

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.

— Psalm 98:5

LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,2121.00	\$1,457.00
Number of Families contributing	78	56
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (45 Weeks)	\$144,272.00	\$140,933.00
Received to Date	\$124,679.00	\$99,536.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$19,593.00	\$41,397.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$117.00	\$7,871.00

Seventeen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$140.00	\$54,081.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$208,330.00
Total Received	\$14,247.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$10.00.

23 **CHILDREN** contributed \$83.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$27.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 185; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 290 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 150.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Once upon a time there was a King with 4 wives. One day the King got sick and was on his deathbed. Afraid of being in the afterlife alone, he asked his 4th wife which he loved the most and bought her diamonds, gold and elegant clothes, "Would you die with me and go with me to the afterlife?" The 4th wife replied, "I'm sorry, I can't do that," and walked away.

He also loved his 3rd wife and was very proud and would always show her off to the neighboring kingdoms. So he called his 3rd wife and asked, "Would you accompany me to the afterlife?" The 3rd wife replied, "I love my life too much. I cannot go with you and when you die I'm going to remarry."

His 2nd wife had always been there for him in his times of need. So he asked her, "Would you accompany me to the afterlife?" The 2nd wife then replied, "I'm sorry that I can't help you out this time. But, what I can do is arrange the funeral and I will be there for your funeral."

A voice called out and said, "I'll leave with you and follow you wherever you go, even if it is to the afterlife." The King looked and it was his 1st wife. But, this was the wife that he took care of the least. He felt embarrassed and said, "I'm sorry. I should have taken more care of you and given you more attention when I was alive."

The moral of this story is that we all have 4 wives. Our 4th wife is our body we like to decorate with nice jewelry and nice clothing, but in the end it can't follow us to the afterlife. The 3rd wife represents our possessions. We spend so much time trying to gather possessions, but in the end they can't follow us to the afterlife. The 2nd wife represents our friends and family. We trust them. They are always there for us in times of need, but the furthest they can go with us is to our funeral. The 1st wife represents us our soul. We usually neglect taking care of our soul. That is the thing that will follow us to the afterlife.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Skullies in loving memory of Skully's Ann on the 17th Anniversary of her death and Fr. Bill in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
2. Matt Christopher & Chloe in thanks to Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. Philomena for Creston Shad on his 2nd Birthday;
3. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

GOD BLESS YOU

The most powerful name I know is *GOD*.

The most powerful word I know is *BLESS*.

And the person I wish all the best today is *YOU*.

THANKSGIVING HELP

It is asked that everyone please donate a monetary gift to help members of our Parish Family on Thanksgiving. Please give your donation to the Church Office.

ROOTS

Power and money are **FRUITS OF LIFE!**

But family and friends are **ROOTS OF LIFE!**

We can manage without **FRUITS** but can never stand without **ROOTS**.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and St. Expedite; and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK THE LORD Be happy with what you have, keep working on what you love, and remember a happy life begins by saying: **THANK YOU LORD FOR WHAT I HAVE!!!**

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS It is asked that everyone donate \$10 for poinsettias. Please give your donation to Bibbie's Catherine Ann, Bridget Rita, or the Church Office.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Little Boy: "Did you hear about an 88 year old man and 79 year old woman who got married last week?"

Little Girl: "Did they throw rice at them?"

Little Boy: "No they threw vitamins?"

BEAUTIFUL MESSAGE

PATIENCE with family is LOVE. PATIENCE with others is RESPECT. PATIENCE with self is CONFIDENCE. PATIENCE with God is FAITH.

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Cecilia

Saturday: St. Clement I; Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Mattie Riley on the 31st Anniversary of his death and for the repose of the soul of Katie Riley.

Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Wednesday: In thanks for Upton Carroll on her 5th Birthday.

Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Mattie Sherlock's Rose Ann on her Birthday.

Friday: For the repose of the soul of Starbucks Mary Catherine on the 13th Anniversary of her death.

IN HIS CARE

*Just put your trust in Jesus
And He'll always see you through.
That dreary trial you're facing
He's waiting there for you.*

*Reach out for His hand in faith
As you walk that long dark road.
He'll gladly take your burden
And lighten that heavy load.*

*Raise your voice and praise Him
For always being there.
Remember how He loves you,
You're ever in His care.*

READERS

Sat. Nov. 16th, 4:00 P.M.
Joy & Leah

Sat. Nov. 16th, 7:00 P.M.
Christina & Natalie

Sun. Nov. 17th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

Sat. Nov. 23rd, 4:00 P.M.
Ritz & Ivana

Sat. Nov. 23rd, 7:00 P.M.
Bridgette Anna & Carolyn

Sun. Nov. 24th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Kara

Tuesday - Leah

Wednesday - Cathy Lisa

Thursday - Celia

Friday - Natalie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Front
Left Cup

Nov. 16th

Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Nov. 17th

Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

Nov. 24th

Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Cathy Pole

Tuesday Pete Man's Nora

Wednesday Margaret Butts

Thursday Betty Jo

Friday Mary Cat

NEW CHAPTER

*Don't allow yourself to wake up with yesterday's issues,
troubling your mind. Refuse to live backwards, see
everyday as a NEW CHAPTER.*

PEACE

First keep the peace within yourself,
then you can also bring peace to others.

—Thomas à Kempis

GRACE, MERCY AND BLESSINGS

Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve.

Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve.

Blessings are when He is generous with both.

Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him.

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

PRAYER IN TIME OF GRIEF

*Father of love, in this hour of deep grief comfort
us. Wrap us in Your strong embrace and shelter us from
the storm.*

*Take us into Your tender care as we pour out our
heartbreak to You. Be our place of refuge.*

*As we look toward the future, calm our hearts O
God and still our anxious minds.*

*For all life is found in You. All our being is given to You.
Hear us and heal us, in Jesus' name. Amen.*