

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 2016

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.
— Colossians 2:12

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith. Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine then to Augustine about God. The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars. Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” This is our charge: keep praying.

© J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God’s sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$1,433.00	\$805.00
Number of Families contributing	70	44
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (28 Weeks)	\$96,205.00	\$104,182.00
Received to Date	\$96,106.43	\$65,612.43
Envelopes Outstanding	\$98.57	\$38,569.57

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$49.00	\$4,835.00

Nine ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$6,802.61
Amount Outstanding	\$16,527.39

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$5.00	\$6,768.00

One person made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$5.00.

3 **CHILDREN** contributed \$5.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$54.00.

INFIRM PRIEST COLLECTION totaled \$203.00

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 102 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 68.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One form of prayer that St. Teresa of Avila used was simply to stand reverently and silently in the Lord’s presence. Recommending this method of prayer to others, she wrote, “Imagine the Lord Himself at your side. Stay with this good friend as long as you can. You need not to be concerned about conversing.”

How well does this method of prayer work for me?

Think often on God, by day, by night, in your business, and even in your diversions. God is always near you and with you, and should not be left alone. You would think it rude to leave a friend alone who came to visit you; then, must God be neglected? —BROTHER LAWRENCE

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Big Tony Carroll in loving memory of him on the 13th Anniversary of his death and his 68th Birthday;
2. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU

to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

On our railway, children age 10 and under travel at half-price. As the conductor began checking his tickets, a woman sitting next to me told her daughter, “Now remember, you are only 10.” The girl nodded her head.

The conductor approached and asked the girl, “How old are you?” “Ten, sir.” “And when will you be 11?” “When I get off this train!”

REMEMBER.....

Live simply. Love generously.

Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Leave the rest to God.

YOU ARE THE ARCHITECT

Some people always throw stones in your path. It depends on what you make with them: wall or bridge? Remember you are the architect of your life.

THAT’S LIFE

**We never get what we want,
We never want what we get.
We never have what we like,
We never like what we have.
And still we live and love.
That’s Life.**

ALWAYS REMEMBER

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not is a *fool*; *avoid* him.
He who knows not and knows that he knows not, is *simple*; *teach* him.
He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is *asleep*; *wake* him.

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.

DON'T DEPEND

Don't depend too much on anyone in this world.
Because even your shadow leaves you when you're in darkness.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. James
Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
Friday: St. Martha
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In loving memory of Black Pete Sherlock.
Tuesday: In thanks for Sutton Sherlock on her 4th Birthday and in honor of the Holy Souls.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph and in repose of the souls of Johnny and Rosie Butts.
Thursday: For the suffering souls in Purgatory.
Friday: For Pete Sherlock on his Birthday and in honor of St. Jude.

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 23rd, 4:00 P.M. Sun, July 24th, 10:00 A.M.
Kim Kaiser & Ann T. Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie
Sat. July 30th, 4:00 P.M. Sun. July 31st, 10:00 A.M.
Julie Ann & Bridget Ann Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Ann T.
Tuesday Theresa Maria Cat
Wednesday Rose Marie
Thursday Kim Kaiser
Friday Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. July 23rd
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

July 24th July 30th
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

GOOGLE = FEMALE

I have come to the conclusion that Google must be a female, because *SHE HAS THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING.*

THE MARK OF THE MAKER

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them! The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.

~~~~~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.*