

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

*Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.*

— James 1:21b

### THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us?

(Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

**Psalm** — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

**Second Reading** — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction

(James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

**Gospel** — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Don Dunn’s father owns a garage. One day a trucker drove in for service. When it came time for the bill, the trucker suggested adding a few “extras,” saying, “The company will pay; we can split the difference.” Don’s father refused. The driver pushed the point, saying, “I’m going to be a good customer here. Why shouldn’t we all profit from the extra-reliable service you offer?” Don’s father said, “That’s not my style.” When the driver persisted, Don’s father told him to go elsewhere. The driver said, “I’ll not go elsewhere! I own a trucking firm, and I just wanted to be sure that you were a mechanic I could trust.”

What was one of the biggest temptations I ever faced and overcame?

**Jesus can help those who are tempted, because He Himself was tempted and suffered. —HEBREWS 2:18**

**Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, where he was tempted by the Devil. —LUKE 4:1-2**

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Jack Costello in loving memory of him on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and Betty Costello on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of her death;
2. the Family of Kate Frances Carroll in loving memory of her on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. Sissy, Amanda and Carrera in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. Thomas Michael, Claire and Brayden in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
5. the Family of Faro in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
6. Pat Butts and Susan in loving memory of Ned Anthony on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
7. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week’s Collection</b>	\$5,489.40	\$3,470.00
Number of Families contributing	105	76
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (33 Weeks)	\$108,781.00	\$105,894.00
Received to Date	\$99,988.40	\$77,018.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,792.60	\$28,876.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$276.00	\$5,865.00

Thirty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$8,531.50
Amount Outstanding	\$17,173.50

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

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$458.00	\$25,240.00

Twenty-two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$4.00.

24 **CHILDREN** contributed \$100.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 150, Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

**NOVENA TO THE DIVINE CHILD JESUS** will begin this Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 P.M. in the Church. The Church will be open from 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The Church Office will be closed this Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING** This Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> we shall have a Day of Prayer and Fasting. Adoration will begin after 10:00 A.M. Mass. Silent prayer will be until 7:00 P.M. The Precious Blood Novena will be held from 7:00 P.M.— 8:00 P.M. The Word of God and Healing Service will be held from 8:00 P.M.— 9:00 P.M. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this as it is for the intentions of all of St. Edward’s Parish family and the flood victims in India.

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

**FALL ADORATION** will begin next Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**LEGION GROUP MEETINGS** will resume on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. It is important that all members attend these meetings.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph for the needy; and to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

We brought our newborn son, Adam, to the pediatrician for his first checkup. As he finished, the doctor told us, "You have a cute baby."

Smiling, I said, "I bet you say that to all new parents."

"No," he replied, "Just to those whose babies really are good-looking."

"So what do you say to the others?" I asked.

"He looks just like you."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
- Friday:** First Friday
- Saturday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** In loving memory of Jack Costello on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday:** In loving memory of Pat O'Hara on his Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:** For Ansley on her Birthday.
- Friday:** In loving memory of Tommy McGuire on the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and Jeanette on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of her death.

**ALL ALONG**

There's a mountain on my back,  
And the wind is blowing strong,  
The waves are getting higher  
Everything is going wrong!

Now the clouds are rolling in,  
And the sun has hid its face;  
In distress, I cry to God -  
"Lord, please save me with Your grace!"

I feared He would not hear me,  
But I'm so glad I was wrong!  
Yes, and quite surprised to find...  
He was with me all along.

*Steven Michael Shumacher*

**READERS**

**Sat. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Skylar & Christie

**Sun. Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

**Sat. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Grace & Rita Riley

**Sun. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

**READERS - WEEKDAYS**

- Monday** - Joy
- Tuesday** - Betty Jo
- Wednesday** - JonBenet
- Thursday** - Julie Ann
- Friday** - Christina

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**                      **September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Front    Bridget Ann  
Left Cup    Winnie Ann

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**                                      **September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Pete Man's Nora                                      Pete Man's Nora  
Rose Marie    Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

- Monday**                      Mary Cat
- Tuesday**                      Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday**                      Winnie Ann.
- Thursday**                      Rosie Cat
- Friday**                      Rose Marie

**GOOGLE = FEMALE**

I have come to the conclusion that Google must be a female, because ***SHE HAS THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING.***

**FIRST CORDLESS PHONE**

**The first cordless phone was created by God. He named it PRAYER. It never loses its signal and you never need to recharge it. Use it anywhere.**

**SAYS**

1. **MONEY SAYS:** Earn me, forget everything.
2. **TIME SAYS:** Follow me, forget everything.
3. **FUTURE SAYS:** Struggle for me, forget everything.
4. **GOD SAYS:** Just remember me, I'll give you everything

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

**TAKE PITY ON ME**

Father, I believe that You hear my cries and take pity on the anguish of my heart. Extend Your hand as I seek Your loving pardon for the selfishness in my life, when I place my own desires and comfort above other's needs and failed to offer You due thanks for Your care and mercy. May selfishness, my enemy, be overcome by Your grace so that I may never cease to proclaim Your praise now and in eternity. Amen. Alleluia!