

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

— Sirach 28:2

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$4,032.00	\$3,015.00
Number of Families contributing	68	55
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (32 Weeks)	\$123,639.00	\$113,348.00
Received to Date	\$114,779.00	\$95,275.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,860.00	\$18,073.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$169.00	\$14,187.00

Thirteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$1,110.00	\$12,350.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

BAA totaled \$45.00.

18 **CHILDREN** contributed \$178.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When Bill Clinton met Nelson Mandela for the first time, he had a question on his mind: "When you were released from prison, Mr. Mandela," the former President said, "I woke my daughter at 3:00 A.M. I wanted her to see this historic event." Then President Clinton zeroed in on his question: "As you marched from the cellblock across the yard to the gate of the prison, the camera focused in on your face. I have never seen such anger, and even hatred, in any man as was expressed on your face at that time. That's not the Nelson Mandela I know today," said Clinton. "What was that about?"

Mandela answered, "I'm surprised that you saw that, and I regret that the cameras caught my anger. As I walked across the courtyard that day, I thought to myself, 'They've taken everything from you that matters. Your cause is dead. Your family is gone. Your friends have been killed. Now they're releasing you, but there's nothing left for you out there.' And I hated them for what they had taken from me. Then I sensed an inner voice saying to me: Nelson! For 27 years you were their prisoner, but you were always a free man! Don't allow them to make you into a free man, only to turn you into their prisoner!"

You can never be free to be a whole person if you are unable to forgive. You see that, don't you? There are many people who are imprisoned by their own anger, their own hurt, their own inability to let go of the past and move on. Here's another thing we need to see about forgiveness: THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE YOU CAN FIND THE ABILITY TO FORGIVE. It is at the throne of Christ.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Raymond, Touch's Bridget Ann, May May and Little Sissy in loving memory of Ned Blaster Sherlock on his Birthday; Pete Anthony Carroll in loving memory of him on his Birthday; and Bridget Marie Carroll in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
2. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This year, due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was not possible to take up the *Good Friday Collection* dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Land of Jesus. Therefore the collection will be held this weekend. Please be generous in this very important collection.

THANK YOU

to a member in thanks to St. Mother Teresa and St. Raphael and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph for the needy.

FALL ADORATION

will be held Monday thru Thursday from 10:30 A.M. till 3:30 P.M.

DISASTER COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend will be to help those affected by the *devastating impact of Hurricane Laura, the California wildfires, and other natural disasters*. Please be generous in this very important collection.

PRAYER

Prayer is not about asking for things. Prayer is about putting yourself in the hands of God. Make yourself available to Him and learn to listen to His voice in the depths of your heart.

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.”

LIFE

Life is not qualified by fluent English, branded clothes or a rich lifestyle. It is measured by the number of faces who smile when they hear your name.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The District Attorney stared at the jury in disbelief. Bitterly he asked, “What possible excuse could you have for acquitting this man?”

The foreman answered, “Insanity.”

The District Attorney quickly asked, “All twelve of you?”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul Brian Benedict Carroll on the 31st Anniversary of his death.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Jack Suedle on his 78th Birthday.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Curley Riley on his 93rd Birthday.
Thursday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.
Friday: For Patrick Lewis Riley on his 14th Birthday.

ALL IT TAKES IS A SMILE

A smile is a happiness gift,
A lost and lonely heart it can lift;
So why not make someone's life worthwhile,
All it takes is a smile.

A smile is a bridge to the heart,
Joy it will bring you right from the start;
Your day will be happier all the while,
All it takes is a smile.

You can give this life-giving gift,
Whenever someone's soul is adrift;
Smiles will never go out of style,
Yes, all it takes is a smile.

READERS

Sat. Sept. 12th, 4:00 P.M.
Dayna & Leah

Sun. Sept. 13th, 10:00 A.M.
Jersey & Jimmy

Sat. Sept. 19th, 4:00 P.M.
Ritz & Savannah

Sun. Sept. 20th, 10:00 A.M.
Jersey & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Fallon
Wednesday	-	Mary Ashley
Thursday	-	Cathy Lisa
Friday	-	Dayna

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	-	Rita Weaver
Wednesday	-	Rosie Cat
Thursday	-	Betty Jo
Friday	-	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	September 12 th
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon
Sunday 10:00 A.M.	September 13 th
September 13 th	September 20 th
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

STRENGTH & FAITH

We need ‘STRENGTH’ while doing the possible.
But we need ‘FAITH’ while doing the impossible.

THINGS I HAVE LEARNED

- I have learned that you can get by on charm for about 15 minutes. After that, you better know something.
- I have learned that you can keep going long after you think you can't.
- I have learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them.

FORGET

Forget the things that make you sad.
Remember the moments that make you glad.
Forget the trouble that passed away.
Accept the blessings that come your way.

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

PRAYER FOR EMOTIONAL HEALING

Holy Mary, loving mother and heavenly guide, be present to me now and let me know your compassion and kindness. Pray for me to your Divine Son, that I may experience calmness, tranquility and peace in all my emotions.

Protect me from all that displeases God, and obtain for me serenity of mind, body and spirit.

I place my trust and confidence in you, dear Blessed Mother, and I pray that God's Blessings of mercy, grace and gentle goodness will bring happiness to my life, now and always. Amen.