

**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 2, 2022**

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

*— Psalm 95:6*

**THE GIFT OF FAITH**

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God’s presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

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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).

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Scarcely had he been released from prison when the youth broke parole and was arrested again. Speaking to the grieving father, a friend said, “He’s caused you so much trouble. If he were my son I would forget him.” To this the loving parent responded, “Yes, if he were your son, I, too, would forget him. But, you see, he’s my son.”

Hosea captures the very “human” hart of God whose love is rejected by those He created. In pronouncing judgement God weeps, “Oh, how can I give you up, My Ephraim? How can I let you go?..... My heart cries out within me; How I long to help you” (Hosea 11:8) We have given God many reasons to give us up, yet He has pledged Himself to us because we are His.

Who can understand the depths of God’s love covering our myriad faults and supplying our urgent needs? The songwriter said,

Though, I forget Him and wander away,  
Still He doth love me wherever I stray;  
Back to His dear loving arms I would flee,  
When I remember that Jesus loves me.

It is comforting to know God loves us in spite of our terrible weaknesses.

*And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him. — Hosea 11:7*

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. The Family of Ned’s Frances in loving memory of her on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of her death;
2. Jimmy Jay and Mary Melissa in loving memory of Pat Major Sherlock on his Birthday;
3. Jimmy Jay and Mary Melissa in loving memory of Big Apple on his 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
4. the Wife and Family of Shaft in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in honor of St. Lucy for a special intention and a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX** will be celebrated this Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 NOON Mass. The Youth Group will organize the celebration.

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

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$4,020.00	\$2,865.00
Number of Families contributing	102	82
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (37 Weeks)	\$119,704.00	\$121,866.00
Received to Date	\$111,158.00	\$85,822.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,546.00	\$36,044.00

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$415.00	\$8,280.00

Thirty-seven ladies contributed last week.

**PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$60.00	\$92,288.00

Two 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 \$83.00.

16 **CHILDREN** contributed \$78.00.

**BAA** totaled \$45.00.

## FORGIVENESS

*Forgiveness is a strange medicine.*

*If you give it to others, it heals the wounds in your heart.*

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

A cavalry man was galloping down the road, rushing to catch up with his regiment. Suddenly his horse stumbled and pitched him to the ground. In the dirt with a broken leg, terrified of the approaching enemy, the soldier called out:

"All you saints in heaven, help me get up on my horse!"

Then, with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horse's back and fell of the other side. Once again on the ground, he called to the heavens:

"All right, just half of you this time!"

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Respect Life Sunday

**Tuesday:** St. Francis of Assisi;

**Wednesday:** St. Faustina Kowalska;  
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

**Thursday:** St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

**Friday:** Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Big Apple on his Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Ned's Frances on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of her death.

**Tuesday:** For Petie and Mary Louise Carroll.

**Wednesday:** 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 of Kaiser on his Birthday; for the repose of the soul of Kaiser's Nanny on her birthday; and for the repose of the soul of Eddie O'Hara on the Anniversary of his death.

**Thursday:** *Wedding.*

**Friday:** For John Gage on his 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday; Huey David McGuire on his Birthday; and for the repose of the soul of Betty McGuire on the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.

### ROUGH ROADS

*How many rough roads have you traveled,  
Thinking you had lost your way?  
But when life's roads bring us to our knees,  
It is there we learn to pray.*

*In times like these God has His reasons  
To increase our faith in Him.  
Too many times when the way is easy  
We drift with the crowd into sin.*

*So, thank You, Lord, for the trials  
You see fit to send our way  
To keep our focus on the One  
Who is our guide day after day.*

## READERS

Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M.  
Ritz & Savannah

Sun. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 AM.  
Taniel & Lauren Ashley

Sat. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.  
Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM.  
Taniel & 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

<u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>October 1<sup>st</sup></u>
Right	Winnie Ann
Left	Bridget Rita

### Sunday 10:00 A.M

<u>October 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>October 9<sup>th</sup></u>
Nora	Nora

### HILARIOUS BUMPS

- I don't think about dying. It's the last thing I want to do.
- I'm speeding because; Because I have to get there before I forget where I'm going.
- I don't exercise; It makes my coffee spill.
- Eat right and exercise; Die anyway.
- Be nice to your kids; They will choose your nursing home.
- The only trouble with retirement; You never get a day off.

### IF YOU

**If you really want to do something:  
You'll find a way.  
If you really don't:  
You'll find an excuse.**

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

#### PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

*Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,  
Teach me true generosity.*

*Teach me to serve You as You deserve.*

*To give without counting the cost,*

*To fight heedless of wounds,*

*To labor without seeking rest,*

*To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward  
Save the knowledge that I have done Your will.*

*Amen.*