

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 30, 2017**

*All things work for good for those who love God.*

— *Romans 8:28a*

**LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS**

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God’s question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

**Psalm** — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

**Gospel** — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

It was in the valley of Achor that Achan was stoned for his sin. Since that time the valley has been associated with trouble, heartbreak, and disappointment. Those traveling the spiritual valley of Achor are in the tension of crisis. Yet God promises help even here.

Many today are walking through the valley of trouble. Each person has his special valley and the sorrow in some is deeper and darker than in others. The valley can be brightened only by the “Sun of Righteousness.”

He said, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls” (Matt. 11:28-29).

To live by the law of Christ and accept Him in our hearts is to turn a giant floodlight of hope into your valleys of trouble. Problems do not always vanish in Christ’s presence, but He gives us victory over them.

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9)

Truth: Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine,  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since ‘tis my God that leadeth me.

*“And I will give her... the valley of Achor for a door of hope.” Hosea 2:15*

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week’s Collection</b>	\$5,478.00	\$4,685.00
Number of Families contributing	104	83
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (30 Weeks)	\$99,470.00	\$105,490.00
Received to Date	\$97,541.56	\$84,335.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$1,928.44	\$21,154.80

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$159.00	\$8,180.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT**

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$6,905.41
Amount Outstanding	\$18,799.59

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

**HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$415.00	\$7,056.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$8.00.

11 **CHILDREN** contributed \$42.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$14.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 125 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 73.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**THANK YOU**

to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to the Infant of Prauge, St. Expedite and Blessed Ceferino.

**SCHOOL SUBSIDY**

Parents who wish to get a subsidy for their children attending Our Lady of Peace School must contact Fr. Cherian or the Church Office as soon as possible.

**THE THINGS I BELIVE**

I believe that just because two people argue it doesn’t mean they don’t love each other. And just because they don’t argue it doesn’t mean they do love each other.

I believe our background and circumstances may have influences who we are, but, we are responsible for who we become.

I believe heroes are the people who do what has to be done, when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I believe that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I believe that no matter how good a friend is he is going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive him for that.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A psychic tells a frog, "You will meet a pretty young woman who will want to know everything about you." "Great!" says the frog. "Will I meet her at a party?"  
 "No. Next term, in biology class."

**THE QUOTES THAT CHILL YOU**

"Most people are other people; their thoughts are someone else's opinion. Their lives a mimicry; Their passion a quotation.

– *Oscar Wilde*

"Great spirits have often encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds. – *Albert Einstein*

"Every man dies but not everyman truly lives."

**SENTENCES THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE**

1. People are not against you. They are for themselves.
2. Climb mountains not so the world can see you, but you can see the world.
3. We learn more from failure than from success. Don't let it stop you; failure builds character.
4. Go where you're celebrated; not where you're tolerated.
5. If you accept your limitations, you never go beyond them.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola  
**Tuesday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori  
**Wednesday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli;  
 St. Peter Julian Eymard  
**Friday:** St. John Vianney; First Friday  
**Saturday:** First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** Funeral.  
**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Pat "Rat" Riley.  
**Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Petie "Cat" Gorman.  
**Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Eddie Carroll on his Birthday.

**HANDS AND HEARTS**

Lord, I need daily reminders  
 To help keep me on the right track,  
 And guide me around the pitfalls  
 That lay hidden along my path.

Though serving others in Your Name  
 Is what I surely need to do,  
 My very first priority  
 Should always be to worship You.

So, please remind me each day, Lord,  
 While I am busy serving You,  
 That more precious than my hands' work  
 Is my hearts devotion to You!

*Steven Michael Schumacher*

**READERS**

**Sat. July 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Ann T. & Rosie Cat  
**Sun. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

**Sat. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Julie Ann  
**Sun. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.** Front Left Cup  
**July 29<sup>th</sup>** Bridget Ann Winnie Ann

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

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

**CHANGE** We cannot change the things which are not in our control. But we can change the way we react to them.

**LAW OF RESULT**

When you try to prove that a machine won't work;  
**IT WILL.**

**NEVER BEG** Never beg someone for their attention. When you beg people they feel powerful so they take control of your feelings.

**DIFFERENCES**

When you love the right person you are COMPLETE.  
 When you love the wrong person you are FINISHED.

**FUNNY BUT....** If you think that nobody cares about you, try missing a couple of bill payments.....

**THE REAL WEALTH OF MAN** is what he has invested for eternity.

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**A PARENTS PRAYER**

Thank You for my children, Lord;  
 I know they are a gift from You. Daily I need Your strength and wisdom to train them in the way they should go. Give me patience and a joyful heart;  
 Let me be an example of Your love and forgiveness. Thank You, Father, for the honor of being a parent. Amen.