

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead

(James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

(Mark 8:27-35).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$3,224.00	\$2,423.00
Number of Families contributing	66	45
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (32 Weeks)	\$111,496.00	\$113,484.00
Received to Date	\$104,139.00	\$82,408.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,357.00	\$31,076.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$170.00	\$6,981.00

Fifteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$10,530.00	\$105,715.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$80.00.

5 **CHILDREN** contributed \$24.00.

BAA totaled \$145.00.

A LESSON FROM OUR HAND

All fingers are not in the same length. But when they bend, all stands equal. Life become easy when we bend and adjust all situations.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In a small village near Nuremberg, lived a family with 10 children. To keep the family fed and sheltered, their father had to work almost 18 hours a day. Despite their hopeless condition, two of the eldest children had a dream. They both dreamed of becoming prolific artists. But they knew that their father would never be able to afford to send them both.

After countless discussions, the boys finally came up with a solution. They would toss a coin. The loser would work in the nearby mines to support the other to attend the Academy, and after 4 years they would switch. The winner would then have to support the other to attend the school.

Albrecht Durer won the toss. Albert, as promised, went down into the mines. For the next 4 years, one painted and one worked.

Albrecht's paintings were an almost immediate sensation. By the time he graduated, he was able to earn a considerable income. When the 4 years were up, Albrecht returned home triumphant. He proposed a toast for the years of sacrifice that enable him to fulfill his ambition. "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now is your time. Now you can go to the Academy and pursue your dream, I will take care of you." All heads turned in eager anticipation where Albert sat. But to their surprise, tears were streaming down Albert's face. He sobbed repeatedly, "No, no, no, brother, I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look what four years in the mines has done to my hands!" Albrecht held his brother's hands and burst into tears. Every finger had been damaged so badly that he could barely raise a glass to toast. Albert could no longer pursue his dream.

More than 450 years have passed. But still, Albrecht Durer's masterpieces hang in every great Gallery, on the planet. Above each of his pieces hangs a simple drawing, to pay homage to Albert for all that he sacrificed. He called it, "Hands", but the entire world called his tribute of love, "The Praying Hands."

Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness.
—Napoleon Hill

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. A very special friend and Family in loving memory of Tommy McGuire on the 32nd Anniversary of his death;
2. The Family of John Carroll in loving memory of him on the Anniversary on the Anniversary of his death and also in loving memory of John Riley on his Birthday;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jim Bryant Gorman and Velvet Carroll.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Johnny Sherlock and Richilyn Carroll.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend will be for the *Catholic University of America*. Please be generous.

LIFE

***Life is nothing when we get everything.
But life is everything when we miss something.
Value of people is realized in their absence only.***

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin this, Monday, September 13th. Classes will be held from 4:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M in the New Hall on Mondays and Thursdays only. It is the parent’s responsibility to make sure their child/children attend Religious Education classes.

Monday — 5th thru 8th Grades
Thursday — 1st thru 4th Grades

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Mother Teresa and the Blessed Mother for a favor received; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Family, St. Theresa, St. Expedite and the suffering souls for answered prayers; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

“Mom are bugs good to eat?” asked the boy.
“Let’s not talk about such things at the dinner table, son,” his mother replied.
After dinner the mother inquired, “Now, son, what did you want to ask me?”
“Oh, nothing,” the boy said. “There was a bug in your soup, but now it’s gone.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Grandparents Day
Monday: St. John Chrysostom
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Brian Benedict Carroll on the 32nd Anniversary of his death and for Bryan Jude Carroll.
Tuesday: For Mega Sherlock on her 9th Birthday and for Ansley Sherlock on her Birthday.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Curley Riley on his Birthday.
Thursday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.
Friday: For Patrick Lewis Riley on his 15th Birthday.

I PUT MY CARES AWAY TODAY

*I put my cares away today
And said a little prayer,
That God would help me find my way
And deliver me from despair.*

*The golden sun came out to play
And filled me full of hope,
My burden seemed to fly away
And I began to cope.*

*I put my cares away today
As a rainbow came in sight,
And at the rainbow’s end I found
My cares had taken flight.*

READERS

Sat. Sept. 11th, 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Sept. 12th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

Sat. Sept. 18th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Julie Ann

Sun. Sept. 19th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Graclynn
Tuesday	-	Claire
Wednesday	-	Marilyn
Thursday	-	Dayna
Friday	-	Ciara

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Rose Melissa
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	September 4th
Front	Winnie Ann
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Catherine Ann
Sunday	Sunday
September 5th	September 12th
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

RIDDLES

- Q. What is the difference between a “Jeweler” and a “jailor”?**
A. One sells watches while the other watches cells.
- Q. What has four legs but can’t walk?**
A. Table
- Q. If two is a company and three a crowd, what are four and five?**
A. Nine

MIRACLE

Making a hundred friends is not a miracle. The miracle is to make a single friend who will stand by your side even when hundreds are against you.

WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN

The more He loved those for whom He was the ransom, the more His anguish would increase, as it is the faults of friends rather than enemies which most disturb hearts.

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

A PARENT’S PRAYER

Thank You for my children, Lord; I know they are a gift from You. I need Your strength and wisdom daily to train them in the way they should go. Give me patience and a joyful heart; let me be an example of Your love and forgiveness. Thank You, Father, for the honor of being a parent. Amen.