

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

*Fill us at daybreak with your kindness that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.*

— *Psalm 90:14*

### INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions. © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**Psalm** — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$1,295.55	\$809.55
Number of Families contributing	49	34
Total Pledge for 2016	\$171,467.00	\$185,504.00
Pledged to Date (34 Weeks)	\$115,415.00	\$125,180.00
Received to Date	\$111,347.63	\$78,404.63
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,067.37	\$46,775.37

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$38.00	\$5,432.00

Seven ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$8,713.52
Amount Outstanding	\$14,616.48

One person made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
0.00	\$8,648.00

No one made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

4 **CHILDREN** contributed \$11.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$27.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 50 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 85.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day a man asked a monk to give him spiritual direction. To impress the monk, the man gave a lengthy recital of all his accomplishments — his university degrees, his great importance in the business world, his many volunteer activities.

As the man talked, the monk began to fill a teacup with water. The water reached the rim of the cup, and the monk kept pouring, until the water spilled onto the table. The man said, "Stop, the cup will hold no more water!" The monk answered, "Neither can I teach you anything. You are too full of yourself now. Come back when you have some room for God."

### *NO ROOM FOR GOD*

Isn't that also our problem? No room for God. Not that we do not want to listen to God. We would not be at Mass right now if we did not want to listen to God. But, from every side, we are bombarded. Our attention drawn this way and that way.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Jack Costello in loving memory of him on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. 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.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed this Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

### PRAYERS

Do not expect a thousand dollar answer to a ten-cent prayer. He who does not know how to pray when the sun shines will not know how to pray when the clouds come.

Satan hinders prayers, but prayer also hinders Satan.

"Knee-ology" will do more for the world than theology.

The prayer of modern youth seems to be: "Lord, lead us not into temptation. Just tell us where it is and we will find it."

### ONE DAY AT A TIME

**One day at a time — this is enough.**

**Do not look back and grieve over the past, for it is gone;  
And do not be troubled about the future, for it has not yet come.**

**Live in the present,  
and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering.**

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

Thinking no one is home, a robber breaks into a house, only to find the frightened owners in bed watching TV. "What's your name?" he says menacingly to the wife at gunpoint. "E-E-Elizabeth," she says. "This is your lucky day," he says. "I can't shoot anyone named Elizabeth because that was my dear mother's name." "My name's Harry," said the man. "But everyone calls me Elizabeth."

**WHY DO CATHOLICS HAVE IMAGES AND STATUES IN CHURCH?**

As a crucifix reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice and triumphant resurrection, statues of Mary and the saints recall their heroism and remind us of what we can become. These images serve as teaching tools and spiritual aids for us. Having these reminders in church also gives us the opportunity to reflect on our own faith and love. They call us to better efforts at holiness, and help us to honor God who gives us the grace to keep trying for saintliness.

WORK ETHICS: Work for a Cause; Not for Applause.  
Live life to Express; Not to Impress.

**WHAT IS SUCCESS?**

When your SIGNATURE changes to AUTOGRAPH.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday:** Labor Day
- Thursday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday:** St. Peter Claver
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** In loving memory of Fast Eddie Carroll in the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Wednesday:** In loving memory of Tommy McGuire on the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and Jeannette Riley on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of her death.
- Thursday:** In thanks for Indy Sherlock on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday.
- Friday:** In thanks for Brett Pole McNally on his 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**NOTE IN A BOTTLE**

Like a note in a bottle,  
Afloat on a stormy sea,  
My sad heart was tempest-tossed  
From the grief concealed in me.

I felt no one understood,  
That nobody really cared;  
Then in utter hopelessness,  
My pain with Jesus I shared.

He released my heart's burden  
That was sealed inside of me,  
And the current of His love  
Has forever set me free.

*STEVEN MICHAEL SCHUMACHER*

**READERS**

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| <b>Sat. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b><br>Ann T. &<br>Bridget Ann   | <b>Sun. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b><br>Jimmy Joseph &<br>Rose Marie  |
| <b>Sat. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b><br>Christian &<br>Julie Ann | <b>Sun. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b><br>Jimmy Joseph &<br>Rose Marie |

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

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| <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**

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| <b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b><br>Front<br>Left Cup | <b>Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>Bridget Ann<br>Winnie Ann |
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**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

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| <b>Sept. 7<sup>th</sup></b><br>Pete Man's Nora<br>Rose Marie | <b>Sept. 11<sup>th</sup></b><br>Pete Man's Nora<br>Rose Marie |
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

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

**THE HAPPIEST**

- The first to say **SORRY**...  
Is the **BRAVEST**.  
The first to **FORGIVE**...  
Is the **STRONGEST**.  
The first to **FORGET**...  
Is the **HAPPIEST**.

**SIX ETHIICS OF LIFE**

- Before you pray ~ believe.
- Before you speak ~ listen.
- Before you spend ~ earn.
- Before you write ~ think.
- Before you quit ~ try.
- Before you die ~ live.

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

**PRAYER ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS**

O Little Theresa of the Child Jesus pick for me a rose from the heavenly garden and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus ask God to grant the favors I now place in confidence in your hands (state your favor). St. Theresa, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me so that I may imitate your little way each day. Amen.