

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Blessed are you who fear the LORD.

— *Psalm 128:1a*

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,136.00	\$2,375.00
Number of Families contributing	117	86
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (45 Weeks)	\$153,530.00	\$162,598.00
Received to Date	\$154,058.56	\$130,920.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$528.56	(\$31,677.80)

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$370.00	\$13,244.00

Thirty-eight ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$13,043.61
Amount Outstanding	(\$12,661.39)

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$75.00	\$10,276.00

Four people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$5.00.

420 **CHILDREN** contributed \$204.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$106.00

SOLIDARITY FUND totaled 175.00

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 380, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 130 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 165.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man came to see God one day. "Dear God, can I ask you a question?" "Sure, my son!" "Why did you let so much stuff happen to me today?" "What do you mean?" God said. "Well, first I woke up late and had to rush to work. But then my car took forever to start." "Okay," God said calmly. "At lunch, they made my sandwich wrong and I had to wait a very long time. On the way home, my phone went dead, just as I picked up a call." "Alright," God smiled. "And to top it all off, when I got home, I just wanted to soak my feet in my new foot massager and relax, but it wouldn't work!!! Nothing went right today! Why did you do that?"

God waited until the man finished talking, then with a smile, he said, "Let me see the death angel was at your bed this morning and I had to send one of my angels to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that. I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on your route. He would have hit you if you were on the road. The first person who made your sandwich today was sick and I wouldn't want you to catch what they have. I knew you couldn't afford to miss work. Your phone went dead because the person that was calling was going to give false witness about what you said on that call. I didn't even let you talk to them so you would be covered. That foot massager had a shortage that was going to throw out all of the power in your house tonight. I didn't think you wanted to be in the dark."

"I'm sorry, God," the man said, now that tears were trailing down his cheeks. "Don't be sorry, my son. Just learn to trust me in all things, the good and the bad. Don't doubt that my plan for your day is always better than your plan."

Everything that God allows to come our way is always with a purpose. He uses even the greatest error and deepest pain to mold us into a better person. Trusting God completely means having faith. He knows what's best for our life.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Martin, Tammy and Family in loving memory of Starbuck's Mary Catherine on the 11th Anniversary of her death;
2. the Skully's in loving memory of Scully's Ann on the 15th Anniversary of her death and Fr. Bill Blier on his 64th Birthday;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANKSGIVING DAY: NOVEMBER 24TH

Thanksgiving Day in America is a Day set aside each year for giving thanks to God for the blessings received during the year. It is also a Day of family gatherings and holiday meals.

Father Cherlan wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day!

THANKSGIVING DAY HEALING MASS Rev. Nibi, CMI will lead a Guided Adoration with Healing Prayers on Wednesday, November 22nd from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. He will also celebrate the Healing Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 5:00 P.M. There will be individual and group healing sessions during the service. All are welcome to this spiritual banquet to get ourselves healed and comforted by the Holy Spirit.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this *Wednesday, November 22nd and Thursday, November 23rd* in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday and will reopen *Monday, November 27th*.

THANKSGIVING HELP It is asked that everyone please donate a Wal-Mart Gift Card to help members of our Parish Family on Thanksgiving. Gifts Cards can be given to Mary Rita O'Hara or the Church Office.

CONGRATULATIONS to Katsyn Riley and Royal Riley and their soccer team The Clash for winning the Championship in their League.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE will be celebrated on Monday, December 11th at 7:00 P.M. to prepare ourselves for the Feast. We shall begin a novena next Saturday, December 2nd. The Young Girls Organization will organize the celebration.

THANK YOU to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Campaign for Human Development*. Please be generous.

JOKE OF THE WEEK "Congratulations my boy!" said the groom's uncle. "I'm sure you'll look back and remember today as the happiest day of your life."

"But I am not getting married until tomorrow," protested his nephew.

"I know," replied the uncle. "That's exactly what I mean."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Cecilia
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In thanks for Upton Carroll on her 3rd Birthday.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Johnny Mumbo Carroll on the 12th Anniversary of his death.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Starbuck's Mary Catherine on the 11th Anniversary of her death.
Thursday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Birdie Sherlock on her Birthday.

SIMPLICITY

*Give us faith to trust You,
To know that You are there.
Remind us we should come to You
In all our dark despair.
Keep us ever near You
When you seem far away.
Hold us in Your loving arms
Each and every day.
We beg You for Your mercy
When we've begun to stray.
Accept our humble praise and thanks
This is what we pray.*

READERS

Sat. Nov. 18th, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa Butts & Karen
Sat. Nov. 18th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Bridgette Anna

Sun. Nov. 19th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria Cat

Sat. Nov. 25th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sat. Nov. 25th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. Nov. 26th, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Taneil
Tuesday Theresa Maria
Wednesday Natalie
Thursday Christina
Friday Fallon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Left Cup
November 18th Bridget Ann Winnie Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M. Front Cup
November 18th Jay Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

November 19th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
November 26th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Mary Cat
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Ann T.
Thursday Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday Ann Rita

INTERESTING BUT TRUE

- **Speak well of your enemies. After all you made them.**
- **Staying in bed shouting "Oh, God" doesn't constitute going to Church.**
- **You have one new friend request from Jesus.**
- **There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.**

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

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GOD'S GIFTS

O God, whose mercies are without number, and whose goodness is an inexhaustible treasure, I give You thanks for the gifts You have given me, evermore beseeching Your goodness, that while You hear the prayers of all those who ask, You also prepare the, for the blessings yet to come. Amen.