

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
 — Psalm 51:12

LOST AND FOUND

Welcome to “Lost and Found Sunday”! Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today’s Gospel suggests that we’d be wiser to admit that we’re sometimes lost. Then we’ll eventually be happily counted among Jesus’ “found,” because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, “began to complain” that Jesus “welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus warns them—and us—to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God’s amazing grace has found us! Indeed, we should become Jesus’ friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God “relented in punishment” and pardoned us, shouldn’t we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his “arrogance” as “foremost among sinners.” We too, happy at being “mercifully treated,” should share with everyone else Jesus’ unflinching patience.

J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — “Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?” (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

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

Second Reading — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

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

OUR GIFTS RECORD

| | Offertory | Development |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week’s Collection | \$2,021.00 | \$1,468.00 |
| Number of Families contributing | 74 | 68 |
| Total Pledge for 2019 | \$167,031.00 | \$163,188.00 |
| Pledged to Date (36 Weeks) | \$115,499.00 | \$112,808.00 |
| Received to Date | \$94,190.00 | \$75,456.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | 21,309.00 | \$37,352.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$135.00 | \$6,758.00 |

Fifteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$130.00 | \$47,305.00 |

Four 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.

21 **CHILDREN** contributed \$56.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$20.00.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY totaled \$41.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 130 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 95.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near him and a lady got out and said, “I always park there! You took my place!”

The visitor went inside the Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, “That’s my seat! You took my place!” The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went inside the church and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, “That’s where I always sit! You took my place!” The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, “What happened to you?” The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, “I took your place.”

It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured. He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins.
 —Isaiah 52:4-5

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Families of Ned Blaster Sherlock in loving memory of him 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. the Elvis’ in loving memory of Elvis on the 12th Anniversary of his death;
3. William Edward, Brazil and Phoenix in loving memory of Bug’s Pamela on the 2nd Anniversary of her death;
4. the Wife and Children of Tommy Paul Riley in loving memory of him on his 36th Birthday;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE CHILD JESUS will be held on Sundays at 3:00 P.M. in the Church. The Church will be open from 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

FALL ADORATION began last Monday.

INSPIRATION

1. Give God what’s right...
 Not what’s left.
2. Man’s way leads to hopeless end...
 God’s way leads to an endless hope.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
5. When praying, don’t give God instructions...
 Just report for duty.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will resume when Fr. Cherian returns from India. Classes will be as follows:

Mon. — 7th & 8th
Tues. — 5th & 6th
Wed. — 3rd & 4th
Thurs. — 1st & 2nd

It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child attends Religious Education classes.

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "It's open!" His reply, "I know — I already got that side."

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine
Thursday: St. Januarius
Friday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn and Paul Chõng
Ha-sang and Companions
Saturday: St. Matthew

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Curley Riley on his 92nd Birthday.
Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
Wednesday: In thanks for Patrick Lewis Riley on his 13th Birthday.
Thursday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Rosie Girl Carroll on her Birthday.

IN TROUBLED TIMES

*To falter is not to fail,
Of this you can be sure,
And at times your life seems stale,
And you dream of so much more.*

*Remember you have a foundation,
A Rock who's strong and sound.
Just when we need Him most,
We forsake the One above.*

*So, when your life seems hopeless,
And to your problems there seems no end,
Put your life in the hands of the Master,
And all your troubles He will mend.*

READERS

Sat. Sept. 14th, 4:00 P.M. Rita Riley & Grace
Sun. Sept. 15th, 10:00A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria
Sat. Sept. 21st, 4:00 P.M. Ritz & Ivana
Sun. Sept. 22nd, 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. Front Left Cup
Sept. 14th Bridget Ann Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Sept. 15th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
Sept. 22nd Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

HELP ME THROUGH

Whenever you do not understand what's happening in your life, just close your eyes, take a deep breath and say, "God, I know it's your plan, just help me through it."

3 CLASSES OF PEOPLE

- 1.) *The few who make things happen.*
- 2.) *The many who watch things happen.*
- 3.) *The majority who have no idea what is happening.*

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

**MY DAILY OFFERING PRAYER**

Most loving Father, I thank You for the gift of this new day. Please help me to use it for Your honor and glory. By Your mercy may all my thoughts, words, and actions be pleasing today in Your sight. Lord almighty, forgive my past failings, preserve me this day without sin, and protect all Your people from every evil. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Savior, keep us under her special protection, and by the aid of all Your Saints, kindly keep us ever intent on doing good today for Your name's sake. These great blessings we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.