

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2017

Those who are just must be kind.

— *Wisdom 12:19*

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,585.00	\$1,223.00
Number of Families contributing	83	64
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (29 Weeks)	\$95,680.00	\$102,007.00
Received to Date	\$92,105.56	\$79,650.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,574.44	\$22,356.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$128.00	\$8,021.00

Sixteen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$6,511.41
Amount Outstanding	\$19,193.59

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$115.00	\$6,641.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$8.00.

16 **CHILDREN** contributed \$52.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 75.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A Rabbi took a trip to a strange land. He took a donkey, a rooster, and a lamp. Since he was a Jew, he was refused hospitality in the village inns, so he decided to sleep in the woods.

He lit his lamp to study the holy books before going to sleep, but a fierce wind came up, knocking over the lamp and breaking it. The rabbi decided to turn in, saying, "All that God does, he does well."

During the night some wild animals came along and drove away the rooster and thieves stole the donkey. The rabbi woke up, saw the loss, but still proclaimed easily, "All that God does, he does well."

The Rabbi then went back to the village where he was refused lodging, only to learn that enemy soldiers had invaded it during the night and killed all the inhabitants. He also learned that these soldiers had traveled through the same part of the woods where he lay asleep. Had his lamp not been broken he would have been discovered. Had not the rooster been chased, it would have crowed, giving him away. Had not the donkey been stolen, it would have brayed, giving him away. Once more the rabbi declared, "All that God does, he does well."

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Pat L. and Family in loving memory Ann Marie on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
2. The Family of Mikey Boy Sherlock in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
3. the Wife and Family of Big Tony Carroll in loving memory of him on the 14th Anniversary of his death and his 70th Birthday;
4. the Parents of Tyra Suedle in thanks to the Infant of Prague for her on her 1st Birthday;
5. And a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK A man had stopped off at a small-town tavern and made his way to the bar when there was a commotion outside. A man at the door shouted, "Run for your lives! Big Jake's coming!" As everyone scattered, an enormous man burst through the door, threw tables and chairs aside and strode up to the bar. "Gimme a drink!" he ordered.

Left alone at the bar, the man quickly handed over a bottle of whiskey. The huge man downed it in one gulp, then he ate the bottle. Paralyzed with fear, the man stammered,

"Can I g-get you another?"

"Nope, I gotta go," grunted the giant. "Didn't you hear? Big Jake's coming"

BEAUTIFUL SAYING-----

Mobile phones have taught us three things....

Whatever makes you happy –**SAVE IT!**

Whatever makes others happy – **FORWARD IT!**

Whatever will make no one happy – **DELETE IT!**

ENJOY THE JOURNEY CALLED LIFE!

GIVING

When God blesses you financially, don't raise your standard of living. Raise your standard of **GIVING**.

GOD KEEPS YOU GOING

Live Simply. Love Genuinely. Care Deeply. Speak Kindly.
And leave the rest to God.

Happiness keeps you Sweet. Trials keep you Strong.
Sorrows keep you Human. Failures keep you Humble.
Success keeps you Growing

BUT ONLY GOD KEEP YOU GOING.

"God bless you and keep you in His care through all the seasons of your life."

HE ANSWERS EVERY PRAYER

**Give your thoughts to Jesus,
He will give you peace,
Calming every worry,
And with His grace release
The strength to overcome
All problems you must bear
With love and understanding,
He answers every prayer.**

TRUE MEASURE The true measure of a man's moral fiber is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhluf
Tuesday: St. James
Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
Saturday: St. Martha

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the souls of Mikey Boy Sherlock on the 1st Anniversary of his death and Lillie Sherlock.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Pat "L's" Ann Marie on the 1st Anniversary of her death.
Wednesday: In thanks for Sutton Sherlock on her 5th Birthday.
Thursday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Friday: In honor of St. Expedite.

I SHALL NOT MOURN

I shall not mourn days gone by,
Nor fear the ones yet to be;
Such things are out of my hands,
So I'll leave them, Lord, to thee.

There is nothing I can do
To change what's already done,
And there is no guarantee
That I'll see tomorrow's sun.

I don't always understand
Why things turn out like they do,
And yet, it doesn't matter
Because lord, I trust in You.

Steven Michael Schumacher

READERS

Sat. July 22nd, 4:00 P.M.
Dayna &
Mary Melissa

Sun. July 23rd, 10:00 A.M.
Theresa Maria Cat &
Jimmy Joseph

Sat. July 29th, 4:00 P.M.
Ann T. &
Rosie Cat

Sun. July 30th, 10:00 A.M.
Theresa Maria Cat &
Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Theresa Maria Cat
Tuesday	Melissa Ann
Wednesday	Ann Rita
Thursday	Sable
Friday	Fallon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	July 22nd
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

July 23rd	July 30th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Rose Marie
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Rose Marie
Friday	Bridget Ann

CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

May people want to serve God, but only as advisors.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Quit complaining about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

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.*