

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 4, 2021

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

NO BAD NEWS

There are many times when we say, “Tell me what I want to hear, and don’t confuse me with facts.” And we don’t take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today’s Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today’s readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the “stranger” among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or “strange” they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news. © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6a).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$1,940.00	\$1,387.00
Number of Families contributing	66	47
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (24 Weeks)	\$80,886.00	\$82,294.00
Received to Date	\$71,140.00	\$55,752.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$9,746.00	\$26,542.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$145.00	\$5,017.00

Sixteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$190.00	\$87,525.00

Five 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 \$74.00.

8 **CHILDREN** contributed \$45.00.

BAA totaled \$45.00.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

A famous painting portrays an anxious young man playing chess with the devil for his soul. The devil has just checkmated the young man’s king. The average chess player who studies the painting sees no hope for the young man.

Paul Murphy, an expert chess player, studied the painting for a long time. Suddenly he saw a way out of the situation. Excitedly he cried out.

“Don’t give up hope, young man. You still have a good move left!”

What is my greatest source of hope when I feel checkmated by the devil?

“[The Lord always gives encouragement to those who are losing hope.. Leave your sin behind. Pray sincerely that he will help you live a better life. ”

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Buddie in loving memory of him on his 88th Birthday;
2. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

CONGRATULATIONS FR. CHERIAN July 6th is the 19th Anniversary of Fr. Cherian being the Pastor of St. Edward’s. The members of St. Edward’s Parish Family extend their best wishes to Fr. Cherian and hope that he will remain Pastor here for many, many years.

SOME DAY, WE ALL WILL DEPART on a journey free of cost. Don’t worry about seat reservation, it is confirmed. The flight is always on time. Our good deeds will be our luggage. Humanity will be our passport. Love will be our visa. Make sure we do our best to travel to Heaven in business class

THE LITTLE THINGS

Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes, those little things take up a big place in their HEART!

- **Money says earn me.**
- **Calender says turn me.**
- **Time says plan me.**
- **Future Says win me.**
- **Beauty says love me, BUT**
God simply says,
“WORK HARD AND TRUST ME.”

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A funeral was being held in a country church for a crusty old farmer.

At the end of the service, the pallbearers leaving the sanctuary accidentally bumped into a wall beside the door, jarring the casket. That’s when they heard a faint moan. The casket was quickly opened, and it was found that the man was actually still alive. In fact, he lived another 10 years before he died. A ceremony was held again at the same church, and at its conclusion the pallbearers were solemnly carrying out his casket.

But as they walked down the aisle, the farmer’s wife turned to them and whispered firmly, “Watch out for the wall.”

GOOD PERSON IS LIKE A GOALKEEPER

Being a **Good Person** is very difficult.

It’s like being a Goalkeeper.

No matter how many Goals you Saved,

The people remember Only the **Goals you Missed.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
- Monday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Tuesday:** St. Maria Goretti
- Friday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** Funeral.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Pat L. McNally and Pat L’s Ann Marie on her Birthday.
- Wednesday:** Infant Jesus for the sick and holy souls.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Babe on the Anniversary of her death.
- Friday:** for the repose of the soul of Nanny Kiser on the Anniversary of her death

HIS WORD

*There in His Word I find comfort,
There in the depth of His prayers,
There in the promises given,
Is respite from worries and cares.*

*There in my darkness is sunlight,
There in my turmoil is peace,
And there in my sorrow is joy,
When my fears and concerns I release.*

*These burdens I daily would carry,
I’m reminded to give to the Lord,
As He tells me with love never ceasing,
To believe and to trust in His Word.*

Judith B. Schwab

READERS

- Sat., July 3rd, 4:00 P.M.
— Christina & Natalie
- Sun. July 4th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Monroe
- S Sat., July 10th, 4:00 P.M.
— Natalie & Christina
- Sun. July 11th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Monroe

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday - Natalie
- Tuesday - Julie Ann
- Wednesday - Mary Martha
- Thursday - Bryce
- Friday - Christina

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 3rd
- Front Winnie Ann
- Right Cathy Pole
- Left Catherine Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- July 4th July 11th
- Rose Marie Rose Marie
- Mary Cat Mary Cat

FUNNY ANSWERS

1. How may angels can fit in a Honda?
All of them. For it is written. All of my angels shall sing my praise in the one ACCORD.
2. What were that last words spoken at the Last Super?
Everyone who wants to be in the picture get on this side of the table.

BE HAPPY IN EVERY SITUATION

Some flowers grow best in the sun and some grow well in the shade...REMEMBER.. God puts us where we can grow best.. So always be Happy in...**EVERY SITUATION OF LIFE.**

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

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, You have given all mankind one common origin, and it is Your will that we live together as one human family in joy and peace. By sharing the blessings that come from You, we have the ability to secure the justice and courage You want every one of Your children to enjoy. Help me do my part to end hurt and strife. Help me to see the world, not just as it is, but as You would have it be, and to use my personal blessings and gifts to create love, peace, and glory to You every day. For the sake of Your Son, Amen.