

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 23, 2016

*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.*  
— Sirach 35:17-18a

### NO COMPARISONS

How many times have we read or heard about someone who's gotten into trouble—maybe even fired from a job—because of a brush with the law? While our “Christian” minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, “I’m glad I would never do anything like that.”

And perhaps we wouldn't. But are there some things we do that are still not pleasing in God's eyes? Today's readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else's wrongdoing that we overlook our own weaknesses and shortcomings. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else's behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness. © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**Psalms** — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Gospel** — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:9-14).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,599.00	\$2,716.00
Number of Families contributing	115	94
Total Pledge for 2016	\$171,467.00	\$185,504.00
Pledged to Date (41 Weeks)	\$138,490.00	\$149,596.00
Received to Date	\$157,419.73	\$110,084.73
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$18,929.73)	\$39,511.27

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$440.00	\$8,286.00

Forty-seven ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$10,914.52
Amount Outstanding	\$12,415.48

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

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$60.00	\$10,323.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$18.00.

29 **CHILDREN** contributed \$128.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$53.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 200 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 130.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Once there was a king who gave his daughter a diamond necklace but the necklace was stolen. Some said a bird might have stolen it. The king asked all to search for it and put a reward for \$50,000 for anyone who found it.

One day a man was walking home along a river. This river was completely polluted and filthy and smelly. As he was walking, he saw a shimmering in the river and when he looked, he saw the diamond necklace. To get the \$50,000 reward, he put his hand in the dirty river and grabbed at the necklace, but somehow missed it. Then he walked into the river and dirtied his pants and put his whole arm in to catch the necklace. But strangely, he still missed it! Then again he saw the necklace, right there. He plunged his body into the filthy water, but couldn't get the necklace.

Just then a hermit who was walking by, saw him, and asked him what was the matter. First, he refused to tell the truth. Then he told the hermit about the necklace and how he tried to catch it, but kept failing. The hermit then told him that perhaps he should try looking upward, instead of looking in the filthy river. He looked up and true enough, the necklace was dangling on the branch of a tree. He had been trying to capture only the reflection of the necklace all this time.

*Material happiness is just like the filthy polluted river; because it is a mere reflection of the TRUE happiness. We can never achieve real happiness we are looking for in material goods. Instead we should look upwards, toward God, who is the source of REAL happiness.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite;

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy, the Holy Souls and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. the Sacred Heart and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the poor; and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

A judge asked a suspect, “You admit having broken into the dress shop four times?” “Yes,” answered the suspect. “And what did you steal?” “A dress, Your Honor,” replied the suspect. “One dress?” echoed the judge. “But you admit breaking in four times!” “Yes, Your Honor,” sighed the suspect. “But three times my wife didn't like the color.”

### HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT GET- TOGETHER

will be held on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6p.m. in the Parking Lot of the Old Church. All are encouraged to attend.

**FEAST OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR** our parish patron was celebrated last Thursday. Thank you to the Youth Group for organizing the celebration. It was a grace filled time.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for *Propagation of the Faith*.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR** Next weekend Fr. Bob Karris from the *Food for the Poor* is preaching to us. So be generous in supporting this noble cause.

**TONGUE**

**The tongue has no bones, but is strong enough to break a heart.  
So be careful with your words.**

**MASTER'S TABLE** Ann T.'s Legion Group (Our Lady of Presentation) is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their clients at the Master's Table in Augusta on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ann T.

**G.E.D. CLASSES** The deadline for anyone interested in taking G.E.D. Classes is October 31<sup>st</sup>. There are only 3 spaces left available. If you are interested please contact Jack's Mary Rita or the Church Office.

**BEST FRIEND**

**A MIRROR IS MY BEST FRIEND,  
BECAUSE WHEN I CRY IT NEVER LAUGHS.**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** National World Youth Day (U.S.); Mission Sunday  
**Monday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret  
**Friday:** Ss. Simon and Jude  
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For the suffering souls in Purgatory.  
**Tuesday:** For Merci Sherlock on her 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
**Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.  
**Thursday:** In loving memory of Rose Pie Gorman on her Birthday.  
**Friday:** In loving memory of Paco on his 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**LETTER FROM HEAVEN**

When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,  
Filled with tears from me.

I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we are far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.

**READERS**

**Sat. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Christina &  
Julie Ann

**Sun. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph &  
Rose Marie

**Sat. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Rita Weaver &  
Rosie Cat

**Sun. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph &  
Rose Marie

**READERS - WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** Dayna  
**Tuesday** Bridget Ann  
**Wednesday** Grace  
**Thursday** Christina Apple  
**Friday** Christina

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Front Bridget Ann  
Left Cup Winnie Ann

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** **October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora  
Rose Marie Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

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

**HAVE FAITH IN GOD**

God opens doors that no one can close.  
God heals wounds that no doctor ever could.  
God commands and the universe obeys,  
And when the day arrives that He calls His children home,  
Nothing will hold them back not even the grave.

**GOOD MORNING**

*Ever little smile can touch somebody's "heart."  
No one is born happy but all of us  
are born with the ability to create happiness.  
"BE HAPPY ALWAYS"*

**PRAYER CORNER**

**PEACE IN THE FAMILY**

*Lord, thank You for blessing my home with the gift of love. Remove all animosities of discord - Irritants that blow up to intolerable quarrels. Prevent me from hurling the first ugly word that will take time to mend. Bless each one of us with character to live our lives not in careless abandon but with a collective purpose to make each other happy. Help us to see You in every member of our household. Be an anchor to all our trials, and the goal of all our triumphs. Stay with us now and all the days of our lives. Amen.*