

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 16, 2022

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me?

My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2

PERSISTENCE

Exodus recounts the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the land promised to their ancestors. It was not an easy journey. In today's reading, they are attacked by Amalek and his soldiers, members of one of the peoples who live in the land through which the Israelites are traveling. Moses was on the hilltop with his arms raised to invoke the LORD's assistance in the battle below, a powerful illustration of the LORD's favor upon Israel. If the soldiers were to lift up their eyes to that hill (see Psalm 121:1), they would be reassured by Moses's presence and posture. Paul urges the Thessalonians to persist in proclaiming the gospel, and Jesus likewise commends the widow for her persistence in pursuit of the justice due her. Whether they preach or pray, the followers of Jesus need persistence through periods of difficulty.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,937.00	\$2,085.00
Number of Families contributing	81	65
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (39 Weeks)	\$125,776.00	\$128,054.00
Received to Date	\$117,125.00	\$89,578.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,651.00	\$38,476.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$128.00	\$8,752.00

Fourteen ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$60.00	\$92,488.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

POOR BOX totaled \$107.00.

14 **CHILDREN** contributed \$53.00.

BAA totaled \$125.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Inhale, exhale, inhale, exhale, inhale, exhale – did you ever realize how wonderful breathing is? Unconsciously, an adult takes around sixteen breaths a minute, which adds up to a grand total in twenty-four hours of around nineteen thousand inhales and exhales.

We breathe faster when exercising, and slowest – six to eight breaths a minute – when we sleep. Adult lungs hold about four quarts of air. With each breath approximately a pint of stale air is exhaled and a pint of fresh air inhaled.

The Master Engineer, God Almighty, made a remarkable machine when He made man. Paul relates to us in the Scripture how wonderful God is to us, for He is the giver of "life and breath, and all things."

Isn't that tremendous? Life, breath – and all things. The "all things" are in relation to the blessings of life He gives to us and which we so often take so lightly.

Take time today to reflect on His goodness to us. Why is He so good to us? The answer is simple – yet so profound – He loves us!

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Rose Mary Johnson in loving memory of her on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
2. A's, Bridget Ann, Tommy and Crystal wishing a Happy 47th Birthday to A's Johnny with a never ending love;
3. Jack Tyler and Lace; Acea and Celia wishing a Happy 47th Birthday to A's Johnny;
4. And a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

ONE LINERS

- Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
- Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.
- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- If at first you do succeed, try not to look astonished.
- If things get any worse, I'll have to ask you to stop helping me.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Ewan Sherlock and Katsyn Riley.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second for John Ross Riley and Porsche Riley.

MOST DIFFICULT EXAM

Life is the most difficult exam. Many people fail because they try to copy others, not realizing that everyone has a different question paper.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for *World Mission Sunday*. Please be generous in this collection.

RIGHT THINKING

**Never think.... I have NOTHING.
Never think.... I have EVERYTHING.
But always think.... I have something and I can achieve anything.**

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK There was a long-winded minister who preached from Genesis to Revelations in every sermon. One day after having covered almost the whole of the Bible, he said, "Now we have come to Isaiah - what shall we do with him?" One old man said, "He can have my seat, Fater, I am leaving."

GOD LOVES YOU

**Everyday God thinks of you. Every hour God looks after you.
Every minute God cares for you, because every second He loves you.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch; National Boss's Day
- Tuesday:** St. Luke
- Wednesday:** Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
- Thursday:** St. Paul of the Cross
- Saturday:** St. John Paul II; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of A's Margaret on the 6th Anniversary of her death.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for the repose of the soul A's Johnny on his Birthday; and for the repose of the soul Flynn's Rosemary on the 1st Anniversary of her death.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete Joseph Carroll on the 17th Anniversary of his death.
- Thursday:** For the suffering souls.
- Friday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

POSITIVE FAITH

***My Lord and my God,
My one and my all,
By faith hold me up
If perhaps I should fall.***

***Faith can move mountains;
It's God's holy word.
We can reach life's peaks
By His message we've heard.***

***God is the essence and core
Of my positive faith alone.
On earth He'll walk with me
Until he calls me safely home.***

READERS

Sat. Oct. 15th, 4:00 P.M. Savannah & Ritz
Sun. Oct. 16th, 10:00 AM. Dominique & Lauren Ashley

Sat. Oct. 22nd, 4:00 P.M. Macy & Julie Ann
Sun. Oct. 23rd, 10:00 AM. Dominique & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Julie Ann
- Tuesday** - Kara
- Wednesday** - Christina Apple
- Thursday** - Graclynn
- Friday** - Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Mary Cat
- Tuesday** - Nora
- Wednesday** - Catherine Ann
- Thursday** - Winnie Ann
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **October 15th**
Right Winnie Ann
Left Bridget Rita

Sunday 10:00 A.M

October 16th **October 23rd**
Nora Nora

GOD'S LOVING PLAN

God's plan is always the best. Sometimes the process is painful and hard. But don't forget that when God is silent, He's doing something great for you.

GOD IS ALMIGHTY

**A woman said to G. Campbell Morgan, "O. I could never take my little problems to God. I wouldn't want to bother him with those. I take only the big problems to God."
He answered, "Are any problems big to God?"**

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**PRAYER FOR EASING OF STRESS AND ANXIETY**

***Lord, there has been too much change in my life recently, and I feel overwhelmed. Because I try to be a responsible person, I sometimes forget that it is unwise for me to allow my sense of duty to override my common sense.***

***Lord, help me to allow myself more time to rest, relax and pray. Guide me toward something spiritual to read every day and a quiet time afterwards to reflect on what I have read and how it pertains to my life. I truly want to simplify my life and live more as You did. Help me remember that there is no loss or problem I must face alone. You are always near, with Your love and compassion to comfort me. Amen.***