

## EIGHTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 31, 2016

*Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.*

— Psalm 90:12

### HITTING IT BIG

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase. © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

**Gospel** — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$1,496.05	\$1,109.05
Number of Families contributing	58	45
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (29 Weeks)	\$99,520.00	\$107,740.00
Received to Date	\$97,602.48	\$66,721.48
Envelopes Outstanding	\$1,917.52	\$41,018.52

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$72.00	\$4,907.00

Six ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$6,832.61
Amount Outstanding	\$16,497.39

Two 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	\$6,773.00

One person made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$8.00.

3 **CHILDREN** contributed \$13.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$76.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 95 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 75.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Patt Blue, a Life magazine photographer, was on an extended assignment in a hospital. There she made the acquaintance of Carrie, a victim of multiple sclerosis. In her journal for September 17, 1979, Patt writes:

"The nurses aides, or whatever they are, seem to hate their jobs- they sit and watch TV... When Carrie is put in a wheelchair, no one talks to her like a human being. She falls over – no attempt is made to straighten her out." The neglect of Carrie by the nurses aides and the word of God invite me to ask. How attentive am I to the needs of those assigned to my care?

*"Keep on loving one another... Remember those who are suffering, as though you were suffering as they are."*

Hebrews 13:1,3

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. 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.

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

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A couple, desperate to conceive a child, went to their priest and asked him to pray for them.

"I'm going on a sabbatical to Rome," he replied, "and while I'm there, I'll light a candle for you."

When the priest returned three years later, he went to the couple's house and found the wife pregnant, busily attending to two sets of twins. Elated, the priest asked her where her husband was so that he could congratulate him.

"He's gone to Rome," was the harried reply, "to blow that candle out."

### ARE THESE FUNNY?

- Why did Moses lead the Israelites through the desert for 40 years?  
Moses refused to ask for directions.
- How many angels can fit in a Honda?  
All of them. For it is written: All my angels shall sing praise in one Accord.

## EVERYTHING HAS A PURPOSE

Take life as it comes.

Accept yourself as you are,

And also accept others for what they are.

Everybody is unique and is right in his own way.

## TRUTHS OF LIFE WE NEED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH

- Where there is a will; I want to be in it.
- If I agreed with you; we would both be wrong.
- We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
- War doesn't determine who is right; only who is left.
- To steal ideas from one is plagiarism; to steal ideas from many is research.

## F. E. A. R HAS TWO EXPANSIONS

Forget Everything And Run.

Face Everything And Rise.

## STRAY THOUGHTS

Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot; and anyone driving faster than you is a maniac.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori

**Tuesday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli;

St. Peter Julian Eymard

**Thursday:** St. John Vianney

**Friday:** First Friday

**Saturday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord;

First Saturday

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.

**Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus.

**Wednesday:** In loving memory of Pat Raid Riley on his Birthday.

**Thursday:** For the Suffering Souls in Purgatory.

**Friday:** In loving memory of Petie Cat Gorman on his Birthday.

## REALITY CHECK

Oh, hold onto what is good,  
And let go of the rest;  
Don't take stock of your troubles,  
Count the ways you have been blessed!

Yes, this life has its problems,  
That's undeniably true;  
But, be honest with yourself;  
You have many blessings too.

Friend, cling tightly to the Lord,  
Throw everything else away;  
Your heart will be much lighter,  
Without all the extra weight!

*Steven Michael Schumacher*

## READERS

**Sat. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Julie Ann & Bridget Ann

**Sun, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

**Sat. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Rita Weaver & Rosie Cat

**Sun. Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

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.**

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Left Cup

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Bridget Ann

Winnie Ann

## Sunday 10:00 A.M.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Pete Man's Nora

Rose Marie

**Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Pete Man's Nora

Rose Marie

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

**Monday** Bridget Rita

**Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora

**Wednesday** Ann T.

**Thursday** Rose Marie

**Friday** Bridget Ann

## PRAY

When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...in His own time and in His own way.

## FUNNY CHURCH SIGNS

1. There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.
2. Read the Bible: It's user friendly. Plus we offer technical support on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
3. Church Parking: Trespassers will be baptized.
4. To be almost saved is to be totally lost.
5. How do we make Holy Water? We boil the Hell out of it.

## PRAYER CORNER

### GIVE ME

Dear God, give me the strength to love others and to be loved.  
Guide me through each day with Your helping hand.

Give me the knowledge that You are already there, especially when I need You most. Give me the courage to live each moment as if the next will never come. Show me how to be strong when I am feeling weak. Give me the strength to live as You intended me to. Amen.