

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021

*Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.*

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

### SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalms** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory                      Development

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$1,474.00	\$817.00
Number of Families contributing	66	51
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (2 Weeks)	\$7,464.00	\$7,440.00
Received to Date	\$4,066.00	\$3,651.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,398.00	\$3,789.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2021</b>
\$117.00	\$372.00

Fourteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2021</b>
\$22,430.00	\$37,890.00

Six people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$7.00.

16 **CHILDREN** contributed \$75.00.

**BAA** totaled \$60.00.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I read an interesting article from Kalamazoo, dated March 3, 1971, concerning a pair of shiny shoes. The article related that a man is serving a three-to-four-year jail sentence because a pair of shoes "squealed" on him. The man, 21 years old, was charged with putting on a new pair of shoes at a shopping center and walking out without paying for them.

He would never have been caught, he said, had not the shoes "squealed" on him.

Wait a minute! I read of a more astonishing incident than the above. In Portland, Oregon, while a trial went on in the courtroom of a very prominent circuit judge, a thief lifted a wallet with \$12.00 from the court bailiff, and a coin purse with \$3.00 from the court reporter.

How about that! In open daylight the court bailiff and court reporter were relieved of their money.

The Scripture says that all works will be judged by God, every secret thing; nothing goes unseen by Him who ever watches. Are we ever guilty of stealing? How about the time God has given us to serve, bodies to be yielded to Him, talents to use at His bidding?

**Who is really the worse thief — the shoe thief, the court thief, or you and me?**

*For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

—ECCLESIASTES 12:14

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Scully's in in loving memory of Pat on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death & Bonnie on the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The Church Office will be closed this Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM** St. Edward Catholic Church Religious Education will present a sexual abuse prevention program to students January 18<sup>th</sup> and January 21<sup>st</sup> during class with makeup dates of January 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. As parents you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the program. Opt-out forms were given to parents at Religious Education classes. If you want to opt your child out and haven't filled out a form, please contact Sandra.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit; a member for a donation in honor of St. Michael; and a member for a donation in honor of the Infant of Prague for a special intention.

### BELATED AFFECTION

I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

**GOD IS ALWAYS THERE**

*There is never a day that God isn't there.  
So don't give up and surrender to your circumstances.*

*You are loved by God.*

*There may be days you struggle.*

*There may be days you feel weak.*

*But there is never a day that God isn't there.*

*His love will give the strength to continue to go forward.*

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

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** In an address before a group of clubwomen, Kent Leavitt, conversationalist, said, "I always like speaking to ladies. When I talk to men I know that what I say goes in one ear and out the other. But what I tell ladies goes in both ears and comes out the mouth."

**SIGNS IN FRONT OF CHURCHES**

- ❖ **You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.**
- ❖ **Come in and let us prepare you for your finals.**
- ❖ **Ask about our pray-as-you-go plan.**
- ❖ **No matter how much you nurse a grudge it won't get better.**
- ❖ **Pray up in advance.**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Wednesday:** St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Thursday:** St. Agnes
- Friday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Saturday:** St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** For the repose of the souls of Jack Suedle and Cathy.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the souls of Scully's Pat on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and Bonnie on the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the souls of Tommy McGuire on his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Edward Straightener O'Hara on his Birthday.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.
- Friday:** Blessings for the Duggan family.

**HE WILL LEAD YOUR WAY**

*Are you feeling blue?  
Stressful day and night?  
Put your trust in Jesus...  
Things will turn out right!*

*Do not doubt or fear,  
Bow your head and pray.  
Jesus solves all problems...  
He will lead your way.*

*Faith shall make you whole;  
You'll have a happy day.  
Jesus solves all problems...  
He will lead your way.*

**READERS**

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| <b>Sat. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b><br>Mary Martha & Julie Ann | <b>Sat. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b><br>Ritz & Savannah |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>                           | Jimmy Joseph & Jersey  |
| <b>Sat. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b><br>Reed & Cathy Lisa       | <b>Sat. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b><br>Skylar & Dayna  |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 24, 10:00 A.M.</b>  | Jimmy Joseph & Jersey  |

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | - Marilyn     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | - Mary Ashley |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | - Julie Ann   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | - Dayna       |
| <b>Friday</b>    | - Pamela      |

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

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| <b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b> | <b>January 16</b> |
| Front                     | Mary Margaret     |
| Right                     | Cathy Pole        |
| Left                      | Kim Gallon        |

**Saturday 7:00 P.M.**

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| <b>January 16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>January 23<sup>rd</sup></b> |
| Bridgette Anna                 | Rita Weaver                    |

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

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| <b>January 17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>January 24<sup>th</sup></b> |
| Rose Marie                     | Rose Marie                     |
| Mary Cat                       | Mary Cat                       |

**MONEY CAN'T BUY EVERYTHING**

- **Money can buy a house, but not a home.**
- **Money can buy a bed, but not sleep.**
- **Money can buy food, but not an appetite.**
- **Money can buy blood, but not life.**
- **Money can buy medicine, but not health.**
- **Money can buy insurance, but not safety.**

**RUN WITH**

An athlete **CANNOT RUN WITH** money in his pockets. He **MUST RUN WITH** hope in his heart and dreams in his head.

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

**PRAYER IN TIME OF SUFFERING**

*Behold me, my beloved Jesus, weighed down under the burden of my trials and sufferings, I cast myself at Your feet, that You may renew my strength and my courage, while I rest here in Your Prescence. Permit me to lay down my cross in Your Sacred Heart, for only Your infinite goodness can sustain me; only Your love can help me bear my cross; only Your powerful hand can lighten its weight. O Divine King, Jesus, whose heart is so compassionate to the afflicted, I wish to live in You; suffer and die in You. During my life be to me my model and my support. At the hour of my death, be my hope and my refuge. Amen.*