

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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

*— 1 Timothy 6:14*

### HOW GOD INTENDS US TO LIVE

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Woe to the complacent, stretched comfortably on their couches! (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

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

**Second Reading** — Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

**Gospel** — There was a rich man who dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$2,848.00	\$1,837.00
Number of Families contributing	96	65
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (38 Weeks)	\$121,843.00	\$119,008.00
Received to Date	\$99,858.00	\$78,771.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$21,985.00	\$40,237.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$156.00	\$6,982.00

Fifteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$130.00	\$49,611.00

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

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$199,700.00
Total Received	\$10,169.00

18 **CHILDREN** contributed \$63.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$7.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 275 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 110.

### SMILE

**In childhood, we smile for no reason.  
In adulthood, we smile to hide the reason.**

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*God tested Abraham saying..."Go to the land of Moriah...On a mountain I will show you, offer Isaac as a sacrifice to me." Abraham obeyed, taking Isaac with him.*

**Faith in God involves trust and risk on our part. First, it involves *trust*. For example, reason told Abraham that if he sacrifices Isaac, God's promise of numerous descendants through Isaac could not be fulfilled. Abraham's *faith*, however, enabled him to trust God rather than his own reason.**

**Second, faith involves *risk*. For example, when two people marry, neither is certain that the other will remain faithful in a major crisis. But faith in each other enables them to take this risk freely and gladly. Faith in God is something like that.**

*When I imagine myself to be Abraham, what are my thoughts as God tells me to sacrifice Isaac? What motivates me to obey?*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Big Apple in loving memory of him on his 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Shaft in loving memory of him on his 66<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
3. the Family of Pete Cannon Sherlock on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. the Family of Kate Francis Carroll in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**WELCOME HOME FR. CHERIAN** Even though he was away for only a short time he was greatly missed by all. Welcome Home!

**FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS** will be celebrated this Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 A.M. To prepare ourselves for the Feast we shall begin a Triduum Prayer this Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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 this Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned's Priscilla.

**ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF ANIMALS** will be held this Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Those who would like their animals blessed, please bring them to the Church yard at 4:00 P.M.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart and St Expedite; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Anthony.

### F-E-A-R

Fear has two meanings:

*Forget - Everything - And - RUN*

or

*Face - Everything - And - RISE*

The choice is yours.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

Two first-time hunters are out in the woods when suddenly one grabs his chest and falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing; his eyes are rolled back in his head. The second hunter whipped out his cellphone and calls 911. He gasps to the operator, "I think my buddy is dead! What should I do?"

The operator in a calm soothing voice says, "Just take it easy and follow my instructions. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence...and a shot is heard. Then a voice comes back on the line, "OK...now what?"

**HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF** The second collection next weekend will be for *Hurricane Dorian Relief*. Please be generous in this collection.

### FUNNY QUOTES ABOUT MARRIAGE

- *By all means get married. If you get a good wife, you will be happy. If you get a bad wife, you'll be a philosopher.*
- *When you see a married couple walking down the street, the one walking a few steps forward is the one who is angry.*

**ADDICTION PROBLEMS** Do you have addiction problems? Please call Richard Harmon 803-270-8376.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Jerome  
 Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus  
 Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels  
 Friday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday  
 Saturday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos;  
 Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** For the repose of the souls of Big "A" and Jim Bush Sr. on the Anniversaries of their death.  
**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Big Apple on his 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.  
**Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Little Ollie Harrison on his 47<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
**Thursday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.  
**Friday:** In honor of St. Rita.

### FAITH TO MOVE THAT MOUNTAIN

**When the hills are difficult to climb  
 And the valleys seem cave deep,  
 Let us soar on the mighty wings of faith,  
 O'er the hills and valleys leap.**

**Faith is the evidence; though, we don't see,  
 A gentle breeze on a windy day;  
 Gales of laughter permeating the air,  
 A strew of merry hearts along life's way.**

**So hold onto faith and only believe,  
 For an acorn grows a towering tree.  
 God has the answer, the reprieve –  
 A way to set a captive, troubled soul free.**

### READERS

**Sat. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Joy & Leah  
**Sun. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

**Sat. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Karen & Cathy Lisa  
**Sun. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Kara  
**Tuesday** - Leah  
**Wednesday** - Cathy Lisa  
**Thursday** - Celia  
**Friday** - Natalie

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 Front Bridget Ann  
 Left Cup Winnie Ann

### Sunday 10:00 A.M.

**Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora  
 Rose Marie Rose Marie

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

**Monday** Cathy Pole  
**Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora  
**Wednesday** Margaret Butts  
**Thursday** Betty Jo  
**Friday** Mary Cat

### BIBLE JOKES AND RIDDLES

1. Where was Solomon's temple located?  
***On the side of his head.***
2. Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?  
***When Joseph served Pharaoh's court.***
3. How does Moses make his coffee?  
***Hebrews it.***

### STRENGTH

***Strength does not come from winning.  
 Your struggles develop your strengths.  
 When you go through hardships and decide not  
 to surrender, that is STRENGTH.***

### LOVE OF GOD

The Love of God is like the OCEAN. You can see its beginning, but you cannot imagine its width and depth. God loves you immensely in a way you can never ignore.

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

### IN TIMES OF GRIEF AND LONLINESS

*O Lord, Only You fully know the depth of my sadness at the loss of my dear ones. Only You can see the tears I struggle to conceal with a strong demeanor. In my grief I seek You, Lord, hoping for gentle consolation. Grant me the solace and inner joy of knowing my beloved are at peace in Your merciful embrace. Remind me that I am never truly alone, for I am united with all the faithful, living and deceased, one body in Christ, ever blessed with the promise of eternal life. Amen.*