

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*

GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,102.00	\$2,144.00
Number of Families contributing	118	87
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (39 Weeks)	\$130,270.00	\$138,007.00
Received to Date	\$123,323.56	\$106,127.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,946.44	\$31,879.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$408.00	\$10,194.00

Forty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$8,041.41
Amount Outstanding	\$17,663.59

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$85.00	\$8,201.00

Six people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$10.00.

39 **CHILDREN** contributed \$160.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$77.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 350 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 150.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Alfred Stone and James Walker paid the top bid of fifty dollars for an old carved wooden trunk at an auction. They broke the lock and discovered paintings, sketches, watercolors, and engravings bearing the signature of Henry Farney, a prominent artist of yesteryear.

They were surprised and delighted to find that these paintings were valued at twenty thousand dollars, four hundred times what they had paid. What a find! What an investment! What a profit!

Did you ever think of the investment a soul makes when one accepts Christ, the artist of all ages? His work of artistry is love, salvation, comfort, forgiveness, perfection, joy, and, as the Scripture states, "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

The men had to break the lock to get to the treasures they had unwittingly bought. But with Christ each man has a key. Faith unlocks the real treasures for each person. Have you found the real treasures in life in Christ? Or are they still hidden by your unbelief? Remember— you hold the key.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Apple's in loving memory of Big Apple on his 81st Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Willie Costello in loving memory of him on the 3rd Anniversary of his death;
3. Jack D., Ashton, Malibu, Micha, and Zack in thanks for Johnny Duke on his 12th Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

ANNUAL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS Fr. Cherian will be attending the 2017 Retreat for Priests this Monday October 2nd thru Thursday, October 5th. Rev. David Arnoldt will celebrate Mass in his absence.

PAINS

Whenever you get PAINS in your life, just think about the fullform of PAINS. "Positive Attitude in a Negative Situation" Follow it and your life will change.

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF ANIMALS will be held this Friday, October 6th. Those who would like their animals blessed, please bring them to the Church yard at 4:00 P.M.

ST. EDWARD HALLOWEEN GET-TOGETHER The Halloween Get-Together organized by the Youth Group will be held on Tuesday, October 31st at 6:00 P.M. It will be a fun-filled event for everyone.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy; a member for a donation in honor of St. Expedite; a member for a donation in honor of St. Benedict; and two members for their a donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

MASTER'S TABLE The Society of Mary Immaculate is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta this Thursday, October 5th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned's Priscilla.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Joe's wife likes to sing. She decided to join the church choir. From time to time she would practice while she was in the kitchen preparing dinner. Whenever she would start in on a song, Joe would head out to the porch.

His wife, with hurt feelings, said, "What's the matter, Joe? Don't you like my singing?" Joe replied, "Honey, I love your singing, but I just want to make sure the neighbors know I'm not beating you."

COIN

Money* is a *small coin

Health* is a *big coin

Love* is a *luck coin

Friendship* is a *sweet coin

Relationship* is a *gold coin

!*Keep it safe*!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Respect Life Sunday
Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Friday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher;
First Friday
Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul Big Apple on his 81st Birthday.
Tuesday: For Pat and Rosie McNally.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Little Ollie Harrison on his Birthday.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Betty McGuire on the 22nd Anniversary of her death and for Huey David McGuire on his Birthday.

GOD CARES

God cares, when we're downhearted,
When so many things go wrong.
He steps in supernaturally,
And gives our hearts a song.

Through all our disappointments,
We can count on Him,
Because He's so dependable
And takes over when the hour is dim.

Though dark may be the way,
We know He'll undertake,
When there is no place to turn to,
A brand new way He'll make.

It's so sweet to feel His love,
Just to know that He is there.
What a comforting thought
That no matter what...God cares.

READERS

Sat. Sept. 30th, 4:00 P.M. Sable & Mary Martha
Sat. Sept. 30th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. Oct. 1st, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Oct. 7th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann
Sat. Oct. 7th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. Oct. 1st, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Ciara
Tuesday Bridget Ann
Wednesday Christina Apple
Thursday Christina
Friday Annette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Left Cup
September 30th Bridget Ann Winnie Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M. Front Cup
September 30th Jay Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

October 1st Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
October 8th 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

SIX ETHICS OF LIFE

1. Before you Pray – BELIEVE
2. Before you Speak – LISTEN
3. Before you Spend – EARN
4. Before you Write – THINK
5. Before you Quit – TRY
6. Before you Die – LIVE

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY

My heavenly Father, through the prayer of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God and of her husband, Joseph, protect our family, my mother and father, my brothers and sisters. Help us to live in peace with You and one another. Help us to follow the example of the Holy Family of Your beloved Son in love and respect, and bring us to the joy and peace of Your heavenly home. I ask this through the prayers of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Amen.