

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 2019

“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

ASKING FOR HELP

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today’s readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things. Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul’s letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don’t deserve it. In Saint Luke’s Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers. J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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 — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$709.00	\$440.00
Number of Families contributing	37	36
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (30 Weeks)	\$93,295.00	\$91,108.00
Received to Date	\$73,435.00	\$57,782.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$19,860.00	\$33,326.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$108.00	\$6,012.00

Fourteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$20.00	\$41,804.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$199,700.00
Total Received	\$10,169.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$0.00.

15CHILDREN contributed \$45.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$21.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 110 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 80.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Scarcely had he been released from prison when the youth broke parole and was arrested again. Speaking to the grieving father, a friend said, “He’s caused you so much trouble. If he were my son I would forget him.” To this the loving parent responded, “Yes, if he were your son, I, too, would forget him. But, you see, he’s my son.”

Hosea captures the very “human” hurt of God whose love is rejected by those He created. In pronouncing judgement God weeps, “Oh, how can I give you up, My Ephraim? How can I let you go?.... My heart cries out within me; How I long to help you” (Hosea 11:8) We have given God many reasons to give us up, yet He has pledged Himself to us because we are His.

Who can understand the depths of God’s love covering our myriad faults and supplying our urgent needs? The songwriter said,

*Tho I forget Him and wander away,
Still He doth love me wherever I stray;
Back to His dear loving arms I would flee,
When I remember that Jesus loves me.*

It is comforting to know God loves us in spite of our terrible weaknesses.

And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him. Hosea 11:7

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of A’s Johnny in loving memory of him on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
2. The Family of Mike “Shug” Carroll in loving memory of him on the 10th Anniversary of his death;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit and St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

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...

SMILES FROM THE BIBLE

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A soldier was asked to report to headquarters for assignment. The sergeant said, "We have a critical shortage of typists. I'll give you a little test. Type this," he ordered, giving him a pamphlet to copy and a sheet of paper, and pointing to a desk across the room that held a typewriter and an adding machine.

The soldier, quite reluctant to become a clerk-typist, made a point of typing very slowly and he made sure that his work contained as many errors as possible. After the soldier finished, he handed the typed paper to the sergeant who barely glanced at it.

"That's fine, report for work tomorrow at 8:00 a.m."

"But aren't you going to check the test?" asked the soldier.

The sergeant grinned. "You passed the test before you started typing - when you sat down at the typewriter instead of at the adding machine."

ADDICTION PROBLEMS Do you have addiction problems? Please call Richard Harmon 803-270-8376.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Martha
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Chrysologus
- Wednesday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Thursday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori
- Friday:** St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete Sherlock on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Margaret Sherlock on her Birthday.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Barbara Jean O'Hara on the 1st Anniversary of her death; Pete Jason Carroll in his Birthday; and Tommy Taylor on the Anniversary of his death.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
- Friday:** In loving memory of Eddie Carroll on his Birthday.

NOTE IN A BOTTLE

Like a note in a bottle,
Afloat on a stormy sea,
My sad heart was tempest-tossed
From the grief concealed in me.

I felt no one understood,
That nobody really cared;
Then in utter hopelessness,
My pain with Jesus I shared.

He released my heart's burden
That was sealed inside of me,
And the current of His love
Has forever set me free.

STEVEN MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

READERS

Sat. July 27th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Natalie

Sun. July 28th, 10:00A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

Sat. Aug. 3rd, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Mary Duggan

Sun. Aug. 4th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Theresa Maria
- Tuesday** - Joy
- Wednesday** - Fallon
- Thursday** - Christina
- Friday** - Sage

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	July 27th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

July 28th	Aug. 4th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | Cathy Pole |
| Tuesday | Pete Man's Nora |
| Wednesday | Margaret Butts |
| Thursday | Betty Jo |
| Friday | Mary Cat |

SELF CONTROL

Ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them.
Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and weigh you down.

ADD VALUES NOT EGOS We cannot add milk in a glass full of milk, but we can still add sugar; which proves...

SWEET PEOPLE can make their space even in a filled heart

THE BEST WAY

- Q. What is the best way to contact your long-lost relatives?**
A. Win the lottery.
- Q. What is the best way to make somebody remember you?**
A. Borrow money from them.

WORK ETHICS: Work for a Cause; Not for Applause.
Live life to Express; Not to Impress.

~~~~~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.