

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God

(1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,766.00	\$1,767.00
Number of Families contributing	104	83
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (5 Weeks)	\$15,987.00	\$16,078.00
Received to Date	\$10,872.00	\$8,303.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,115.00	\$7,775.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$172.00	\$826.00

Twenty-seven ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$518.00
Amount Outstanding	\$25,187.00

Ten people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$45.00	\$1,035.00

Four people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$4.00.

21 **CHILDREN** contributed \$73.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$55.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 98, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 100.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A policeman was summoned to the scene of an automobile accident involving a hit-and-run driver. The victim, a middle-aged woman, took some time to compose herself. Finally the policeman got around to the questioning.

"Did you get the license number of the car that hit you, Madam?" he asked. "No, I didn't," replied the victim, "but the woman who was driving was wearing a red hat trimmed with flowers, a gray tailored suit and a white blouse."

Many people go through life missing the big thing — the real purpose of their existence. They become so involved in the incidentals and side issues of life that they completely overlook what it is all about.

In order to keep yourself always in the best condition to do external work for God, make sure that you increase your interior life power by reflection and prayer.

For we have not here a lasting city, but we seek one that is to come.

—Hebrews, 13:14

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gwen Riley and Graclynn Sherlock for making the All-A Honor Roll and Beckham Carroll, Jim Murphy Riley, Acea Sherlock and Delancey Sherlock for making the A-B Honor Roll.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEETING There will be a meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion next Thursday, February 16th at 4:30 P.M. in the Church. It is mandatory that all ministers attend this meeting per Fr. Cheria's request.

THANK YOU to four members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY**. **Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, will be celebrated at 12 NOON.** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of 6 ½ weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for the Easter. The ashes are symbols of being sorry for things we have done and want to get rid of them forever. This is also a reminder to us that we all come from ashes and to ashes we return.

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be held at 7 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

Feb. 16: Legion – O.L. of Presentation

Feb. 23: Legion – O.L. of Epiphany

Mar. 2: Religious Education Teachers

Mar. 9: Lectors

Mar. 16: Youth Group & Young Girls Organization

Mar. 23: Society of Mary Immaculate

Mar. 30: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

WHEN TO BE SILENT

The Bible says:

1. Be silent in the heat of anger. (Prov. 14:17)
2. Be silent when you don't have all the facts.
3. (Prov. 18:13)
4. Be silent when you haven't verified the story. (Deut 17:6)
5. Be silent if your words will offend a weaker person. (1 Cor. 8:11)
6. Be silent when it is time to listen. (Prov. 13:1)
7. Be silent when you are tempted to make light of holy things. (Eccl. 5:2)

FORGET

*Forget who hurt you yesterday,
but don't forget those who love you everyday.
Forget about the past that makes you cry
and focus on the present that makes you smile.*

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The collection on Ash Wednesday will be for *Aid to the Church and Central and Eastern Europe* and the second collection next weekend will be for *Black and Indian Home Missions*. Please be generous in these collections.

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE

are announced for the third time for Matt Riley and Mandy Sherlock.

The Bannes of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jim Penn Sherlock and Tinsley Sherlock.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

One young clergyman preaching his first sermon, was very nervous. He started with the text, "Behold I come!" Then his mind went blank. He bravely repeated, "Behold I come!" Still his frightened brain wouldn't function. So he leaned over the pulpit and repeated once more, "Behold I come!" At that moment the pulpit collapsed. He tumbled over into the lap of a lady. He got up and, red-faced, stammered, "Oh, I'm sorry! Please forgive me!" the lady was not upset in the least and replied, "That's all right. I should have been expecting you. After all you warned me three times!"

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick
Monday: Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day;
Fast and Abstinence
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Ann Sherlock on the 33rd anniversary of her death.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Birdie Sherlock on the 30th Anniversary of her death.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: For Tom Paul Carroll on his Birthday.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Bush's Bridgie on the Anniversary of her death.

READERS

Sat. Feb. 10th, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley	Sat. Feb. 10th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa
Sun. Feb. 11th, 10:00 A.M.	Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph
Sat. Feb. 17th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie	Sat. Feb. 17th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Bridgette Anna
Sun. Feb. 18th, 10:00 A.M.	Ned's Rose Marie & Jimmy Joseph

READERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	Joy
Tuesday	Cathy Lisa Butts
Wednesday	Mary Martha
Thursday	Allison
Friday	Karen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Left Cup	February 3rd Bridget Ann Winnie Ann
Saturday 7:00 P.M. Front Cup	February 3rd Jay Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

February 4th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	February 11th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday	Bridget Ann

CAREFUL WITH YOUR WORDS

The tongue has no bones, but is strong enough to break a heart. So be careful with your words.

DON'T COMPARE

*Don't compare your life to others.
There's **no comparison** between the sun and the moon.
They **shine** when it's their time.*

PRAYER CORNER

A LENTEN PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and deliver from harm. There is no trouble, nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service. Amen.