam in our own eye." It is well to remember that we are called to be helpers of mankind, not judges. We are all so far from perfect that not one of us is qualified to sit in judgment on someone else's righteousness. It is so easy to demand righteousness in others, but excuse our sins as weaknesses.

Judge not, that you may not be judged.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Faro and Family in loving memory of Mary O'Mally Carroll on the 4th Anniversary of her death;
2. Patricia, Huey David, Mary Teresa, Tommy McGuire and John Gage in loving memory of Blonde Mary on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
3. the Family of Jay's Kate Francis in loving memory of her on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
4. the Family of Katie Teeter Sherlock in loving memory of her on her Birthday and the Anniversary of her death;
5. and 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 \$50 donation in thanks to St. Expedite for favors received; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy, St. Claire and St. Philomena; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

LOOK WITH LOVE

God looks at us with a father's love. He sees us as he created us to be – his beloved children who deserve another chance. When you're tempted to focus on another's faults, ask God to help you see everyone as he does – with love.

5 THINGS GOD CAN'T DO

God can't take a job he can't handle. (Jeremiah 32:17)

God can't be unholy. (Isiah 15:6:3)

God can't be prejudiced. (Acts 10:34-35)

God can't break a promise. (Psalm 89:34)

God can't remember sins; He's chosen to forget. (Isiah 43:25)

INSPIRATION

1. Give God what's right...
Not what's left.
2. Man's way leads to hopeless end...
God's way leads to an endless hope.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
5. When praying, don't give God instructions...
just report for duty.

IF THE LORD

If the Lord has you on hold...hold on!
 If the Lord has said "NO" to you...thank Him!
 If the Lord is molding your heart and mind...go with His change!
 If the Lord opens doors that you have asked Him to open...Praise Him!

**Be blessed wherever you are in your life today!
 God has His hands on the situation!**

JOKE OF THE WEEK An elderly gentlemen had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentlemen to hear 100%. The elderly gentlemen went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said: "you're hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentlemen replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Gregory the Great; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In thanks for Justt McNally on his 1st Birthday.
Tuesday: For the suffering souls in Purgatory.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: In loving memory of Double O's Betty and Big Pete's Winnie Catherine on the 8th Anniversary of their death.
Friday: In loving memory of Jack Costello on the 8th Anniversary of his death.

O PRECIOUS FATHER

**O precious Father, give me time
 To meditate on You,
 Grant me Godly wisdom
 When deciding what to do.**

**Keep my heart and eyes affixed
 To the life that You proclaim,
 Help me accept Your chastisement
 When I am to blame.**

**Remember me when things go wrong,
 That I am a stranger in this land;
 Please keep the fire lit for me,
 And don't let go of my hand.**

READERS

Sat. Aug. 27th, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Aug. 28th, 10:00 A.M.**
 Bridget Ann & Jimmy Joseph &
 Rosie Cat Rose Marie

Sat. Sept. 3rd, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Sept. 4th, 10:00 A.M.**
 Ann T. & Jimmy Joseph &
 Kathy Boo Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Dayna
Tuesday Theresa Maria Cat
Wednesday Rose Marie
Thursday Blair
Friday Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **Aug. 27th**
 Front Bridget Ann
 Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Aug. 28th **Sept. 4th**
 Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
 Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Bridget Rita
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Ann T.
Thursday Rose Marie
Friday Bridget Ann

YOU ARE THE ARCHITECT

Some people always throw stones in your path. It depends on what you make with them: wall or bridge? Remember you are the architect of your life.

LIFE IS LIKE A CAMERA

Focus on what's important.
 Capture the good things.
 Develop from the negatives.
 And if things don't work out; Take another shot!

PART TIME/FULL TIME

**Part Time Christians cannot defeat the
 Full Time Devils.**

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Loving God, I prayerfully entrust our children and teenagers to Your special care. Bless them with Your love and goodness. Grant them continued growth in wisdom, knowledge and virtue. Protect them day and night, at home, in school, at play. Inspire them each day to do their best. Strengthen them during times of discouragement and disappointment Make them ever mindful of the needs of others, kind and caring toward the elderly and all those less fortunate. May our children walk in the paths of holiness, as Your instruments of joy, love and peace in our family and in our world. Amen.