

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 2, 2016

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

LET GO AND LET GOD

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase “Let go and let God.” In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today’s readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can’t manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn’t even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God’s hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today’s readings. We come to call it “faith.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$17,392.10	\$7,991.10
Number of Families contributing	150	118
Total Pledge for 2016	\$171,467.00	\$185,504.00
Pledged to Date (38 Weeks)	\$128,790.00	\$139,372.00
Received to Date	\$148,790.73	\$103,552.73
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$20,000.73)	\$35,819.27

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$542.00	\$6,962.00

Forty-five ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$10,084.52
Amount Outstanding	\$13,245.48

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$145.00	\$10,113.00

Seven people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

POOR BOX totaled \$200.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$10.00.

46 **CHILDREN** contributed \$169.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 270 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 150.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Toward the end of his life, Jesus prayed to his father for his disciples, saying, “While I was with them, I kept them safe...And now I am coming to you.” —JOHN 17:12-13

Graham Greene’s novel The Power and the Glory deals with religious persecution in Mexico. One of its characters is an old priest. The constant tension of being hunted by the police takes its toll on him. He turns to alcohol and fails to serve his people properly. Eventually he is captured and sentenced to be executed. The morning of the execution he wakes up filled with sorrow. “Tears poured down his face; he was not...afraid of damnation...He felt only an immense disappointment because he had to go to God empty-handed.” In his own mind, at least, he had failed. How different it was with Jesus!

What is one way I could better carry out the everyday job God has given me?

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.

—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Tom Apple Riley in loving memory of him on his 80th Birthday;
2. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL THANKS

to a Parish Family Member for their generous donation of \$8,000 to the Church.

THANK YOU

to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy and the Infant Jesus; and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SINK

Ships don’t sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them. Don’t let what’s happening around you get inside you and weigh you down.

TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM

St. Edward Catholic Church Religious Education will present a sexual abuse prevention program to students October 17th – October 20th during class with a makeup date of October 24th. As parents you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the program. Opt-out forms were given to parents at Religious Education Registration. If you haven’t filled out a form please contact Bibbie’s Rose Marie.

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING

will be held this Tuesday, October 4th. Those who would like their animals to be blessed please bring them to the Church yard at 4:00 P.M.

ANOTHER DAY

God didn’t add another day in your life because you need it. He gave it because someone out there needs you.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

At a senior citizens' function, an older fellow eased his wife ahead of him in line. "You ask for the tickets, dear," he told her. "You look older than I do." Seeming to ignore his uncomplimentary remark, she stepped up to the counter. "I'd like two tickets, please," she said loudly. "One for me, and one for my father."

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 6th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Kim Gallon.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Respect Life Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. Francis of Assisi
- Thursday:** St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
- Friday:** Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** In loving memory of Tom Cat Gorman on the 31st Anniversary of his death; Black Bryan Gorman on the 24th Anniversary of his death; and Little Ollie Harrison on his 44th Birthday.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:** In loving memory of Eddie O'Hara on the 5th Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** In loving memory of Betty McGuire on the 21st Anniversary of her death and for Huey David McGuire on his Birthday.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Am I my brother's keeper
When he cries out to me?
Will I share my resources
At home...across the sea?

Am I my brother's keeper
Reaching out with love
To share some of the blessings
God sends me from above?

Am I my brother's keeper
Compassionate and wise,
Looking at the less fortunate
Through our Savior's eyes?

Am I my brother's keeper
When the going gets tough?
Whatever I may give away,
I always have enough.

"God loves a cheerful giver"
It changes lives, you see.
Am I my brother's keeper
When he cries out to me?

READERS

Sat. Oct. 1st, 4:00 P.M.
Christina &
Julie Ann

Sun. Oct. 2nd, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph &
Rose Marie

Sat. Oct. 8th, 4:00 P.M.
Rita Weaver &
Rosie Cat

Sun. Oct. 9th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph &
Rose Marie

READERS - WEEKDAYS

- Monday** Theresa Maria Cat
- Tuesday** Natalie
- Wednesday** Christina
- Thursday** Kim Kaiser
- Friday** Annette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Front
Left Cup

October 1st
Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

October 2nd
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

October 9th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** Rose Marie
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Ann T.
- Thursday** Rose Marie
- Friday** Bridget Ann

GOD'S VOICE

- Calms**
- Comforts**
- Convicts**
- Encourages**
- Enlightens**
- Leads**
- Reassures**
- Stills**

SATAN'S VOICE

- Obsesses**
- Worries**
- Condemns**
- Discourages**
- Confuses**
- Pushes**
- Frightens**
- Rushes**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

Lord, I am angry and confused; my sickness is beginning to overwhelm me. I want to give so much more in life, O God, so many things I have left undone or unsaid. I humbly ask that You give me the strength to accept my present illness, and if it be Your will that I might regain my health. Forgive my impatience and my unbelief in Your constant care for me. I pray in union with Jesus Your Son, who overcame suffering and death in His glorious resurrection. Amen. Alleluia!