

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 30, 2020**

*Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.  
— Romans 12:2*

**THE CROSS OF JESUS**

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$5,102.00	\$3,705.00
Number of Families contributing	117	85
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (31 Weeks)	\$110,175.00	\$108,648.00
Received to Date	\$117,426.00	\$90,685.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$7,251.00)	\$17,963.00

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$83.00	\$13,414.00

Twenty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

**PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
1,025.00	\$11,205.00

Three people 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 \$200.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$83.00.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

A scholar once remarked, "There are three kinds of givers in the world – the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb."

**To get anything out of a flint, you must hammer it, and then you get only sparks**

**To get anything out of a sponge you must squeeze, and the more you squeeze the sponge, the more you will get.**

**But the honeycomb overflows with its own sweetness.**

Some people are stingy and hard; they give nothing away if they can help it.

Others are good-natured; they yield to pressure, and the more they are pressed, the more readily and abundantly they give.

A few delight in giving without being asked at all, and of these, the Bible says:

***"The Lord loves a cheerful giver."***

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. Thomas Michael, Claire and Brayden in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. Sissy, Amanda and Carrera in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. A Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to the Infant of Prauge, Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Theresa and St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

At a recent political meeting a well-know Republican was speaking. He remarked that his method of obtaining votes for the Republican party was to give every taxi driver a large tip, then tell him, "Vote Republican."

"I think my way is better," said a colleague, "I give them no tip and tell them, 'Vote Democratic.'"

**TO PARENTS**

It is very important that children learn from their fathers and mothers how to love one another. Not in school, not from the teacher, but from you. It is very important that you share with your children the joy of loving others. There will be misunderstandings. Every family has its cross, its suffering, but always be the first to forgive with a smile.

**BE CHEERFUL. BE HAPPY.**

**THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME**

**MOM TAUGHT ME TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.**

“If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.”

**MOM TAUGHT ME RELIGION.**

“You better pray that will come out of the carpet.”

**MOM TAUGHT ME ABOUT TIME TRAVEL.**

“If you don’t straighten up, I’ll knock you into next week.”

**HOW TO PRAY**

*Be faithful to the time spent in prayer and make sure that at least half of your prayer is spent in silence. This will bring you closer to Jesus. If you deepen your prayer life you will grow in holiness and obtain many graces for the souls entrusted to your care.*

*Deepen your love for one another by praying for each other and by sharing thoughts and graces you have received in prayer and reading.*

**THINGS I HAVE LEARNED**

- I have learned that your family won’t always be there for you. It may seem funny, but people you aren’t related to can take care of you and love you and teach you to trust people again.
- I have learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Thursday:** St. Gregory the Great
- Friday:** First Friday
- Saturday:** First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Kate Frances Carroll on the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Fr. Clarke on his Birthday.
- Wednesday:** For Indy Sherlock on his 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Jack Costello on the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Fast Eddie on the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.

**LESSON**

*Truly, love will go with you,  
Throughout the seasons of life,  
Down every road and pathway,  
Sunny days and stormy nights.*

*The journey of lifetime  
Begins with a single step.  
Love is with you from the start,  
And it shall never forget.*

*Nor leave you, nor forsake you  
Because God is love, you know.  
And love is the only thing  
You can take with you when you go.*

**READERS**

- Sat. Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Christina & Natalie
- Sun. Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Mary Michell & Jimmy
- Sat. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Cathy Lisa & Reed
- Sun. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.**  
Front: Mary Margaret  
Right: Cathy Pole  
Left: Kim Gallon
- Sunday 10:00 A.M.**  
**August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Rose Marie  
Mary Cat
- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Rose Marie  
Mary Cat

**INTERESTING DEFINITIONS**

1. **Memory expert:** a woman who has once been told another woman’s right age.
2. **Middle age:** when a woman’s hair starts turning from gray to black.
3. **Memory:** what tells a man his wedding anniversary was yesterday.
4. **Miracle:** something that someone does that cannot be done.
5. **Misstep:** something that usually starts with a little trip.

**INSIDE IS IMPORTANT**

If an egg is broken by **OUTSIDE** force, life **ENDS**. If broken by **INSIDE** force, life **BEGINS**. Great things always **Begin From Inside**.

**ST. THERESA OF AVILA**

**“LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU.**

**DO NOT BE AFRAID.**

**ALL THINGS ARE PASSING, THOSE WHO HAVE GOD LACK NOTHING, FOR GOD ALONE SUFFICES.”**

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

**ANGEL PRAYER**

*Watch thou, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch, or weep tonight, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend thy sick ones, Lord Christ. Rest thy weary ones. Bless thy dying ones. Soothe thy suffering ones. Pity thine afflicted ones. Shield thy joyous ones. And all, for thy love’s sake. Amen*