

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

The greatest among you must be your servant.

— *Matthew 23:11*

THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalm — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,994.00	\$4,281.00
Number of Families contributing	124	107
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (43 Weeks)	\$146,890.00	\$155,572.00
Received to Date	\$146,845.56	\$125,731.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$44.44	\$29,840.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$317.00	\$12,497.00

Thirty-eight ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$12,285.60
Amount Outstanding	\$13,419.39

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$120.00	\$9,996.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$10.00.

38 **CHILDREN** contributed \$160.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$68.00.

ALL SAINTS DAY COLLECTION totaled \$316.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 230, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 95 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 160.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day a young boy asked his father what is the value of his life? Instead of answering, the father told his son to take this rock and go sell it at a market. If anybody asks the price raise two fingers and don't say anything.

The boy then went to a market and a woman asked, "How much is this rock?" The boy raised two fingers and the woman said, "\$2? I'll take it." And the boy went home and told his father, "A woman wants to buy this rock for \$2. The father then said, "Son I want you to take this rock to a museum and do the same."

The boy then went to a museum and a man asked the price. The boy just raised two fingers. The man said; "\$200. I'll take it." The boy went home and told his father, "A man wants to buy this rock for \$200. His father then said, "Son now you to take this rock is to a precious stone store, show it to the owner and don't say a word."

The son then went to the owner of a precious stone store. "Where did you find this precious stone? How much would you sell it for?" The boy just raised two fingers. The man I said, "I'll take it for \$200,000. The boy ran to his father and told him what the man said. His father then said, "Son do you know the value of your life now? You see it doesn't matter where you come from, where you were born, the color of your skin, or how much money you were born into. It matters where you decide to place yourself, the people you surround yourself with, and how you choose to carry yourself. You may have lived your whole life thinking that you were a \$2 stone and the people around you saw your worth for only \$2. But everybody has a diamond inside of him. And we can choose to surround ourselves with people that see our value and see the diamond inside of us."

God doesn't create a junk.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. John Wayne, Elizabeth and Family in loving memory of Jim Ollie on his 14th Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Eddie O. Riley in loving memory of him on his 63rd Birthday;
3. the Wife and Family of Big Joe Riley in loving memory of him on the 5th Anniversary of his death;
4. the Wife and Family of Buddyman in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
5. Pete Carroll, Liz and Palace in thanks to the Sacred Heart for Jayden on his 12th Birthday;
6. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends this Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 a.m. Please remember to set your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night, November 4th.

HALLOWEEN GET-TOGETHER organized by the Youth Group last Tuesday was great. Thank you to the Youth Group for organizing this event.

ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY The *Rosary at the Cemetery* for our Parish Family members who have gone to eternal rest will be held this *Sunday, November 5th at 3:00 P.M. at Pineview Memorial Gardens.*

ARE YOU IN PAIN?

Remember it is: **Positive Attitude In Negative** situation.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude; and five members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*. Please be generous.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested the woman?" "Not yet, sir. The floor's still wet."

ARE YOU BUSY?

It is very easy to say "**BUSY**" when someone needs you... but it is very painful to hear "**BUSY**" when you need someone.

No matter how **BUSY** a person is if they really care they will always find time for you.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time ends

Tuesday: Election Day

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St. Leo the Great

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In thanks for Evan Michael Carroll on his 14th Birthday.

Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of "Buddyman" on the 1st Anniversary of his death and his Birthday.

Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph and for the repose of the soul of Big Joe Riley on the 5th Anniversary of his death.

Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Jimmy Riley on the Anniversary of his death.

Friday: In thanks for Tommy Faro Carroll on his 11th Birthday.

EACH MORNING

Each morning as I see the light
And know God has kept me through the night,
I pray God guide my steps today
Along life's rough and rugged way.

Lord, lead me in paths You trod
And keep me ever close, dear God.
Don't ever let me stray from You,
Just do the things You want me to.

And then, each night, at set of sun,
I pray and hope that I have done
Just some small things to help someone
To find God's love as I have done.

READERS

Sat. Nov. 4th, 4:00 P.M.
Sable &
Mary Martha

Sat. Nov. 4th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Mary Regina

Sun. Nov. 5th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria Cat

Sat. Nov. 11th, 4:00 P.M.
Rita Riley &
Grace

Sat. Nov. 11th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Mary Regina

Sun. Nov. 12th, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Taneil
Tuesday	Theresa Maria
Wednesday	Natalie
Thursday	Christina
Friday	Fallon

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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

Saturday 7:00 P.M.	November 4th
Front	Jay
Cup	Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

November 5th	November 12th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

FUNNY DEFINITIONS

- ADULT** – A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.
- BEAUTY PARLOR** – A place where women curl up and dye.
- CHICKENS** – The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.
- COMMITTEE** – A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
- DUST** – Mud with the juice squeezed out.

PRAYER CORNER

I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU

Father, even while my body is weakening, may my spirit continue to find its strength in You. I trust that You will always be near to me to lead me through whatever trials bodily sickness may bring. May I continue to witness to the Resurrection promise of eternal life and thus bring a sense of faith and hope to those around me. May Your name be blessed today and always. Amen. Alleluia!

CONGRATULATIONS to Ireland Carroll for achieving the A+ Honor Roll; and Beckham Carroll, Jax Carroll, Scotland Costello, Gwen Riley, Delancey Sherlock, Lawson Sherlock, Marlo Sherlock, Maverick Sherlock and Wealth Sherlock for achieving the All-A Honor Role; and Monroe Carroll, Patrick Dempsey Carroll, Tommy Faro Carroll, Worth Carroll, Hudson Riley, Joseph Dante Riley, Patrick Lewis Riley, Acea Sherlock and Cherish Sherlock for achieving the A-B Honor Roll.

CONGRATULATIONS to Savannah Carroll for placing 1st Place in the Substance Abuse Awareness Program Poster Contest in her class; Worth Carroll for being Student of the Month in her class; Dior Gorman for placing 1st Place in the Substance Abuse Awareness Program Poster Contest in her class; and Cherish Sherlock for having higher than average scores in Math and reading on MAP test.