

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 14, 2019

“Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body, the church.”

— *Colossians 1:15, 18*

GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God’s law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God’s passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke’s Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God’s intimate love for them and want to share that love with others. J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalm — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

Second Reading — Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel — The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,487.00	\$1,791.00
Number of Families contributing	58	37
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (28 Weeks)	\$86,951.00	\$84,908.00
Received to Date	\$69,173.00	\$53,900.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$17,778.00	\$31,008.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$97.00	\$5,812.00

Eleven ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$140.00	\$41,604.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$199,700.00
Total Received	\$10,169.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$0.00.

6 **CHILDREN** contributed \$17.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$25.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 90.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A long time ago a king offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists entered the contest. The king looked at all the pictures. But there were only two he really liked. One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The other picture had mountains, too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky, from which rain fell and in which lightning played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all. But when the king looked closely, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest – in perfect peace.

The king chose the second picture. Do you know why?

“Because,” explained the king, “peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work, peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace.”

*We are not put in the world to hide in a cave,
but to create a life amidst the chaos of the universe and to
refine the world in the process, therefore creating true peace.*

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Kiser’s Nanny in loving memory of her on the 20th Anniversary of her death;
2. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for Infirm Priests. Please be generous.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit and St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy.

UNDERSTANDING

Whenever you do not understand what’s happening in your life, just close your eyes, take a deep breath and say,

“GOD, I KNOW IT’S YOUR PLAN. JUST HELP ME THROUGH IT.”

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Never feel bad if people remember you only at the time of their need. Feel privileged that they think of you like a candle in the darkness of their life.

AMISH BUMPER STICKER While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... “Energy efficient vehicle. Runs on oats and grass. CAUTION. Do not step in exhaust.”

JOKE OF THE WEEK Little Johnny's mother was called into the school one day by the principal. "We're worried about little Johnny," he said. "He goes around all day cluck, cluck, clucking."

"That's right," said little Johnny's mother. "He thinks he's a chicken."

"Haven't you taken him to a psychiatrist?" asked the principal.

Little Johnny's mother replied, "Well, we would, but we really need the eggs."

ONELINERS

- Adults are just kids with money.
- Trust in God – but lock your car.
- Marriage is not a word – it's a sentence.
- I want to die in my sleep like my grandfather.... Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
- I love to give home-made gifts – which one of my kids do you want?

ADDICTION PROBLEMS Do you have addiction problems? Please call Richard Harmon 803-270-8376.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bonaventure
Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Major Feast Day of our Pastors Order
Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis
Saturday: St. Apollinaris; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Kaiser's Nanny on her Birthday.
Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the souls in purgatory.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Sr. Rita Kinch on the 4th Anniversary of her death.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of A's Margaret on her Birthday.
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

The spirit of love will guide you,
 And motivate your life.
 He will offer a special assurance,
 Bring comfort in trouble and strife.

The spirit of love will keep you,
 In the Shelter of God's hands.
 Through faith and total commitment,
 He will help you keep God's commands.

The spirit of love can conquer,
 When darkness comes into view.
 Giving out a light of brilliance,
 That will see you safely through.

Frances Culp Wolfe

READERS

Sat. July 13th, 4:00 P.M.
 Christina & Natalie

Sun. July 14th, 10:00A.M.
 Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

Sat. July 20th, 4:00 P.M.
 Christina & Mary Duggan

Sun. July 21st, 10:00 A.M.
 Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Theresa Maria
Tuesday - Joy
Wednesday - Fallon
Thursday - Christina
Friday - Sage

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **July 13th**
 Front Bridget Ann
 Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

July 14th **July 21st**
 Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
 Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** Cathy Pole
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Margaret Butts
Thursday Betty Jo
Friday Mary Cat

WISDOM Wisdom has been defined as knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around.

THE RACE

In the race between the Lion & the Deer, many times the Deer wins. Because the Lion runs for food & the Deer runs for **LIFE**.
"PURPOSE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN NEED."

OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

Words are like keys. If you choose them right, they can **OPEN** any heart and **SHUT** any mouth.

THE BEST

Positive thinking is not only about **EXPECTING** the best to happen... but it is also about **ACCEPTING** whatever happens is for the **BEST**.

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

A DAILY PRAYER

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you! Fill my entire being with Thy perfect love in which there is no fear! Help me listen first to the voice of silence and then to Your voice! Help me to seek Your will in all things. Call me daily to conversion of life and give me the grace I need to live in You. Awaken in me a faithful love for You and for my neighbor. Envelope me in Your Goodness, O Holy One. Help me feel Your Loving Presence. Amen.