

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 2021

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

— Psalm 145:15

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$1,759.00	\$1,086.00
Number of Families contributing	50	35
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (26 Weeks)	\$90,069.00	\$91,651.00
Received to Date	\$77,090.00	\$59,655.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$12,979.00	\$31,996.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$186.00	\$5,576.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$110.00	\$87,745.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

5 **CHILDREN** contributed \$52.00.

BAA totaled \$20.00.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"BUY ONE – GET ONE FREE" may be a marketing gimmick. But it is true in real life in many ways.

We buy anger and get acidity free. We buy jealousy and get headache free. We buy hatred and get ulcer free. We buy stress and get blood pressure free and so on.

Conversely, if we buy trust, we get friendship free. If we buy exercise, we get health free. If we buy peace, we get prosperity free. If we buy honesty, we get sleep free. If we buy Dharma, we get all good virtues free.

May God bless us with the wisdom to buy right things for a healthy and purposeful life!

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Pat L.'s Ann Marie in loving memory of her on the 5th Anniversary of her death;
2. The Family of John Bo's Bridget Catherine in loving memory of her on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
3. And a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BEAUTIFUL LINES

ALONE I CAN "SAY"

BUT TOGETHER WE CAN "TALK".

ALONE I CAN "ENJOY"

BUT TOGETHER WE CAN "CELEBRATE"

ALONE I CAN "SMILE"

BUT TOGETHER WE CAN "LAUGH"

THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF HUMAN RELATIONS.

THANK YOU to two members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

NEVER GIVE UP

When life is difficult and when everything turns bad, always remember that even a turtle can finish a race as long as he never gives up.

FIRST DAY OF OUR NEW LIFE

Don't start your day with the broken pieces of yesterday.

Everyday is a fresh start.

Each day is a new beginning.

Every day we wake up is the first day of our new life.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A couples happy married life almost went on the rocks because of the presence in the household of old Aunt Emma. For seven long years she lived with them, always irritable and demanding. Finally, the old girl died.

On the way back from the cemetery, the husband confessed to his wife, "Darling, if I didn't love you so much, I don't think I would have put up with your Aunt Emma in the house all those years."

His wife looked at him aghast. "My Aunt Emma!" she cried. "I thought she was your Aunt Emma."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

- Don't worry, it's fireproof.
- Are you sure the power is off?
- Don't be so superstitious.
- What does this button do?
- This tastes funny.
- Good doggie, nice doggie...

LEARN NOT TO COMPLAIN

Ants don't have dreams because they never sleep.
Pigs don't know sun and moon because they can't raise their heads to look at the sky.
Butterflies don't celebrate birthdays because they only live 47 days.
See how God created us special?
Just remember, while your busy complaining about your situation, someone out there is wishing to be in your place.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*
Monday: *Ss. Joachim and Anne*
Thursday: *Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*
Friday: *St. Peter Chrysologus*
Saturday: *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In thanks for Sutton Sherlock on her 9th Birthday.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of TK on his Birthday.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and holy souls.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Sherlock on his Birthday.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Black Pete's Winnie Ann on the 3rd Anniversary of her death.

HIS STRENGTH AND SONG

*He gives me strength from day to day
To face whatever comes my way;
He lifts me to great heights above
And reassures me of His love.*

*He walks with me even when days seem long
And puts into my heart a song;
A lovely tune with sweeter words
That even stills the song of birds.*

*But for a moment, then they sing
More sweeter songs the Savior brings,
Songs that lift a heavy load
When trudging down a lonesome road.*

*He is my hope, my joy, my life,
Who keeps me safe through storms and strife;
I'd not be able to carry on
Without His strength – without His song.*

READERS

Sat., July 24th, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. July 25th, 10:00 A.M.**
Christina & Julie Ann Jimmy Joseph & Monroe
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Sat., July 31st, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Aug. 1st, 10:00 A.M.**
Natalie & Mary Martha Jimmy Joseph & Monroe

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Natalie
Tuesday	-	Joy
Wednesday	-	Julie
Thursday	-	Bryce
Friday	-	Taneil

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Rita Weaver
Friday	-	Joy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	July 24th
Front	Winnie Ann
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Catherine Ann
July 25th	August 1st
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

*God opens doors that no one can close.
God heals wounds that no doctor ever could.
God commands and the universe obeys,
And when the day arrives that He calls His children home,
Nothing will hold them back not even the grave.*

EVERYBODY IS A GENIUS

Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

METAL AGE

**We live in the metal age:
SILVER in the hair.
GOLD in the teeth.
LEAD in the pants.
IRON in the veins.**

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

FOR PEACE IN THE FAMILY

Lord Jesus, my family needs Your help today. We are searching for tranquility and peace and an end to discord. Give us strength and compassion to understand each other, wisdom and love to help each other and the trust and patience we need to live peacefully together. Grant that through the intercession of Your mother, Mary, and St. Joseph, our family too may become a Holy Family – a family that works together as one, a family that embraces space and love, a family whose members are dedicated to each other and to God. Amen.