

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

*Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*— 1 Timothy 6:14*

### LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES

The message found in today's readings is an oft-told story. Citizen Kane, Daddy Warbucks, and King Midas are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought enormous wealth could buy happiness and fulfillment. Daddy Warbucks admitted stepping on a few people in his climb to the top. Kane tried to buy the printed word and stardom for his young wife, while King Midas conjured immense wealth and tragedy by his very touch.

We learn clearly in today's readings that none of this is really possible. True happiness comes from caring for someone other than ourselves. It comes from the pursuit of the virtues Paul described to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, godliness, righteousness, and endurance. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don't notice their suffering. God's call to us is much too clear to disregard for even one more day.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

**Gospel** — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$7,855.00	\$6,559.00
Number of Families contributing	147	106
Total Pledge for 2016	\$171,467.00	\$185,504.00
Pledged to Date (37 Weeks)	\$125,300.00	\$135,824.00
Received to Date	\$131,016.63	\$95,562.63
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$5,716.63)	\$40,261.37

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$429.00	\$6,420.00

Thirty-four ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$9,734.52
Amount Outstanding	\$13,595.48

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

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$130.00	\$9,968.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$7.00.

34 **CHILDREN** contributed \$168.00.

**SEMINARY COLLECTION** totaled \$174.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 230 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 160.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**A frustrated mother asked her little boy "How do you expect to get into heaven?"**

**He thought for a minute and said,**

**"Well, I'll run in and out, and in and out, and keep slamming the door. Then an angel will say, 'For heaven's sake, stay in or stay out!' Then, I'll stay in!"**

**The mother was trying to do for her son what the author of Hebrews was trying to do for his readers; make them aware that entering God's rest (heaven) is the most important concern that should be on our mind during life. It is for this that we were made.**

**How well does my life reflect the fact that my ultimate destiny is not to remain on earth but to go to heaven?**

**God has offered us the promise that we may receive that rest he spoke about..... Let us, then, do our best to receive that rest. (Hebrews 4:1,11)**

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Ralph, Rose, Paco's Rita and Family in loving memory of Billy O'Hara on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. Eddie Newman, Shannon and Patrick Trueman in loving memory of Betty Jean McGuire on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. And a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**THANK YOU** to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. John Paul, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis; a member for a donation in honor of St. Martin De Porres; and to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Registration for Religious Education Classes will be held this Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Old Church. Religious Education Classes will begin on Monday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Old Church. It is very important and essential that all children attend class on their appointed day. **Please see bulletin cover for class days.**

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

When I met five-year-old Timmy, he was in the hospital with broken legs. He'd chased a ball into the street and was hit by a car. Six weeks later, as his discharge nurse, I asked, "The next time your ball rolls into the street, what will you do?" Timmy replied, "Send my sister."

### UNRECOGNIZABLE

All God's angels come to us disguised.

**MASTER'S TABLE** The Society of Mary Immaculate is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact  
Ann T.

**BEAUTIFUL SAYING-----**

Mobile phones have taught us three things....  
Whatever makes you happy –SAVE IT!  
Whatever makes others happy – FORWARD IT!  
Whatever will make no one happy – DELETE IT!  
*ENJOY THE JOURNEY CALLED LIFE!*

**BIGGEST MISTAKE**

The biggest mistake most of us make is;  
Listening *Half*,  
Understanding *Quarter*,  
And Telling *Double*.

**BEAUTIFUL ADVICE** When asked how they managed to stay together for 65 years the woman replied, “We were born in a time where if something was broken, you fixed it. Not throw it away.”

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian  
Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul  
Wednesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;  
St. Wenceslaus  
Thursday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels  
Friday: St. Jerome  
Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus;  
First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Tuesday:* In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus.  
*Wednesday:* In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.  
*Thursday:* In loving memory of John L. McNally on the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
*Friday:* In loving memory of Tom Apple Riley on his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**MORNING REFLECTION**

As I behold this new day,  
I rejoice in the thought,  
That even when I doubt or sway,  
You will forsake me not.

Talks with You bring me such joy,  
They make me want to sing,  
“Behold, behold, I am safe forever,  
I am safe under His wing”.

You've changed my heart and my motives,  
My desires You've made pure,  
I long to trust and follow You,  
And with each step I take be sure.

*Brenna Marie Rainey*

**READERS**

**Sat. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Ann T. &  
Bridget Ann

**Sun, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph &  
Rose Marie

**Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Christina &  
Julie Ann

**Sun. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph &  
Rose Marie

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

<b>Monday</b>	Theresa Maria Cat
<b>Tuesday</b>	Natalie
<b>Wednesday</b>	Christina
<b>Thursday</b>	Kim Kaiser
<b>Friday</b>	Annette

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**  
Front  
Left Cup

**Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Bridget Ann  
Winnie Ann

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

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Pete Man's Nora  
Rose Marie

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Pete Man's Nora  
Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

<b>Monday</b>	Rose Marie
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pete Man's Nora
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ann T.
<b>Thursday</b>	Rose Marie
<b>Friday</b>	Bridget Ann

**PAST---- FUTURE---PRESENT**

If you are depressed, you are living in the *PAST*.  
If you are curious, you are living in the *FUTURE*.  
If you are at peace, you are living in the *PRESENT*.

**DON'T COPY**

Life is the most difficult exam.  
Many people will fail because they try to copy others not realizing that everyone has a different question paper.

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

**HELP US TO REMAIN CLOSE TO YOU**

Lord Jesus, we ask You now to help us to remain with You always, to be close to You with all the ardor of our hearts, to take up joyfully the mission You entrust to us and that is to continue Your presence and spread the good news of Your Resurrection.  
Amen.