

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Psalms 31(30):3-4

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalms — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$2,643.00	\$1,850.00
Number of Families contributing	84	76
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (6 Weeks)	\$19,516.00	\$19,764.00
Received to Date	\$13,426.00	\$10,574.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,090.00	\$9,190.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$196.00	\$1,194.00

Twenty-six ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$244.00	\$534.00

Four people 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
\$639.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$197.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$69.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A little boy, not familiar with an echo, thought he heard in the woods the voice of another boy not far off. He shouted, "Hello there!" and the voice shouted back, "Hello there!" He cried again, "Who are you?" and the voice replied, "Who are you?" He cried out once more, "You are a mean boy," and the voice came back, "You are a mean boy."

Then this little boy went home and told his mother that there was a bad boy in the woods. His mother understood what it was, and said to him, "Well, speak kindly to him, and see if he does not speak kindly to you."

The boy went to the woods again and shouted, "You are a good boy." Of course, the echo reply came, "You are a good boy."

"I love you," he said loudly.

"I love you," replied the faithful echo.

The story of the echo is the story of life.

Radiate a charitable smile and a similar will be generated and then reflected back to you.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Kate Sloopy Carroll in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
2. the Family of Hughie Burke Carroll in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on her 72nd Birthday;
4. the Gallons in loving memory of Johnny and Catherine Ann Gallon on their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary;
5. the Family of Chalkeye in loving memory of him on the 1st anniversary of his death;
6. the Scully's in loving memory of "Scully" on the 18th Anniversary of his death;
7. the Family of John Shack Riley in loving memory of him on his 70th Birthday;
8. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Danny Patrick Sherlock and Savannah Carroll.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q. What is the difference between a church bell and a pickpocket?**
A. *One peals from the steeple and the other steals from the people.*
- Q. Who was the most popular actor in the Bible?**
A. *Samson. He brought down the house.*
- Q. When was medicine first mentioned in the Bible?**
A. *When the Lord gave Moses two tablets.*
- Q. Why is a church like a convention?**
A. *Because families send just one delegate.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*. Please be generous in this collection.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Roch, St. Anthony, St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother, Jesus and Father God for a favor received, a member for a donation in thanks to the Infant Jesus for a favor received; and also to a parish member a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK **One morning a lame man struggled into a Catholic Church. He stopped in front of the holy water font, splashed some on both legs, and then threw away his crutches.**

An altar boy witnessed the scene and rushed into the rectory to tell the pastor what he'd just seen.

"Son, you've just witnessed a miracle!" the priest cried. "Tell me, where is this man now?"

"Flat on his back over by the holy water," the boy said.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Marriage Day; Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Underdog on his 57th Birthday and in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Birdie Sherlock on the 35th Anniversary of her death;

Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Kate Sloopy Carroll on her Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Chalkey on the 1st Anniversary of his death;

Thursday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for the repose of the soul of Bush's Bridget on her Birthday; and for the repose of the souls of Gallon and Catherine Ann on their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary.

Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood; and for the repose of the soul of Eddie Big Shot on the Anniversary of his death; and for repose of the soul of Nora Dempsey on the Anniversary of her death.

FAITH

***There is a secret, quiet faith.
That sparks the mind and soul.***

***It believes, in every case,
That God is love alone.***

***This faith has no expecting.
And forms with selfless work.***

Our effort is the sacrifice.

That fortifies the nerves.

With humility and patience,

Our love and light evolve.

Then every tough decision

Is left for God to solve.

READERS

Sat. Feb. 11th, 4:00 P.M.

Reed & Cathy Lisa

Sat. Feb. 11th, 7:00 P.M.

Mary Martha & Apple's Carolyn

Sun. Feb. 12th, 10:00 A.M.

Lauren Ashley &
Christina Apple

Sat. Feb. 18th, 4:00 P.M.

Julie Ann & Macy

Sat. Feb. 18th, 7:00 P.M.

Dayna & Leah

Sun. Feb. 19th, 10:00 A.M.

Lauren Ashley & Taniel

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Christina Apple

Tuesday - Macy

Wednesday - Josie

Thursday - Mary Martha

Friday - Julie Ann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun

Tuesday - Jack's Mary Rita

Wednesday - Julie Ann

Thursday - Betty Jo

Friday - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Right

Left

February 4th

Winnie Ann

Bridget Rita

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

February

Bridgette Anna & Theresa Hun

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

February 5th

Nora

February 12th

Ned's Rose Marie

ALWAYS REMEMBER LIFE GOES ON

Life is too short to be unhappy.

You have to take the good with the bad, smile when you are sad, love what you got and always remember what you had. Always forgive but never forget. People change and things go wrong, but always remember LIFE GOES ON.

GOD ALWAYS MAKES A WAY

GOD DIDN'T REMOVE THE RED SEA. HE PARTED IT. SOMETIMES HE DOESN'T REMOVE YOUR PROBLEMS. BUT HE ALWAYS MAKES A WAY THROUGH THEM.

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

TAKE PITY ON ME

Father, I believe that You hear my cries and take pity on the anguish of my heart. Extend Your hand as I seek Your loving pardon for the selfishness in my life, when I place my own desires and comfort above other's needs and failed to offer You due thanks for Your care and mercy. May selfishness, my enemy, be overcome by Your grace so that I may never cease to proclaim Your praise now and in eternity. Amen. Alleluia!