

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 10, 2021

*The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.*

— Hebrews 4:12a

### GIFTS

In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

**Psalm** — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

**Gospel** — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory      Development

Last Week's Collection	\$3,958.00	\$2,859.00
Number of Families contributing	88	66
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (36 Weeks)	\$123,740.00	\$125,960.00
Received to Date	\$118,742.00	\$93,469.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,998.00	\$32,491.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2021</b>
\$218.00	\$7,856.00

Nineteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2021</b>
\$110.00	\$106,295.00

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

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$91.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$57.00.

**BAA** totaled \$66.00.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Mr. Phillips was just getting ready to leave his office when he remembered that his wife asked him to bring home bananas. As soon as he stepped out, he saw an ill-looking lady across the road selling bananas. Instead of going to the market, he thought to buy from the lady. As he got near to her, he asked for the price of the bananas. The old lady replied, "\$7.00, sir!" He frowned and said, "I buy bananas from the market for \$5.00." The old lady replied, "Sir, I can give you the bananas for \$6.00, that's the least I can afford to sell them." He got angry and turned his car toward the market.

He reached the shop from where he usually bought his fruits and vegetables. He asked the shopkeeper to pack the bananas for him. When he asked the price, the shopkeeper said, "\$10.00." Mr. Phillips was surprised and said, "The last time I bought bananas from here they were \$5.00. I have been buying here for years. Can't you offer me a better deal being a loyal customer?" The shopkeeper replied, "No, our prices are fixed."

Mr. Phillips is now realizing his mistake. He went back to his car and returned to the old lady instantly. She recognized him and said, "I won't be able to earn any profit at that price." He told her, "Don't worry about the price. I will give you \$10.00." The old lady was surprised. She packed the bananas for him, and said, "I can't take \$10.00, but \$7.00 will be appropriate." "I appreciate your kindness. Why are you doing all this alone?" he asked her. She told him that she was the only one left in her home and has been selling fruit since her husband got ill and left her alone in this world. Mr. Phillips was very impressed and sad at the same time. "Do not worry, you are doing a great job here. From now on, I will only buy bananas from you. He pulled out an extra \$100 from his wallet and gave it to the old lady and said, "Take this, bring some different fruits tomorrow, consider this an advance payment for the fruits I will be buying from you." The old lady did not know how to express herself and tears rolled down from her eyes.

*Why do we all have absolutely no courage to bargain at a big mall while we seem to fight for each penny when buying from a common street vendor? Is that because at a big mall, if you bargain, people will start laughing at you, and even you don't want to look cheap? But what happens when buying from a common man, who is working hard from day to night, in hot or cold weather just to support himself or his little ones. Think about it and feel the difference!*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Paco in loving memory of him on his 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. the Family of Sonny Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. Rose Marie and Hagee Richard in loving memory of Hagee on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The Church Office will be closed this Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph for the needy; and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

### CARING

**CARING is a gift no one can buy.  
It's made up of LOVE that roots in our HEARTS and  
creates MEMORIES not just for a while but for a  
LIFETIME.**

### TREASURED FRIENDS

*Often during a busy day,  
Pause for a minute and silently pray,  
Mention the names of those you love  
and treasured friends you're fondest of.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** will be held in the New Hall from 4:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M. Mondays and Thursdays only. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child/children attend Religious Education classes.

*Monday — 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Thursday — 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grades*

### LIVE THIS MOMENT

*Never think hard about the PAST, it brings tears...  
Don't think more about the FUTURE, it brings fears,  
Live this MOMENT with a smile, it brings cheers.*

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

For weeks a six-year-old boy kept telling his first grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year-old was obviously impressed, but made no comment.

Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

*Monday:* St. John XXIII; Columbus Day  
*Thursday:* St. Callistus I  
*Friday:* St. Teresa of Jesus;  
National Boss's Day  
*Saturday:* St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;  
Blessed Virgin Mary; Sweetest Day

### MASS INTENTIONS

*Monday:* For Jim Martin and Pete Starbuck on their Birthdays.  
*Tuesday:* For the repose of the soul of Hagee Smith on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
*Wednesday:* For the repose of the soul of Kaiser on his Birthday.  
*Thursday:* In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.  
*Friday:* In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

### KEEP HOPE IN YOUR HEART

*If you have hope in your heart  
Then you'll be rich as a king.  
For hope with your heart  
You can do anything.*

*If you have hope in your heart  
Your day will happy be,  
Then you'll find peace of mind,  
Just try and see.*

*If you have hope in your heart  
You'll never feel sad,  
And all of your days  
Will surely be glad.*

### READERS

**Sat. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Cathy Lisa & Reed

**Sun. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

**Sat. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Dayna & Leah

**Sun. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Tanel
Tuesday	-	Raid's Karen
Wednesday	-	Cathy Lisa
Thursday	-	Fallon
Friday	-	Julie Ann

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Rose Melissa
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<b><u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b>
Front	Winnie Ann
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Catherine Ann
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>
<b>October 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>October 17<sup>th</sup></b>
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

### YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN

- You wonder why everyone is starting to mumble.
- You finally find something you've been looking for, for ages, but can't remember why you wanted it.
- You can't finish a conversation because you don't remember what you were talking about.
- Everyone is happy to give you a ride because they don't want you behind the wheel.
- You can remember seeing double-feature movies for a nickel, some with sound.

### BIGGEST MISTAKE

The biggest mistake most of us make is:  
Listening **Half**,  
Understanding **Quarter**,  
And Telling **Double**.

### WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN

*Character is to some extent judged by what a man does with his falls. A pig falls into the mud and stays there; a sheep falls in and climbs out.*

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

### PRAYER FOR A FRIEND

*I will pray for you, my friend. I will name you in my heart before God and ask all His blessings be upon you. I will think of you at the close of each day and pray that God's peace be with you. I will ache for you in your sorrows and disasters and rejoice with you in your joys and triumphs. I will love and care for you as I love and care for myself. Amen.*