

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

*“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”*

— Matthew 18:19

**A MESSAGE OF LOVE**

In the final verses of today’s Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week’s Collection</b>	\$2,201.00	\$1,575.00
Number of Families contributing	75	54
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (31 Weeks)	\$111,627.00	\$110,058.00
Received to Date	\$119,607.00	\$92,266.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$7,980.00)	\$17,792.00

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$604.00	\$14,018.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

**PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEK**

**LY REPORT**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
10.00	\$11,240.00

Two 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 \$30.00.

14 **CHILDREN** contributed \$120.00.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Long ago in a small, far away village, there was a place known as the house of 1,000 Mirrors. A small, happy little dog learned of this place and decided to visit. When he arrived, he bounced happily up the stairs to the doorway of the house. He looked through the doorway with his ears lifted high and his tail wagging as fast as it could. To his great surprise, he found himself staring at 1,000 happy little dogs with their tails wagging just as fast as his. He smiled a great smile and was answered with 1,000 great smiles just as warm and friendly. As he left the house, he thought to himself, “This is a wonderful place. I will come back and visit it often.”

In this small village, another little dog, who was not quite as happy as the first one, decided to visit the house. He slowly climbed the stairs and hung his head low as he looked into the door. When he saw the 1,000 unfriendly looking dogs staring back at him, he growled at them and was horrified to see 1,000 little dogs growling back at him as he left, he thought to himself, “That is a horrible place, and I will never go back there again.”

***All the faces in the world are mirrors. What kind of reflections do you see in the faces of the people you meet.***

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. A very special friend and Family in loving memory of Tommy McGuire on the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. A Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed this Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** This year, due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was not possible to take up the Good ***Friday Collection*** dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Land of Jesus. Therefore the collection will be held next weekend September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous in this very important collection.

**THANK YOU** to two members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**PRAYER IS THE FOUNDATION**

*“If your life is without prayer, it is like a house without a foundation.”*

**GIVING**

**When God blesses you financially, don’t raise your standard of living.**

**Raise your standard of GIVING.**

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A pious man who had reached the age of one hundred five suddenly stopped going to church. Alarmed by this his pastor went to see him. The pastor asked, "How come, after all of these years, we don't see you at services anymore?"

The old man looked around and lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, Father," he whispered. "When I got to be ninety, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be ninety-five, then one hundred, and then one hundred five. So I figured God is very busy and must've forgot about me, and so I don't want to remind Him now."

**ADVATAGES OF AGING**

- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday:** Labor Day
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Peter Claver
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Black's Jimmy Riley on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Tommy McGuire on the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death and Jeanette on the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of John Riley on his Birth Day.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Betty Costello on the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** For Mega Sherlock and Ansley Sherlock on their Birthdays.

**LESSON**

*When the wind howls and snow flies  
And the temperature takes a dive,  
I'm thankful for the home I'm in  
And very grateful to be alive.*

*Next door's neighbor may need help  
Before this storm is through.  
I wish we could just fall asleep  
And wake when skies turn blue.*

*But God knows our every need  
And sees our unwanted tears.  
He'll give to us that inner peace  
That takes away all fears.*

**READERS**

- Sat. Aug. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Cathy Lisa & Reed
- Sun. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Mary Michell & Jimmy
- Sat. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Dayna & Leah
- Sun. Sept.13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Mary Michelle & Jimmy

**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.** Front: Mary Margaret  
Right: Cathy Pole  
Left: Kim Gallon
- Sunday 10:00 A.M.**
- August 30<sup>th</sup>** Rose Marie  
Mary Cat
- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>** Rose Marie  
Mary Cat

**INTERESTING DEFINITIONS**

1. **Peace:** the luxury you enjoy between the children's bedtime and your own.
2. **Perfect husband:** one who is convinced he has the perfect wife.
3. **Praise:** something as person tells you about yourself that you've suspected all along.
4. **Prisoner:** one who doesn't mind being interrupted in the middle of a sentence.

**GIFT OF FORGETTING**

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.

**ONE SECOND SERMONS**

- If you can't see the bright side, polish the dull side.
- Kind words make good echoes.
- Life is short pray hard.
- The best things in life are not things.
- No God – No Peace. Know God – Know Peace

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

**FEELING ALONE**

*Dear Jesus, like the apostles who were in a boat on that stormy Sea of Galilee, we are feeling alone, uncertain, tired and afraid. Do not let waves of dread swamp us. Do not let the howling wind of bad news drown out your voice. Give us ears and hearts attentive to Your voice when You say to us, "Do not fear, it is I.". Amen*