

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 3, 2019

*Every tree is known by its own fruit.*

*For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.*

— Luke 6:44

### THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

**Psalms** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

**Gospel** — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

|                                 | Offertory    | Development  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Last Week's Collection</b>   | \$1,659.00   | \$1,338.00   |
| Number of Families contributing | 75           | 72           |
| Total Pledge for 2019           | \$167,031.00 | \$163,188.00 |
| Pledged to Date (8 Weeks)       | \$26,683.00  | \$26,008.00  |
| Received to Date                | \$20,913.00  | \$17,882.00  |
| Envelopes Outstanding           | \$5,770.00   | \$8,126.00   |

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$316.00               | \$2,218.00                   |

Twenty-seven ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$95.00                | \$6,422.00                   |

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

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Parish Goal             | \$165,000.00 |
| Amount Received to Date | \$776.00     |
| Amount Outstanding      | \$164,224.00 |

Eight people made a B.C. contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$5.00.

21 **CHILDREN** contributed \$52.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$20.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 110, 7:00 p.m. Mass was 150 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Every event that happens in your life, however small or insignificant, holds the potential to change your future forever. Take for example, the events of September 11, 2001 when the horrendous terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York happened, many people escaped death, simply because of a little problem, mishap or sudden change in their schedule.

There was a head of a company who survived purely because he chose to take his child to kindergarten that morning instead of going straight to work as usual. Another person survived because it was his turn to bring donuts to the office. One woman was late for work because her alarm clock didn't go off in time. The one that struck me the most was the woman who put on a new pair of high-heeled shoes that morning. She took the various means to get work but before she got there, developed a blister on her foot. She stopped at the drugstore to buy a band aid and that is the reason she is alive today.

If these people had not experienced the ordinarily irritating events, their stories would have turned out differently. Now whenever, I am stuck in traffic or miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone or stub my toe, I remember that all of these annoying little things are not problems but are just what is meant to be. I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Pat Furp Riley in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
2. the Family of Betty Costello in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
3. the Wife and Family of Pete Curley Riley in loving memory of him on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. Catherine Jabber and Family in loving memory of Tommy Jabber Riley on the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and his Birthday, and Joseph Pio Riley on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death and 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday; and Jack Speedball Carroll on the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
5. Pete Mike, Allison, Luxe and Seve in loving memory of Ned Sherlock on the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
6. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Pete Gerard Riley and Eden O'Hara.

### YOU'RE USEFUL

**Whenever you are in a position to help someone, just do it and be glad because God is answering someone's prayers through you. So don't think that anybody is using you but remember that you're useful.**

### GOODNESS

*The fragrance of flowers spreads only in the direction of the wind.  
But the goodness of a person spreads in all directions.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Lent begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, will be celebrated at 12 NOON. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of 6 ½ weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for the Easter. The ashes are symbols of being sorry for things we have done and want to get rid of them forever. This is also a reminder to us that we all come from ashes and to ashes we return.

**MASS ON FRIDAYS** during Lent will be at 7 P.M.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

- Mar. 8: Legion – O.L. of Presentation
- Mar. 15: Legion – O.L. of Epiphany
- Mar. 22: Religious Education Teachers
- Mar. 29: Lectors
- Apr. 5: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.
- Apr. 12: Society of Mary Immaculate
- Apr. 19: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS** The second collection this weekend will be for *Aid to the Church and Central and Eastern Europe* and the second collection next weekend will be for *Black and Indian Home Missions*. Please be generous in these collections.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to St. St. Anthony; and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**MASTER'S TABLE** Jaqueline's Legion Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta this Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jaqueline.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

Little Jonnie had been exceedingly naughty and during dinner he was forced to eat alone in the corner at a card table. When everyone was seated his father bowed his head and said grace.

Then little Jonnie bowed his head and prayed aloud: "thank you Lord for preparing a table for me in the presence of my enemies."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday: St. Casimir
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; *Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving*
- Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Friday: St. John of God; *Abstinence*
- Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Curley Riley on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday: In thanks for Monroe Carroll on her 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Betty Costello on her Birthday.
- Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for the sick, St. Joseph and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- Thursday: In thanks for Mike Thomas O'Hara on his 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday and for Michael Jude O'Hara on his Birthday.
- Friday: For the repose of the souls of Barbara Jean Carroll on her Birthday and Maggie Taylor on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.

**READERS**

- Sat. Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 P.M. Ritz & Ivana
- Sat. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Apple's Carolyn
- Sun. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria
- Sat. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley
- Sat. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
- Sun. Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

- Monday - Reed
- Tuesday - Karen
- Wednesday - Natalie
- Thursday - Celia
- Friday - Christina

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

- Saturday 4:00 P.M. March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Front Bridget Ann
- Left Cup Winnie Ann

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

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
- Rose Marie Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

- Monday Bridget Rita
- Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday Rosie Cat
- Thursday Betty Jo
- Friday P.A.'s Ann Marie

**GOD USES BROKEN THINGS BEAUTIFULLY**

- Broken clouds pour rain.
- Broken soil sets as fields.
- Broken crop yields seeds.
- Broken seeds give life to new plants.

*So when you feel you are broken, be rest assured that God is planning to utilize you for something great.*

**SILENCE & SMILING**

*Silence* is the best answer for all stupid questions, and *Smiling* is the best reaction in all critical situation.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

- What is the difference between a church bell and a pickpocket?  
One peals from the steeple and the other steals from the people.
- When was medicine first mentioned in the Bible?  
When the Lord gave Moses two tablets.

**PRAYER CORNER**

**EVENING PRAYER**

*Watch dear, Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ, rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Sooth Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. And for all Your love's sake, Amen.*