

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.
 — *Hebrews 12:22a*

HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility
 (*Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29*).

Psalms — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor
 (*Psalms 68*).

Second Reading — You have approached the city of the living God
 (*Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a*).

Gospel — Those who humble themselves will be exalted
 (*Luke 14:1, 7-14*).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,698.00	\$1,989.00
Number of Families contributing	80	62
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (35 Weeks)	\$109,155.00	\$106,608.00
Received to Date	\$88,924.00	\$71,058.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$20,231.00	\$35,550.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$134.00	\$6,479.00

Seventeen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$46.00	\$46,440.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$199,700.00
Total Received	\$10,169.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$5.00.

19 **CHILDREN** contributed \$64.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$12.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 100 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 130.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day a man asked a monk to give him spiritual direction. To impress the monk, the man gave a lengthy recital of all his accomplishments — his university degrees, his great importance in the business world, and his many volunteer activities.

As the man talked, the monk began to fill a teacup with water. The water reached the rim of the cup, and the monk kept pouring, until the water spilled onto the table. The man said, "Stop, the cup will hold no more water!" The monk answered, "Neither can I teach you anything. You are too full of yourself now. Come back when you have some room for God."

NO ROOM FOR GOD

Isn't that also our problem? No room for God. Not that we do not want to listen to God. We would not be at Mass right now if we did not want to listen to God. But, from every side, we are bombarded. Our attention is drawn this way and that way.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Sissy, Amanda and Carrera in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
2. Thomas Michael, Claire and Brayden in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
3. Thomas, Cathy Lisa and Kennedy in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
4. the Family of Rosie Riley in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart and St. Expedite and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Catholic University of America*. Please be generous in this very important collection.

NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures. —*François Fénelon*

FRIENDS AND ENEMIES

Your friends are three and your enemies are also three.

Your friends are:

Your friend, your friend's friend and your enemy's enemy.

And your enemies are:

Your enemy, your friend's enemy, and your enemy's friend.

JOKE OF THE WEEK By the time the morning service was to begin in a Baptist church, only one man was present. The minister said to him, "It looks like everyone has slept in. Do you want to go home or should I preach the sermon?"

The man replied, "When I go to feed the chickens and only one comes, I still feed it."

The minister took that as a yes, mounted the pulpit and delivered an hour-long sermon. At the end, he asked the man what he thought. His answer: "When I go to feed the chickens and only one comes, I don't give it the whole bucket!"

GIVING

When God blesses you financially, don't raise your standard of living.
Raise your standard of **GIVING**.

PRAY

When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...in His own time and in His own way.

ADDICTION PROBLEMS Do you have addiction problems? Please call Richard Harmon 803-270-8376.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For Pete Suedle Carroll.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Jack Costello on the 11th Anniversary of his death.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Fast Eddie on the 12th Anniversary of his death.
Friday: For the repose of the souls of Tommy McGuire on the 30th Anniversary of his death and Jeanette on the 4th Anniversary of her death.

ON BEING KIND

**When we speak words of kindness,
We uplift another's day.
Causing sunshine to cover gray clouds
By just loving the words we say.**

**Words of encouragement, faith, and hope
Makes the Lord's light shine even when it's dim;
When we speak comfort to hurting hearts,
It's a spark of compassion sent from Him.**

**When we show forth a sweet smile
To greet a soul along the way,
Not only do we feel God's love tucked inside
But we light a candle to brighten someone's day.**

**So spread a hefty portion of love and goodwill
Along the path may be dark and drear,
For tenderness, kindness and understanding
To a wounded heart is so uplifting and dear.**

READERS

Sat. Aug. 31st, 4:00 P.M.
Leah & Joy

Sun. Sept. 1st, 10:00A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

Sat. Sept. 7th, 4:00 P.M.
Karen & Cathy Lisa

Sun. Sept. 8th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Kara
Tuesday - Leah
Wednesday - Cathy Lisa
Thursday - Celia
Friday - Natalie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **Aug. 31st**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Sept. 1st **Sept. 8th**
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Cathy Pole
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Margaret Butts
Thursday Betty Jo
Friday Mary Cat

INTERESTING THINGS

- The happiest people don't have the best of everything, **they just make the best of Every Thing.**
- Happiness in your life depends upon **the quality of your thoughts.**
- Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life, **but it will surely add life to your years.**

THREE TIMES IN THE CHURCH Too many people come to the Church three times primarily. They're baptized, they get married, and they have their funeral service at the church. The first time they throw water on you, the second time rice, the third time dirt!

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

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Loving God, I prayerfully entrust our children and teenagers to Your special care. Bless them with Your love and goodness. Grant them continued growth in wisdom, knowledge and virtue. Protect them day and night, at home, in school, at play. Inspire them each day to do their best. Strengthen them during times of discouragement and disappointment. Make them ever mindful of the needs of others, kind and caring toward the elderly and all those less fortunate. May our children walk in the paths of holiness, as Your instruments of joy, love and peace in our family and in our world. Amen.