

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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

— Sirach 28:2

REFLECTION

Once upon a time two brothers, who lived on adjoining farms, fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side by side, sharing machinery, and trading labor and goods as needed without a conflict. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding, and it grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence. One morning there was a knock-on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work" he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with? Could I help you?" "Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you." "Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor; in fact, it's my younger brother. Last week there was a meadow between us and he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll do him one better." "See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence—an 8-foot fence—so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore." The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you." The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, and his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge—a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all—and the neighbor, his younger brother was coming toward them, his hand outstretched. "You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done." The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother. "I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build." Today's Gospel Jesus says "I say to you forgive seventy-seven times." (Matthew: 18:22)

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Joseph for the needy; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony for something found; and to two parish members for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

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).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Januarius

Wednesday: Sts. Andre Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions

Thursday: St. Matthew

Saturday: St. Padre Pio

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: *Funeral.*

Tuesday: In thanks for Indy Sherlock on his Birthday.

Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Mary Lisa McNally on the 23rd Anniversary of her death; for the repose of the soul of Rosie Girl on her Birthday; and for the repose of the soul of Susie McNally on the 10th Anniversary of her death.

Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Kate Sloopy Carroll on the 2nd Anniversary of her death.

Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

CONDOLENCES

Fr. Prasad and the members of St. Edward Parish extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Mattie Boy Sherlock. May his souls rest in peace.

JOKE OF THE WEEK **A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"**

"Sure," the little boy replied. "Just go straight down this street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like you to come to church on Sunday. I'll tell you how to get to heaven."

"Aww, come on," the little boy replied with a chuckle. "You don't even know the way to the post office."

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$7,978.00	\$3,887.00
Number of Families contributing	101	80
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (34 Weeks)	\$113,867.00	\$115,493.00
Received to Date	\$95,563.00	\$76,195.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$18,304.00	\$39,298.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$323.00	\$7,120.00

Twenty-nine people contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$50.00	\$49,775.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$5,705.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$65.00.

11 CHILDREN contributed \$41.00.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Rosie Girl on loving memory of her on her Birthday;
2. the Family of Mary Burke in loving memory of her on the 3rd Anniversary of her death;
3. the Family of Bridget Marie Carroll and Pete Anthony Carroll in loving memory of them on their Birthdays;
4. and Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Pete Patrick Carroll and Monroe Carroll.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES began last week. Classes will be held from 4:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M in the New Hall on Mondays and Tuesdays only. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child/children attend Religious Education classes. Teachers and Teacher Aides are obligated to be at Religious Education for the day you volunteered for.

Religious Education Classes are as follows:

Monday — 5th thru 8th Grades

Tuesday — 1st thru 4th Grades

KEYBOARD & MUSIC CLASSES will be held on Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. in the Church. The St. Philomens Teen Girls Group will meet at this time for practice. All those who are interested in practicing please come on Tuesday.

FALL ADORATION will begin this Tuesday, September 19th.

READERS

Sat. Sep. 16th, 4:00 P.M. Julie Ann & Natalie

Sun. Sep. 17th, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Sep. 23rd, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna

Sun. Sep. 24th, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Sept. 16th, 4:00 P.M. Creed & Rafe Thomas

Sun. Sept. 17th, 10:00 A.M. Easton & Gryphen

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Macy
Tuesday - Mary Martha
Wednesday - Gracelynn
Thursday - Sherlock's Mary Theresa
Friday - Paris

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun
Tuesday - Winnie Ann
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Cathy Carroll
Friday - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **September 16th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

September 17th **September 24th**
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