

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

— Isaiah 49:6b

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” comes from the Latin root for “order,” which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with “ordinal” numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today’s readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God’s love. Isaiah embraces his role as God’s servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ’s witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: “to be holy.” The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God’s loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thieves had planned the robbery over a period of three weeks. The night had finally arrived. They approached the radio shop from the rear, gained entrance and then it happened. They triggered an alarm that switched on floodlights, started five motor driven cameras, and set off a tape recorder that bellowed over loudspeakers for the police. Their presence and crime were no longer a secret.

The result was one captured thief and all-out police alerts for the other one. His picture had been recorded by the cameras and only time was needed to suspend him. Christ told his disciples in Luke 12:2 to always be on guard. Be careful to keep your life clean and spotless for there is “nothing covered,” he told them.

Just as surely as the thieves were caught for their crime, so will man face a judging God one day. Those secrets sins of life are not hidden from God. He sees, and he knows the heart of man. He remembers our sins, if not confessed, and will hold us accountable for them. The presence of sin in man’s life does not go unseen by God for “there is nothing covered that will not be revealed.”

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

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

ABILITY, MOTIVATION & ATTITUDE

ABILITY is what you are capable of doing.

MOTIVATION determines what you do.

ATTITUDE determines how well you do it.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week’s Collection	\$3,216.00	\$3,033.00
Number of Families contributing	111	106
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (2 Weeks)	\$7,372.00	\$7,388.00
Received to Date	\$5,397.00	\$4,627.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$1,975.00	\$2,761.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$210.00	\$539.00

Twenty-eight ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$100.00	\$110.00

Two 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

POOR BOX totaled \$30.00.

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$63.00.

BAA totaled \$125.00.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed this Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend will be for the *Church in Latin America*. Please be generous in this collection.

THANK YOU

to two parish members for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

DOZING IN CHURCH

- All church buildings should be air-conditioned; it is unhealthy to sleep in a stuffy room.
- Preachers don’t talk in their sleep; but they talk in other people’s sleep.
- A good sermon helps in two ways. Some rise from it greatly strengthened. Others wake from it greatly refreshed.

- Some churches seem to be sound in doctrine, but they are also sound asleep.

FORGIVENESS *Anyone can hold a grudge, but it takes a person with character to forgive. When you forgive, you release yourself from a painful burden. Forgiveness doesn't mean what happened was OK, and it doesn't mean that person should still be welcome in your life. It just means you have made peace with the pain and are ready to let it go.*

JOKE OF THE WEEK *An old couple who had been married for fifty years decided to take a second honeymoon. They went to the same town, rented the same room, ate in the same restaurant, and then got ready for bed. The husband noticed that his wife took a pill one hour before bed. When he asked why she did, his wife replied that it was to make her feel younger. The husband greedily swallowed the rest of the pills.*

In the morning, the wife noticed that her husband was not in the room. She went to the lobby and then out in the street, where she found him sitting on the pavement. When she asked what he was doing, he replied, "Waiting for the school bus."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Saturday: St. Agnes

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Maggie Butts.
Tuesday: In thanksgiving to St. John Paul II.
Wednesday: 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 souls of Scully's Pat and Bonnie on the Anniversaries of their deaths and for the repose of the soul of Betty Hun.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Cracker and for the repose of the soul of Cracker's Mike.
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood; and for the repose of the soul for Eddie Boy Johnson on his 83rd Birthday.

AT TIMES LIKE THESE

*How precious the words "I love you,"
 When the day is trying and gray,
 When your little world is falling apart,
 And you are too weary to pray.*

*How fitting a word of assurance
 From the lips that whisper "I care."
 How gentle the arms that embrace you
 When your burdens are heavy to bear.*

How a welcome shoulder to lean on

***When you lack the strength to go on,
 How precious the words "I love you"
 To a heart that has lost its song.***

READERS

Sat. Jan. 14th, 4:00 P.M. Macy & Julie Ann	Sat. Jan. 14th, 7:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna
Sun. Jan. 15th, 10:00 A.M.	Lauren Ashley & Taniel
Sat. Jan. 21st, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Reed	Sat. Jan. 21st, 7:00 P.M. Savannah & Ritz
Sun. Jan. 22nd, 10:00 A.M.	Lauren Ashley & Taniel

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Theresa Hun
Tuesday	-	Macy
Wednesday	-	Julie Ann
Thursday	-	Lauren Ashley
Friday	-	Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Theresa Hun
Tuesday	-	Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday	-	Julie Ann
Thursday	-	Betty Jo
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>January 14th</u>
Right	Winnie Ann
Left	Bridget Rita
<u>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</u>	
<u>January</u>	Kim Gallon & Rita Weaver

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

<u>January 15th</u>	<u>January 22nd</u>
Ned's Rose Marie	Nora

WHAT MONEY CAN BUY

- ***A bed, but not sleep,***
- ***Books, but not brains,***
- ***Food, but not appetite,***
- ***Finery, but not beauty,***
- ***A house, but not a home,***
- ***Medicine, but not health,***
- ***Luxuries, but not culture,***
- ***Amusement, but not happiness,***
- ***Companions, but not friends,***
- ***Flattery, but not respect.***

LIFE IS THE MOST DIFFICULT EXAM

Many people fail because they try to copy others,
 Not realizing that everyone has a different question paper.

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

PRAYER TO BEGIN THE DAY

***Lord God may everything we do begin with Your
 inspiration and continue with Your help, so that all of our***

work today will bring us closer to You. Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all. We ask this in Your name. Amen.