

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

The LORD tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.

— Psalm 147:4

THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,652.00	\$1,859.00
Number of Families contributing	89	70
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (5 Weeks)	\$16,760.00	\$16,850.00
Received to Date	\$11,727.00	\$9,635.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,033.00	\$7,215.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$221.00	\$988.00

Twenty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$12.00	\$50,722.00

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 \$95.00.

24 **CHILDREN** contributed \$74.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Thirty dollars!" the eleven-year-old boy gasped. "That's too much! You should start at \$25.00 each." The judge had asked bidding to start on each of the three ponies at \$30.00.

A conference was quickly called by the judge and the shelter director. They learned that the ponies had run away from the farm, and, after learning their whereabouts, the boy had brought his entire savings of \$75.00 to the public auction to reclaim his property. Originally, he had purchased the ponies with money he had earned scrubbing floors. Needless to say, there were no opposing bidders and he paid for and took home his runaways.

Did you know that the man is also a runaway? That's right; we are runaways by nature and by inheritance. For although God made man loving, honest, and God-fearing, man, tempted by Satan, broke through the fences of obedience God had set up, and he ran away from God. (Gen. 3)

But "Christ hath redeemed us" — bought us back and paid the price for the runaway through His sacrifice on the cross. And just as the judge accepted the payment for the ponies, so God accepted the payment Christ made by His death on Calvary as sufficient for every sinner.

What a blessing to realize that the price is paid and that the "runaway" need not run away longer.

The big question is: Are you still a "runaway"?

Christ hath redeemed us....

—GALATIANS 3:13

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of "Underdog" in loving memory of him on his 55th Birthday and the 11th Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Jr.'s Bridget Ann on her Birthday;
2. the Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on the 2nd Anniversary of her death;
3. the Scully's in loving memory of "Scully" on the 16th Anniversary of his death;
4. the Wife and Family of "Paco" in loving memory of him on the 6th Anniversary of his death;
5. Rose Marie and Hagee Richard in loving memory of "Hagee" on his 56th Birthday;
6. The Family of Cash in thanks for him on his 12th Birthday;
7. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the second time for Jim Ryan Riley and Dior Gorman.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in honor of the Infant of Prague for a special intention and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Collection for the Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe* and the second collection next weekend will be for the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*. Please be generous in these collections.

ONE LINERS

- ❖ I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger, and then it hit me.
- ❖ If you are what you eat, I'm dead meat.

WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

MONEY SAYS

“Earn me, forget everything.”

TIME SAYS,

“Follow me, forget everything.”

FUTURE SAYS,

“Struggle for me, forget everything.”

GOD SAYS,

“Just remember me, I’ll give you everything.”

JOKE OF THE WEEK

“I’ve been racking my brain, but I can’t place you,” one man said to another at a gathering. “And you look very much like somebody I have seen a lot — somebody I don’t like, but I can’t tell you why. Isn’t that strange?”

“Nothing strange about it,” the other man said. “You’ve have seen me a lot, and I know why you resent me. For two years I passed the collection plate in your church.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Scout Sunday
- Monday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
- Wednesday:** St. Scholastica
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
- Friday:** Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the souls of “Hambone” on the 22nd Anniversary of his death and “Jabber” on his 67th Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the souls of Jack’s Cathy on the 2nd Anniversary of her death and John Shack Riley on his 68th Birthday.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Ann Sherlock on the 36th Anniversary of her death.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of “Underdog” on his 55th Birthday.
- Friday:** For the repose of the souls of Birdie Sherlock on the 33rd Anniversary of her death and Hughie Gabe Sherlock.

LITTLE ACTS OF KINDNESS

*Little acts of kindness may
Chase somebody’s blues away.
A smile, a look, a fond “hello”
Is a gift that you can bestow.*

*When a soul is in distress
And they send an SOS,
A smile can go a long, long way
When a life has gone astray.*

*Little acts of kindness bring
A happiness awakening,
So with a smile and friendly nod,
Give the gift that comes from God.*

READERS

- Sat. Feb. 6th, 4:00 P.M.**
Julie Ann & Mary Martha
- Sat. Jan. Feb. 6th, 7:00 P.M.**
Ritz & Savannah
- Sun. Feb. 7th, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Jersey
- Sat. Feb. 13th, 4:00 P.M.**
Cathy Lisa & Reed
- Sat. Feb. 13th, 7:00 P.M.**
Dayna & Leah
- Sun. Feb. 14th, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- | | | |
|------------------|---|--------------|
| Monday | - | Taniel |
| Tuesday | - | Misty |
| Wednesday | - | Cathy Lisa |
| Thursday | - | Claire |
| Friday | - | Mary Cabrina |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- | | | |
|------------------|---|------------|
| Monday | - | Cathy Pole |
| Tuesday | - | Kim Gallon |
| Wednesday | - | Rosie Cat |
| Thursday | - | Mary Cat |
| Friday | - | Rose Marie |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **February 6th**
Front Mary Margaret
Right Cathy Pole
Left Kim Gallon

- Saturday 7:00 P.M.**
February 6th **February 13th**
Mary Margaret Cathy Pole

- Sunday 10:00 A.M.**
February 7th **February 14th**
Rose Marie Rose Marie
Mary Cat Mary Cat

WORDS

**SWEET WORDS are not always TRUE.
TRUE WORDS are not always SWEET.
But no matter what WORDS can SAY,
ACTIONS will always tell the TRUTH.**

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

A HEALING PRAYER TO SAINT JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Pray for me; help me know that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me consolation in my sorrow, courage in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Ask our loving God to fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in God’s healing power. Thank you, St. Jude, for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe. Inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has been given to me. Amen.