

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 8, 2021

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

— John 6:51

CIVIL DISCOURSE

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.” These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some “road rage” on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement!

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalms — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week’s Collection	\$4,713.00	\$5,316.00
Number of Families contributing	76	61
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (27 Weeks)	\$96,198.00	\$97,897.00
Received to Date	\$85,608.00	\$68,315.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$10,590.00	\$29,582.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$299.00	\$6,000.00

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$50.00	\$87,855.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

6 **CHILDREN** contributed \$51.00.

BAA totaled \$140.00.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Disaster Assistance*. Please be generous.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The Lord said to Moses, “This is the land that I promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob I would give to their descendants. I have let you see it, but I will not let you go there.” —DEUTERONOMY 34:14

It is one of the ironies of history that great leaders who work so hard for a cause often die without enjoying the fruit of their labors.

Jesus dedicated his life to the coming of God’s kingdom on earth but died before seeing it achieved.

Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to the “dream” of civil rights but died before seeing it realized.

John F. Kennedy worked tirelessly for the sake of America’s space program but died before seeing an American walk on the moon.

What was one of my childhood dreams? If I could have one of my dreams come true, right now, which would it be? Why this one?

It isn’t a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. —BENJAMIN E. MAYS

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Big Apple in loving memory of him on the 5th Anniversary of his death;
2. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

AUG. 15TH: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Next Sunday, August 15th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. *It is a Holy Day of Obligation*. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 4:00 P.M. and Mass on the Feast Day will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M.

LIFE WITHOUT PRAYER

If our life is without prayer,
It is like a house without a foundation.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph for the needy; a member for a donation 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.**

TROUBLES

The little troubles and worries of life may be as stumbling blocks in our way, or we may make them stepping-stones to a nobler character and to Heaven. Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.

DISTRESSING DISGUISE

It is easy to smile at people outside your own home. It is so easy to take care of the people that you don't know well. It is difficult to be thoughtful and kind and to smile and be loving to those you live with day after day. This is especially true when we are tired and in a bad temper or bad mood. We all have these moments and that is the time that Christ comes to us in a distressing disguise.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

One night a wife found her husband standing over their baby's crib. Silently she watched him. As he stood looking down at the sleeping infant, she saw on his face a mixture of emotions: disbelief, doubt, delight, amazement, enchantment, skepticism.

Touched by this unusual display and the deep emotions it aroused, with eyes glistening she slipped her arm around her husband.

"A penny for your thoughts," she said.

"It's amazing!" he replied. "I just can't see how anybody can make a crib like that for only \$46.50."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Tuesday: St. Lawrence
Wednesday: St. Clare
Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Friday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Margaret Sherlock on her Birthday.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Little Bibbie on the 6th Anniversary of her death.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and holy souls.
Thursday: In thanks for Easton Sherlock on his 10th Birthday; and for the repose of the soul of Eddie Carroll on the 40th Anniversary of his death.
Friday: For Pete Patrick on his Birthday.

THE JOURNEY HOME

*Don't worry about anything
For don't you know it's true
A loving God has launched the ship
That gently carries you!*

*Each boat that sails the sea of life,
That rocks with every storm,
Is guided through the straits of faith
To a harbor safe and warm.*

*The hand that knit you in the womb
Will never cease to care,
A ballast in the wildest wind
A love that's always there.*

*And each man hears a special call
That beckons him alone,
While God provides along the way
The stars that guide him home.*

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READERS

Sat., Aug. 7th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Julie Ann

Sun. Aug. 8th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Monroe

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Sat., Aug. 14th, 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Aug. 15th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Monroe

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READERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Reed
Tuesday - Joy
Wednesday - Natalie
Thursday - Bryce
Friday - Taneil

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday - Cathy Pole
Tuesday - Nora
Wednesday - Catherine Ann
Thursday - Rita Weaver
Friday - Joy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **August 7th**
Front Winnie Ann
Right Cathy Pole
Left Catherine Ann

August 8th **August 15th**
Rose Marie Rose Marie
Mary Cat Mary Cat

STRAY THOUGHTS

- Make peace with your past so it doesn't spoil your present.
- What others think about you is none of your business.
- Time heals almost everything. Give time some time.
- No one is the reason for your happiness, except yourself.
- Don't compare your life with others. You have no idea what their plan is all about.
- Smile, you don't own all the problems in the world.

ALL ARE FREE

*The richest wealth is **WISDOM**. The strongest weapon is **PATIENCE**. The best security is **FAITH**. The greatest tonic is **LAUGHTER**, & surprisingly,
ALL ARE FREE.*

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

A PRAYER FOR FRIENDS

Guardian Angel watch over those whose names you can read in my heart. Guard them with every care and make their way easy and their labors fruitful. Dry their tears if they weep; sanctify their joys; raise their courage if they weaken; restore their hope if they lose heart, their health if they be ill, truth if they err, repentance if they fall. Amen.