

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

*Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.*

— Isaiah 55:7b

### DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalms — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory                      Development

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$4,697.00	\$3,217.00
Number of Families contributing	119	85
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (33 Weeks)	\$128,322.00	\$116,463.00
Received to Date	\$117,931.00	\$98,492.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$10,391.00	\$17,971.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2020</b>
\$1553.00	\$14,740.00

Twenty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2020</b>
\$160.00	\$12,510.00

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

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

POOR BOX totaled \$55.00.

BAA totaled \$270.00.

29 CHILDREN contributed \$278.00.

### FORGIVENESS

*Forgiveness is a strange medicine.*

*If you give it to others, it heals the wounds in your heart.*

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A boy is telling his Grandma how "everything" is going wrong. School is really hard, he's not getting along with his brother and he got in trouble at home. He hurt his knee and couldn't play with his soccer team, and his best friend told a lie about him.

Meanwhile, Grandma is baking a cake. She asks her grandson if he would like a snack, which of course he does.

"Here, have some cooking oil." "Yuck" says the boy.

"How about a couple of raw eggs?" "Gross, Grandma!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Grandma, those are all yucky!"

To which Grandma replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake! God works the same way. Many times we wonder why he would let us go through such bad and difficult times.

But God knows that when he puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to a member for a \$150 donation in thanks to St. Anthony; a member for a \$100 donation in thanks for an special intention received; a member for a donation in thanks to the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Blessed Mother and St. Joseph for prayers received; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Rita, St. expedite and St. Philomena for prayers received; in thanks to St. Mother Teresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony for the poor for something found; and also to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

ADORATION is held Monday thru Thursday from 10:30 A.M. till 3:30 P.M.

DISASTER COLLECTION The second collection this 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.

### HAVE PATIENCE

Locks are never manufactured without a key.  
Similarly, God never gives problems without solutions.  
Only we need to have patience to unlock them.

### GOD IS CRAZY ABOUT YOU!

*If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.*

*If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.*

*He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.*

*Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.*

*He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.*

*Face it.*

*He's crazy about you!*

## GOD IS GREAT

God is greater than the burdens you are carrying.  
Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you.

### INTERESTING STORE SIGNS

In a funeral parlor: *"Ask about our layaway plan."*  
On a shopping Mall Marquee: *"Archery Tournament –  
Ears pierced."*  
On the grounds of a public school: *"No trespassing  
without permission."*

### GREAT THINGS ALWAYS BEGIN FROM THE INSIDE

**If an egg is broken by outside force, LIFE ENDS.**

**If broken by inside force, LIFE BEGINS.**

### LITTLE THINGS

Never stop doing little things for others. Sometimes, those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

Carrying three pieces of luggage, a young lady walked up to the airport check-in counter and requested, "I want the first piece to go to Cleveland, the second to go to Toronto and this last piece of luggage to go to Florida."

The agent said, "I'm sorry, we can't do that."

The young lady swiftly replied, "Last month you did it."

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Matthew  
**Tuesday:** Autumn begins  
**Wednesday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
**Saturday:** Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** *Funeral.*  
**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Big A on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Johnny Mumbo on his Birthday.  
**Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Jim Bush, Sr. on the Anniversary of his death.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of John L. McNally on the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.

### GOODNESS AND MERCY

In the land of the living  
I shall see the Lord's good,  
For He shall sustain me,  
Provide with food.  
And He will keep me  
To the ends of my days,  
So I will adore Him,  
Give Him honor and praise.

### READERS

Sat. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.      Sun. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.  
Ritz & Savannah      Jersey & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.      Sun. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.  
Cathy Lisa & Reed      Jersey & Jimmy Joseph

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>  
Front - Mary Margaret  
Right - Cathy Pole  
Left - Kim Gallon

### Sunday 10:00 A.M.

September 20<sup>th</sup>      September 27<sup>th</sup>  
Rose Marie      Rose Marie  
Mary Cat      Mary Cat

### SLOW DOWN THERAPY

- Remember a happy, peaceful time in your past. Rest there. Each moment has richness that takes a lifetime to savor.
- Take nothing for granted. Watch water flow, the corn grow, the leaves blow, your neighbor mow.
- Taste your food. God gives it to delight as well as to nourish.
- When you talk with someone, don't think about what you'll say next. Thoughts will spring up naturally if you let them.

### ABILITY TO FORGET

Having a sharp memory is a good quality of the brain.  
But, the ability to forget the unwanted things is a far better quality of the Heart!!  
*"Live in peace...not in pieces."*

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### MORNING OFFERING

*Almighty God, I thank You for Your past blessings. Today, I offer myself—whatever I do, say, or think—to Your loving care. Continue to bless me, Lord.*

*I make this morning offering in union with the divine intentions of Jesus Christ who offers himself daily in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and in union with Mary, His Virgin Mother and our Mother, who was always the faithful handmaid of the Lord. Amen.*