

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*

FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly. Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (*Ezekiel 18:25-28*).

Psalms — Remember your mercies, O Lord (*Psalms 25*).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (*Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]*).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (*Matthew 21:28-32*).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$5,065.00	\$4,454.00
Number of Families contributing	123	99
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (34 Weeks)	\$121,083.00	\$119,578.00
Received to Date	\$133,387.00	\$102,946.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$12,304.00)	\$16,632.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$326.00	\$15,066.00

Twenty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$100.00	\$12,610.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

BAA totaled \$70.00.

22 **CHILDREN** contributed \$194.00.

DISASTER COLLECTION totaled \$173.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole until it suddenly stopped making any progress and looked like it was stunned.

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The man didn't think anything of it and sat there waiting for the wings to enlarge to support the butterfly. But that didn't happen. The butterfly spent the rest of its life unable to fly, crawling around with tiny wings and a swollen body.

Despite the kind heart of man, he didn't understand that the restricted cocoon and the struggle needed by the butterfly to get itself through the small opening; were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into wings. To prepare itself for flying once it was out of the cocoon.

Our struggles in life develop our strengths. Without struggles, we never grow and never get stronger, so it's important for us to tackle challenges on our own, and not be relying on help from others.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Big Apple in loving memory of him on his 84th Birthday;
2. the Family of Jack Suedle Carroll in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. the wife and Family of Pat Major Sherlock in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
4. the Wife and Family of Shaft in loving memory of him on his 67th Birthday;
5. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL will be celebrated this Tuesday, September 29th at 10:00 A.M. To prepare ourselves for the Feast, we began a Triduum Prayer on Saturday, September 26th.

FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS will be celebrated by the Youth Group this Thursday, October 1st at 10:00 A.M. To prepare ourselves for the Feast we shall begin a Triduum Prayer this Monday, September 28th.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit for a special intention; a member in thanks to the Sacred Heart, Precious Blood, and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and the Infant of Prague for the needy; a member for a donation in thanks to the Mercy of Jesus and the Queen of Mercy; and also to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

DIALOGUE WITH GOD

I asked God, "How much time do I have before I die."
He replied, "Enough to make a difference."

ONE SECOND SERMONS

- Life is a measure to be filled, not a cup to be drained.
- When you're green with envy, you're ripe for trouble.
- The tongue weighs almost nothing, but few can hold it.
- We stand tallest when we stoop to help others.
- The best way to have the last word is to apologize.
- Setbacks pave the way for comebacks.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The customer called the waiter over and said, while pointing to his steak, "Didn't I tell you, 'Well done'?"

The waiter replied, "Thank you, Sir; I seldom get a compliment."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Day for Migrants and Refugees; Priesthood Sunday
Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday: St. Jerome
Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Shaft on his 67th Birthday.
Tuesday: In thanks to Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist, Holy Family and all Saints.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of John Riley.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul Big Apple on his 84th Birthday.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Little Ollie Harrison on his 47th Birthday.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Gardens are works in progress
changing day by day.
Something new is always blooming;
Something old fades away.
The seasons, too, keep changing
For time cannot stand still,
And slowly months turn into years
According to God's Will.
And so it is with life and death;
We age a bit each day.
We live and learn from past mistakes
Before our hair turns gray.
God has a plan for everyone
Oh how we should behave.
We are all works in progress
From the cradle to the grave.

READERS

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

Sat. Oct. 3rd, 4:00 P.M. Sun. Oct. 4th, 10:00 A.M.
Leah & Dayna Jersey & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Fallon
Wednesday	-	Mary Ashley
Thursday	-	Cathy Lisa
Friday	-	Dayna

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	-	Kim Gallon
Wednesday	-	Rosie Cat
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	September 26 th
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon
Sunday 10:00 A.M.	
September 27 th	October 4 th
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

MEASURE OF CHARACTER

The measure of a man's character is not what he gets from his ancestors, but what he leaves his descendants.

SIGNS

- "PAIN" is a sign that... "YOU'RE ALIVE"
- "PROBLEM" is a sign that... "YOU'RE STRONG"
- "PRAYER" is a sign that... "YOU'RE NOT ALONE"

WISDOM

Wisdom is not given as a gift.
We must discover it for ourselves.
after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us.

GOOD MORNING

Saying good morning is not what makes the morning beautiful. It's the fact that you are sharing each new day with the ones you love and that's all the goodness anyone would ever need.

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Loving God, I prayerfully entrust our children and teenagers to Your care. Bless them with Your love and goodness. Grant them continued growth in wisdom, knowledge and virtue. Protect them day and night, at home, in school, at play. Inspire them each day to do their best. Strengthen them during times of discouragement and disappointment. Make them ever mindful of the needs of others, kind and caring toward the elderly and all those less fortunate. May our children walk in the paths of holiness, as Your instruments of joy, love and peace in our family and in our world. Amen.