

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

*“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”
— Matthew 18:19*

GOD’S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God’s will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today’s Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ’s body around us.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

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

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$4,714.00	\$4,052.00
Number of Families contributing	90	65
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (36 Weeks)	\$119,950.00	\$127,108.00
Received to Date	\$114,222.56	\$96,644.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,727.44	\$30,463.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$305.00	\$9,350.00

Twenty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$7,491.41
Amount Outstanding	\$18,213.59

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$270.00	\$7,856.00

Two people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$10.00.

30 **CHILDREN** contributed \$119.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$60.00.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA totaled \$130.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 110 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 220.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A wise man once sat in the audience and cracked a joke – all of them laughed like crazy. After a moment he cracked the same joke again and a little less people laughed this time. He cracked the same one again and no one laughed! Then he smiled and said, “When you can’t laugh on the same joke again and again then why do you keep crying over the same thing again and again?”

FORGET the PAST and MOVE ON

6 PRINCIPLES OF LIFE

1. No point using limited life to chase unlimited money.
2. No point earning so much money you cannot live to spend it.
3. Money is not yours until you spend it.
4. When you are young, you use your health to chase your wealth; when you are old, you use your wealth to buy back your health. Difference is, that, it is too late.
5. How happy a man is, is not how much he has but how little he needs.
6. No point working so hard to provide for the people you have no time to spend time with.

Remember this – We come to this world with nothing, we leave this world with nothing.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a very Special Friend and Family of Tommy McGuire in loving memory of him on the 28th Anniversary of his death;
2. the Family of Betty Costello in loving memory of her on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
3. the Elvis Family in loving memory of Johnny Elvis Carroll on the 10th Anniversary of his death;
4. the Wife and Daughters of Michael Chops Riley in loving memory of him on his 41st Birthday;
5. Pete Sherlock and Heather in thanks to St. Joseph and St. Philomena for Lenox on her 9th Birthday;
6. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
7. and another Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

FALL ADORATION will begin this Monday, Sept. 11th. Adoration will be Mondays thru Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Religious Education Classes will begin this Monday, September 11th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Old Church. It is very important and essential that all children attend class on their appointed day. *Please see bulletin cover for class days.*

LEGION GROUP MEETINGS will resume this Tuesday, September 12th at 11:00 A.M. It is important that all members attend these meetings.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in honor of St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in honor of St. Kateri.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The ship was sinking fast. The captain called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?"

One man stepped forward, "I do, captain."

"Good," said the captain. "You pray. The rest of us will put on life preservers. We're one short."

GOD ANSWERS ALL PRAYERS

God answers all prayers in three ways:

"Yes"- because you **deserve it**,

"No" - because you **deserve better**,

And "**Not yet**" - because the **best is yet to come**.

LIFE IS LIKE A BOOK

Life is like a 3 page book.

2 pages are already written by God.

1st Page: "Birth"

Last page: "Death"

Center Page: "Empty"

So fill it with

Smiles, Love and Faith.

BEAUTIFUL ADVICE When asked how they managed to stay together for 65 yrs. the woman replied, "We were born in a time where if something was broken, you fixed it. Not throw it away."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Grandparents Day
- Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Wednesday:** St. John Chrysostom
- Thursday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Friday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Saturday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Betty Costello on the 1st Anniversary of her death.
- Tuesday:** In thanks for Mega Sherlock on her 5th Birthday.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Brian Benedict Carroll on the 28th Anniversary of his death and Kara Carroll on her 16th Birthday.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Friday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

LOVE ETERNAL

The love of God fills my heart,
I hope it never will depart.
His peace surrounds me with His light,
I know all things will turn out right.

I want to tell everyone of His love
That descends to us from above.
I want to thank God ever so much,
I seem to feel his tender touch.

The words would not come to mind,
They were very difficult to find.
Finally I sang a song of praise
For blessings sent me all my days.

READERS

Sat. Sept. 9th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina &
Julie Ann

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

Sat. Sept. 17th, 4:00 P.M.
Mary Rita &
Ann T.

Sun. Sept. 18th, 10:00 A.M.
Theresa Maria Cat &
Jimmy Joseph

READERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	Julie Ann
Tuesday	Ann T.
Wednesday	Christina
Thursday	Natalie
Friday	Fallon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Front
Left Cup

September 9th
Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

September 10th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

September 17th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday	Ann Rita

PAST--- FUTURE---PRESENT

If you are depressed, you are living in the **PAST**.
If you are curious, you are living in the **FUTURE**.
If you are at peace, you are living in the **PRESENT**.

GIVING

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

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

**A VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*I enter softly this hallowed place and kneel for a moment before Your Face. I know, though my eyes are too dim to see, with pitying love, You are looking at me, so I lay my burden down at Your feet, my sin and woe, and a feeling sweet of peace steals into my restless heart, for I feel I have chosen the "Better Part." I tell you my troubles one by one, I speak of the good I have left undone, of hopes and fears, of each anxious care, for I know You are waiting and listening here. Amen.*