

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 2023

Think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

— *Romans 6:11*

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, TOO. © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.
(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — Our God shows mercy and graciousness
(Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy
(1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies
(Matthew 5:38-48).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Thomas
Tuesday: Independence Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria
Thursday: St. Maria Goretti

THANK YOU, LORD

The greatest test of faith is when you don't get what you want, but still, you are able to say "Thank You, Lord."

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

PRAYER FOR HEALTH

Lord, I thank You for the blessings of good health that I and those near to me have enjoyed. May we continue to experience health in every aspect of our lives. Restore physical health to those of us weakened with illness, peace to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Amen.

REFLECTION

Two brothers worked together on the family farm. One was married and had a large family. The other was single. At the day's end, the brothers shared everything equally, produce and profit. Then one day the single brother said to himself, "It's not right that we should share equally the produce and profit. I am alone and my needs are simple." So, each night he took a bag of grain from his barn and crept across the field between their houses dumping it into his brother's barn. Meanwhile, the married brother said to himself, "It's not right that we should share the profit and produce equally. After all I am married and have my wife and children to look after me in years to come. My brother has no one, and no one to take care of his future." So, each night he took a bag of grain and dumped it into his single brother's bin. Both men were puzzled for years because their supply of grain never dwindled. Then one dark night the two brothers bumped into each other. Slowly it dawned on them what was happening. They dropped their sacks and embraced one another.

In today's Gospel Jesus instructs his disciples about how they have to be hospitable and welcoming even though they themselves may not be welcomed and may sometimes be rejected as they preach the good news. They will also experience the warm hospitality of some who will welcome them. He also reminds them that even a small gesture of offering a glass of water given in hospitality will be rewarded. Let us work for the glory of God.

INSPIRING THOUGHTS

1. Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.
2. You can't change the past, the future is uncertain so live well in the present.
3. God always gives his best to those who leave the choice to Him.
4. Everyone needs to be loved. Especially when they do not deserve it.
5. The real measure of a man's wealth is what he has invested in eternity.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$1,211.00	\$870.00
Number of Families contributing	49	40
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (24 Weeks)	\$80,491.00	\$81,644.00
Received to Date	\$67,005.00	\$54,853.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$13,486.00	\$26,791.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$118.00	\$4,810.00

Eighteen ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$80.00	\$48,855.00

Three 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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$4,281.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$83.00.

4 CHILDREN contributed \$5.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy Cat and Sons in loving memory of Tom Cat Gorman on his Birthday;
2. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Jude.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Peter's Pence Collection*. Please be generous.

TUESDAY MASS will be at 7:00 P.M. until further notice.

SUMMER DAY

*I was awakened very early,
On a special Summer day;
The sun was shining through the window
In a special kind of way.*

*I had so much to praise God for -
His presence seemed serene,
I knew that God had planned this day;
It wasn't just a dream.*

*Yes, He sent the sun with all its splendor
As He sent His love that day;
So, I realized how much He loved me
In His very special way.*

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 for the repose of the souls of T.R.'s Margaret and Shane.

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 soul of Jack Dempsey on the Anniversary of his death.

Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Pat L.'s Ann Marie on her 74th Birthday.

Friday: For the repose of the soul of P. A. and for the repose of the soul of P.A.'s Theresa on the 29th Anniversary of her death.

READERS

Sat. July 1st, 4:00 P.M.
Macy &
Julie Ann

Sun. July 2nd, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph &
Lauren Ashley

Sat. July 8th, 4:00 P.M.
Macy &
Christina

Sun. July 9th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph &
Lauren Ashley

READERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Christina
Tuesday - Macy
Wednesday - Monroe
Thursday - Julie Ann
Friday - Paris

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **July 1st**
Right Jack's Mary Rita
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

July 2nd **July 9th**
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