

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2020

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

— *Philippians 4:13*

GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord’s own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God’s saving grace.

Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king’s wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don’t want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$3,722.00	\$2,837.00
Number of Families contributing	123	87
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (37 Weeks)	\$127,587.00	\$126,608.00
Received to Date	\$141,930.00	\$109,619.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$17,695.00)	\$16,989.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$523.00	\$15,865.00

Forty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$119.00	\$12,789.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

POOR BOX \$57.00.

BAA totaled \$65.00.

21 **CHILDREN** contributed \$97.00

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp, and he spotted that the elephants weren’t being kept in cages or held by the use of chains. All that was holding them back from escaping the camp, was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs.

As the man gazed upon the elephants, he was completely confused as to why the elephants just didn’t use their strength to break the rope and escape the camp. They could have easily done so, but instead, they didn’t try to at all.

Curious and wanting to know the answer, he asked a trainer nearby why the elephants were just standing there and never tried to escape. The trainer replied, “When they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.”

The only reason that the elephants weren’t breaking free and escaping from the camp was that over time they adopted the belief that it just wasn’t possible.

No matter how much the world tries to hold you back, always continue with belief that what you want to achieve is possible. Believing you can become successful is the most important step in actually achieving it.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Paco in loving memory of him on his 78th Birthday;
2. the Family of Sonny Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on the 16th Anniversary of his death;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jim Penn Sherlock and Hilton Riley.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed this Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

BLESSING OF NEW PARISH LIFE CENTER

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone will be here at St. Edward’s to bless our Parish Life Center this Wednesday, October 14th at 4:30 P.M.

THANK YOU

to a member for donation in honor of the Holy Spirit; a member for a donation in honor of St. Michael for a special intention; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Faustina; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood, and St. Expedite; and also to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend is for *Propagation of Faith*. Please be generous in this collection.

CONFIDENCE

Confidence is nothing more than believing in yourself,
and believing in yourself is about doing the things
you once didn't believe you could do.

ROLE FOR EVERYONE

In life, you will realize there is a role for everyone you meet:

- Some will test you.
- Some will use you.
- Some will love you.
- Some will teach you lessons.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The teacher posed a question: "George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but he also admitted doing it. Now, do you know why his father didn't punish him?"

Quickly one of the students replied, "Because George still had the axe in his hand."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<i>Monday:</i>	Columbus Day
<i>Wednesday:</i>	St. Callistus I
<i>Thursday:</i>	St. Teresa of Jesus
<i>Friday:</i>	St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss's Day
<i>Saturday:</i>	St. Ignatius of Antioch

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Monday:</i>	For Jim Martin Carroll and Pete Starbuck on their Birthdays.
<i>Tuesday:</i>	In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and in honor of the Holy Souls.
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<i>Thursday:</i>	For the repose of the soul of A's Margaret on the 4 th Anniversary of her death.
<i>Friday:</i>	In thanks for Hart on her 3 rd Birthday.

UNCERTAIN AND CERTAIN

The life we live is uncertain,
We never know what is ahead;
Still we can live our life with hope,
Our Savior takes away the dread.

Sometimes there's pain and sorrow
Upon the road we call life;
There is often hurt and disappointments,
All adding to the toil and strife.

Our future in Heaven is certain,
If Christ Jesus is in our heart;
Once we accept and follow Him,
His love from us will not depart.

Of all the things that are uncertain,
Like what tomorrow we will be behold;
If we are saved and we obey Him;
It's certain we will walk on streets of gold.

READERS

Sat. Oct. 10 th , 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie	Sun. Oct. 11 th , 10:00 A.M. Jersey & Jimmy Joseph
Sat. Oct. 17 th , 4:00 P.M. Ritz & Savannah	Sun. Oct. 18 th , 10:00 A.M. Jersey & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Marilyn
Tuesday	-	Natalie
Wednesday	-	Claire
Thursday	-	Kara
Friday	-	Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	-	Kim Gallon
Wednesday	-	Rosie Cat
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	October 10th
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon
Sunday 10:00 A.M.	October 18th
October 11 th	October 18 th
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

THE 7-UPS

1. **WAKE UP** – *Decide to have a good day.*
2. **DRESS UP** – *The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.*
3. **SHUT UP** – *Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us 2 ears and 1 mouth so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.*
4. **STAND UP** – *For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.*
5. **LOOK UP** – *To the Lord.*
6. **REACH UP** – *For something higher. As Jiminy Cricket sings, "High Hopes". Always try to better yourself.*
7. **LIFT UP** – *Your prayers.*

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

It takes strength to be firm.
It takes courage to be gentle.

It takes strength to stand guard.
It takes courage to let down your guard.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~ PRAYER FOR FAMILY UNITY

O holy St. Anthony, I fervently ask for your heavenly intercession on behalf of my family. (Here mention your petition.) Fill our hearts with mutual love, compassion, and understanding. Help us to be forgiving of each other's mistakes and failures, so that our family may reflect God's presence in our homes and in our lives. Grant us family harmony, unity, and peace. Amen.