

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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

— Psalm 90:14

### POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (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 as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,640.00	\$2,930.00
Number of Families contributing	79	59
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (36 Weeks)	\$112,327.00	\$109,708.00
Received to Date	\$92,283.00	\$73,988.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$20,044.300	\$35,720.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$144.00	\$6,623.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$735.00	\$47,175.00

Six 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

14 **CHILDREN** contributed \$58.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$17.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 90 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 105.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**I watched a local football match in a school playing ground. As I sat down, I asked one of the boys what the score was. With a proud smile, he replied, "They are leading us 3-0!" "Really! I have to say you don't look discouraged." "Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look. "Why should I be discouraged when the referee has not blown the final whistle?"**

**Truly, I didn't have an answer to this question! As I got back home that night, his question became a course in my stay in life indeed. Life is like a game. Why should you be discouraged when your referee...the Almighty has not blown the final whistle on your life? The truth is that as long as there is life, nothing is impossible, it is never too late for you. Half-time is not full time...HIS calendar is not man's. Don't blow the whistle yourself. Create an awesome life.**

**"Change is rough and you can always come up with 100 reasons not to do something or quit in the process. But reaching a goal that you bravely fought for and won is invigorating and worthy reason for doing it."**

—Barbara Corcoran

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Jack and Betty Costello in loving memory of them on the Anniversaries of their deaths;
2. a Very Special Friend and Family of Tommy McGuire in loving memory of him on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Eric Riley in loving memory of him on his 41<sup>st</sup> Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CLARKE

*Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> is Fr. Clarke's 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday.*

*St. Edward Parish Family would like to wish*

*Fr. Clarke a very, very, very*

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

**THE VALUE OF EDUCATION** What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** will begin this Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be as follows:

Mon. — 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. — 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Wed. — 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs. — 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

*It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child attends Religious Education classes.*

### WORDS OF WISDOM

Be like a duck; calm on the surface.

But always paddling like the dickens underneath!

### TREASURED FRIENDS

*Often during a busy day,  
Pause for a minute and silently pray,  
Mention the names of those you love.  
and treasured friends you're fondest of.*

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy; a member for a donation in honor of St. Michael and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** **Two attorneys took a long safari vacation in the African Bush. One day, needing a rest, they removed their packs and leaned their rifles against a tree.**

**They were startled when a large, hungry-looking lion emerged from the jungle and began eyeing them with anticipation. It was clear that the attorneys' rifles were too far away to do them any good.**

**Moving slowly, one attorney began to remove his shoes. "Why are you doing that?" asked the other. "Because I can run faster without them," replied the first. "I don't care how fast you can run, you'll never outrun a lion!" the second said. The now bare-footed attorney explained, "I don't have to outrun the lion, I just have to outrun you!"**

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

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Grandparents Day  
**Monday:** St. Peter Claver  
**Wednesday:** Patriot Day  
**Thursday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary  
**Friday:** St. John Chrysostom  
**Saturday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Eric Riley on his 41<sup>st</sup> Birthday.  
**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Betty Costello on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of her death.  
**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.  
**Thursday:** In thanks for Mega Sherlock on her 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday and for Ansley on her Birthday.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Brian Benedict Carroll on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.

### THE HAPPIEST

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

### READERS

**Sat. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M**  
Karen & Cathy Lisa  
**Sun. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria  
**Sat. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Rita Riley & Grace  
**Sun. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
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### READERS – WEEKDAYS

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

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**  
Front  
Left Cup  
**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Bridget Ann  
Winnie Ann

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**  
**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Pete Man's Nora  
Rose Marie  
**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Pete Man's Nora  
Rose Marie

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

### YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN

- You wonder why everyone is starting to mumble.
- You finally find something you've been looking for, for ages, but can't remember why you wanted it.
- You can't finish a conversation because you don't remember what you were talking about.
- Everyone is happy to give you a ride because they don't want you behind the wheel.
- You can remember seeing double-feature movies for a nickel, some with sound.

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

#### A VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*I enter softly this hallowed place and kneel for a moment before Your Face. I know, though my eyes are too dim to see, with pitying love, You are looking at me, so I lay my burden down at Your feet, my sin and woe, and a feeling sweet of peace steals into my restless heart, for I feel I have chosen the "Better Part." I tell you my troubles one by one, I speak of the good I have left undone, of hopes and fears, of each anxious care, for I know You are waiting and listening here. Amen.*