

## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2022

*"If we have died with Christ Jesus we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him."*

— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

### THE GIFT OF SALVATION

Naaman and the leper who returned to Jesus saw God's hand in their healing. Only through God's intervention could they have been cured. Through this recognition of God's presence and action in their lives, they grew in faith. For what are you grateful? Pause for a moment to reflect on all of the blessings in your life. God is the source of these many blessings—life, love, gifts, and so much more. Of all the gifts for which we must be grateful, none is as great, or as astounding, as the gift of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ. Let this sink in, not only in your mind but in your heart. Like Naaman and the leper who returned, allow yourself to be touched by the immense love of God for you.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in and allegiance to the LORD (2 Kings 5:14-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere, we shall reign with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

**Gospel** — After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory                      Development

|                                 |              |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection          | \$2,416.00   | \$1,671.00   |
| Number of Families contributing | 78           | 57           |
| Total Pledge for 2022           | \$160,375.00 | \$163,292.00 |
| Pledged to Date (38 Weeks)      | \$122,740.00 | \$124,960.00 |
| Received to Date                | \$113,478.00 | \$87,493.00  |
| Envelopes Outstanding           | \$9,262.00   | \$37,467.00  |

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

|                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Amount given last week</b> | <b>Amount given to Date in 2022</b> |
| \$344.00                      | \$8,624.00                          |

Twenty-eight ladies contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

|                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Amount given last week</b> | <b>Amount given to Date in 2022</b> |
| \$140.00                      | \$92,428.00                         |

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

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>GOAL</b>    | <b>\$165,000.00</b> |
| Total Pledged  | \$210,300.00        |
| Total Received | \$71,565.00         |

**POOR BOX** totaled \$82.00.

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$80.00.

**BAA** totaled \$278.00.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The donkey said to the tiger, "The grass is blue."  
The tiger replied, "No, the grass is green."

The discussion heated up, and the two decided to submit him to arbitration, and for this they went before the lion, the King of the Jungle.

Already before reaching the forest clearing, where the lion was sitting on his throne, the donkey began to shout, "His Highness, is it true that the grass is blue?"

The Lion replied, "True, the grass is blue." The donkey hurried and continued, "The tiger disagrees with me and contradicts and annoys me, please punish him."

The king then declared, "The tiger will be punished with 5 years of silence." The donkey jumped cheerfully and went on his way, content and repeating: "The grass is Blue."

The tiger accepted his punishment, but before he asked the lion, "Your Majesty, why have you punished me? After all, the grass is green."

The lion replied, "That has nothing to do with the question of whether the grass is blue or green. The punishment is because it is not possible for a brave and intelligent creature like you to waste time arguing with a donkey, and on top of that come and bother me with that question."

The worst waste of time is arguing with the fool and fanatic who does not care about the truth or reality, but only the victory of his beliefs and illusions. Never waste time on arguments that don't make sense.

There are people who, no matter how much evidence we present to them, are not in the capacity to understand, and others are blinded by ego, hatred, and resentment, and all they want is to be right even if they are not. When ignorance screams, intelligence is silent. Your peace and quiet are worth more.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Pat Butts and Susan in loving memory of Susie Carroll on the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
2. The Family of Jimmy Sherlock in loving memory of him on his 77<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
3. The Rouks' in loving memory of Pete Rouk on his 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday;
4. The Wife and Family of Paco in loving memory of him on his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
5. The Family of Jay's Kate in loving memory of her on her 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
6. The Family of Sonny Jim in loving memory of him on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
7. And two Parish Members in thanks to St. Expedite.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed this Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.

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

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

**105<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA ROSARY CRUSADE**

Join the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade in the parkway at the intersection of Park Street and Chesterfield Street, across from the Aiken Courthouse next Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

**TONGUE**

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

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A toddler comes home from Catholic school. She asks her dad, "Dad, they said God made everybody, is that true?"

Her dad says, "Yes, that is true."

She asks, "So, God made you?"

Her dad says, "Yes, God made me."

Puzzled, she asks, "and God made me?"

Her dad replies, "Yes, He made you....why?"

She then replies, "Okay, at least God is getting better now."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Tuesday:** St. John XXIII
- Friday:** St. Callistus I
- Saturday:** St. Teresa of Jesus; Sweetest Day

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Paco on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For Jim Martin Carroll on his Birthday and Pete Starbuck on his Birthday.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Hagee Smith on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for the repose of the soul of Johnny Mack.
- Friday:** For Hart on her 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Bubby Ed on his Birthday.

**A PERFECT DAY**

*Walk with me in the morning hours  
When the dew's still heavy on the flowers;  
When birds awaken from nightly rest  
And the sun rises o'er the mountain crest.*

*Walk with me in the noontide hours  
Down country lanes where pine trees tower,  
Drinking in joys at the peak of day,  
Tasting the beauties that God has made.*

*Walk with me in the sunset hours,  
See the twilight and evening showers;  
Then at the end of this perfect day  
May we give to God our thanks and praise.*

**READERS**

**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

**Sat. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Ritz & Savannah  
**Sun. Oct. 16<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**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Right Winnie Ann  
Left Bridget Rita

**Sunday 10:00 A.M**

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** **October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Nora Nora

**ALWAYS USE BRANDED ITEMS FOR LIFE**

For lips - **TRUTH**  
For voice - **PRAYER**  
For eyes - **SYMPATHY**  
For hand - **CHARITY**  
For heart - **LOVE**  
For face - **SMILE**

**ENDINGS & BEGINNINGS**

**A small dot can stop a big sentence,  
but a few more dots can give continuity.  
Amazing but true.  
Every ending can be a new beginning.**

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

**PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY**

*Lord, I thank You for the for the blessings of good health that I and those dear to me have enjoyed. May we continue to experience health in every aspect of our lives. Restore physical health to those of us weakened with illness, peace to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Help us find in the days of our strength a faith and trust in You and a love for one another to guide us through any health challenges we may face now. Amen.*