

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 2017

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.*

— John 3:16a

### THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

|                                 | Offertory    | Development  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Last Week's Collection</b>   | \$4,586.00   | \$5,836.00   |
| Number of Families contributing | 106          | 78           |
| Total Pledge for 2017           | \$175,815.00 | \$188,514.00 |
| Pledged to Date (26 Weeks)      | \$86,190.00  | \$92,338.00  |
| Received to Date                | \$83,681.56  | \$72,809.20  |
| Envelopes Outstanding           | \$2,508.44   | \$19,528.80  |

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2017 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$143.00               | \$7,545.00                   |

Fourteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 2017 Parish Goal        | \$25,705.00 |
| Amount Received to Date | \$6,335.41  |
| Amount Outstanding      | \$19,369.59 |

Three people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2017 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$15.00                | \$6,426.00                   |

Two people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$8.00.

13 **CHILDREN** contributed \$82.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$46.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 125 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 110.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A teacher after dinner started to check homework done by her students. Her husband is strolling around with a smart phone playing his favorite game. When she read the last note, she starts crying.

Her husband saw this and asked, "Why are you crying dear? What happened?"

"Yesterday I gave homework to my 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students, to write on -My Wish-."

"OK, but why are you crying?"

"Today while checking the last note, it makes me cry."

Husband curiously asked, "What's written in the note that makes you cry?"

Wife, "Listen."

'My wish is to become a smart phone. My parents love smart phones very much. They care for smart phones so much that sometimes they forget to care for me. When my father comes from the office tired, he has time for his smart phone but not for me. When my parents are doing some important work and the smart phone is ringing, with a single ring they attend the phone, but not me... even if I am crying. They play games on their smart phones but not with me. When they are talking to someone on their smart phone, they never listen to me even if I am telling them something important. So my wish is to become a smart phone.'

After listening to the note the husband got emotional and asked the wife, "Who wrote this?"

Wife: "***OUR SON.***"

Gadgets are beneficial, but they are for our ease not to cease the love amongst family and loved ones. Children see and feel everything that happens around them. Things get imprinted on their minds with an everlasting effect. Let's take due care, so that they do not grow with any false impressions.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Jack Dempsey Carroll in loving memory of him in the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. Pat Butts and Susan in loving memory of Katie Butts on her 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday;
3. The Family of Barney Pole Riley in loving memory of him on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. And a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy; and a donation in honor of St. Benedict.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The Church Office will be closed this Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** There will be no Eucharistic Adoration this Monday or Thursday due to the Independence Day Holiday.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says.

“Congratulations! You’re the father of twins.” “That’s odd,” said the man. “I work for the Minnesota Twins!”

A nurse says to the second guy, “Congratulations! You’re the father of triplets!” “That’s weird,” said the second man, “I work for the 3M Company!” A nurse tells the third man, “Congratulations! You’re the father of quadruplets!” “That’s strange,” he answers. “I work for the Four Seasons Hotel!”

The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. “What’s wrong?” the others ask. “I work for 7 Up.”

**BE IN GOD’S EMBRACE**

You can’t **UPLOAD** Love.

You can’t **DOWNLOAD** Time, and you can’t **GOOGLE** all the answers in life.

So just **LOG-IN** with **GOD’S** presence and you will surely **LIKE** the **STATUS** of your life.

Stay in **GOD’S** embrace and have a graceful day.

**THE BEST SERMONS ARE LIVED, NOT PREACHED**

Today, 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.

Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter’s antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday:** St. Thomas
- Tuesday:** Independence Day
- Wednesday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria;  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Thursday:** St. Maria Goretti
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Tom Cat Gorman on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:** for the repose of the soul of John Fox on his birthday and the repose of the soul of T.R.’s Margaret.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Pat L.’ Ann Marie on her Birthday.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Tommy Taylor on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.

**PATIENCE**

Patience is a virtue, patience is a gift,

We give unto each other, our spirits up to lift.

Patience is a blessing even to ourselves, indeed,

For it brings satisfaction in meeting someone’s need.

And You, dear Lord, are patient with me in every way,  
At times I fall but You lift me up and guide me each day.  
So, help me to be patient, Lord, yes help me to be kind,  
May others seeking tenderness, true loving, in me find.

*Lois Beldler Holmes*

**READERS**

**Sat. July 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Ann T. &  
Rosie Cat

**Sun. July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

Rose Marie &  
Jimmy Joseph

**Sat. July 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Mary Martha &  
Sable

**Sun. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

Theresa Maria Cat &  
Jimmy Joseph

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

- Monday** Theresa Maria Cat
- Tuesday** Melissa Ann
- Wednesday** Taneil
- Thursday** Sable
- Friday** Fallon

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**

Front  
Left Cup

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Bridget Ann  
Winnie Ann

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

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Pete Man’s Nora  
Rose Marie

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Pete Man’s Nora  
Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

- Monday** Rose Marie
- Tuesday** Pete Man’s Nora
- Wednesday** Ann T.
- Thursday** Rose Marie
- Friday** Bridget Ann

**SLOW DOWN**

Everybody seems to be in a rush. We all live such busy lives. But have you thought about slowing down? Enjoy life at your own self-absorbed pace. Look at the details around you and soak in the present moment.

**THE SEVEN “NEVERS” OF SCRIPTURE**

1. My love **NEVER** fails. (Psalm 119:76)
2. I will **NEVER** leave you. (Deut. 31:6)
3. My righteousness rolls like a **NEVER** failing stream. (Amos 5:24)
4. My compassion **NEVER** fails. (Lamentations 3:22)
5. I will **NEVER** violate my covenant of peace. (Isaiah 54:10)
6. My word **NEVER** returns empty. (Isaiah 55: 10-11)
7. I will **NEVER** let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. (1 Cor. 10-13)

**PRAYER CORNER**

**HELP US TO REMAIN CLOSE TO YOU**

Lord Jesus, we ask You now to help us to remain with You always, to be close to You with all the ardor of our hearts, to take up joyfully the mission You entrust to us and that is to continue Your presence and spread the good news of Your Resurrection.  
Amen.