

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12

RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade. The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too. In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us. © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,175.00	\$1238.00
Number of Families contributing	87	65
Total Pledge for 2016	\$171,467.00	\$185,504.00
Pledged to Date (35 Weeks)	\$118,710.00	\$128,728.00
Received to Date	\$113,403.63	\$79,642.63
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,306.37	\$49,085.37

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$162.00	\$5,594.00

Seventeen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$8,863.52
Amount Outstanding	\$14,466.48

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$105.00	\$8,753.00

Four people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$13.00.

26 **CHILDREN** contributed \$93.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 60 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 130.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For two and a half days, before their car bogged down in an orange grove, two sisters, one eighty, the other eighty-four years old, drove in circles, confused. The police in rural Lake Country found the younger sister just eight miles from the home she was trying to reach. She had died from exposure and exhaustion. The other sister was found in critical condition lying in the shade of an orange tree, her sweater draped over her face to ward off mosquitos.

A police dispatcher said, "It looks like they were too proud to stop and ask somebody to take them home. They just kept driving, and driving. The more they drove, the more confused they became." They drove more than two hundred miles trying to reach their home only twenty miles away.

What a shame, you say. But I know a more pathetic story about folks "too proud to ask." Only they travel for years instead of days. Years in which pride and self sufficiency keep them from asking God to help them with the inevitable consequence of not reaching home, the haven of rest, heaven. "Pride goeth before destruction." The alternative to destruction is found in Romans 10:13 "for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The sisters were too proud to ask for help. Are you too proud to ask help from him who forgives and leads the way home?

Pride goeth before destruction. —PROVERBS 16:18

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. A very special Friend and Family in loving memory of Tommy McGuire on the 27th Anniversary of his death;
2. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy, St. Joseph and St. Gemma; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Anthony; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

VIRTUS Anyone that has a child attending Our Lady of Peace School is required to attend a VIRTUS session to help at school activities. VIRTUS is a sexual abuse prevention program offered throughout the diocese and is designed to raise awareness and provide safe environments for our children. The next training session at Our Lady of Peace School will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 P.M in Murphy Hall. No children allowed. Please pre-register at www.virtus.org. If you do not have internet access you will have the opportunity to register at the session.

LEGION OF MARY MEETINGS will resume for all members this week on Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 11:00 a.m.

FALL ADORATION will begin this Monday, Sept. 12th. Adoration will be Mondays thru Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Registration for Religious Education Classes will be held Monday, Sept. 26th thru Thursday, Sept. 29th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Old Church. Religious Education Classes will begin on Monday, Oct. 3rd 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.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A vacationer telephoned a seaside hotel to ask where it was. "It's only a stone's throw from the beach," he was told. "How will I recognize it?" asked the man. Back came the reply. "It's the one with all the broken windows."

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Tuesday:** St. John Chrysostom
- Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Friday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
- Saturday:** St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For Ansley Sherlock on her Birthday and in honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.
- Tuesday:** In thanks for Mega Sherlock on her 4th Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In loving memory of Brian Benedict Carroll on the 27th Anniversary of his death.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Friday:** In loving memory of Eddie Newman O'Hara on his 30th Birthday.

BUTTERFLIES AND EAGLES

Quite often, my faith is like
Delicate butterfly wings;
I hover close to the ground,
Too afraid of higher things.

Oh, how I wish my faith were
Like an eagle's wings on high!
So strong, sure and capable,
Never faltering in flight!

Well, my faith may be fragile,
But the Lord can do all things,
For He is the wind beneath
Butterfly and eagle wings.

STEVEN MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

READERS

Sat. Sept. 10th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina &
Julie Ann

Sun. Sept. 11th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph &
Rose Marie

Sat. Sept. 17th, 4:00 P.M.
Rita Weaver &
Rosie Cat

Sun. Sept. 18th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph &
Rose Marie

READERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	Theresa Maria Cat
Tuesday	Natalie
Wednesday	Christina
Thursday	Kim Kaiser
Friday	Annette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	Sept. 10th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Sept. 11th	Sept. 18th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

MARRIAGE

At a wedding ceremony the Pastor reminded the newlywed couple that true love doesn't have a happy ending it has no ending.

PATIENCE

The key to everything is patience.
You get the chicken by hatching the egg,
Not by smashing it open.

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you knowing that you love me, care for me, and will never abandon me.

I want to be like Mary, who, in spite of her sorrows and great pain, was able to enjoy peace of mind in the midst of her suffering, confident that God was at her side to give her courage.

Help me to know that my suffering and pain too will pass, as you guide me along the right path and that only goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life.

Jesus, heal my heart and grant me peace of mind. Amen