

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2024

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER TO LOVE MY ENEMIES

*Lord God, Prince of Peace,
You have asked us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. To teach us how, You sent us Your son Jesus Christ who, even in the agony of crucifixion, cried, "Father forgive them." Help me pray for those who have harmed or tried to harm me. Give me the grace to truly forgive my enemies and bless those who persecute me. In so doing, I may reflect the loving grace You have shown to me. I ask this in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Popeye Birthday †

Babe †

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

JOKE OF THE WEEK One day a man spotted a lamp by the roadside. He picked it up, rubbed it vigorously and a genie appeared.

"I'll grant you your fondest wish," the genie said.

The man thought for a moment, then said, "I want a spectacular job—a job no man has ever succeeded at or has ever attempted to do?"

"Poof!" said the genie. "You're a housewife."

LESSON

***Truly, love will go with you,
Throughout the seasons of life,
Down every road and pathway,
Sunny days and stormy nights.
The journey of a lifetime
Begins with a single step.
Love is with you from the start,
And it shall never forget.
Nor leave you, nor forsake you
Because God is love, you know.
And love is the only thing
You can take with you when you go.***

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$2,721.00	\$2,003.00
Number of Families contributing	78	56
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (1 Weeks)	\$4,313.00	\$4,257.00
Received to Date	\$2,389.00	\$2,003.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$1,924.00	\$2,254.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$208.00	\$208.00

Nineteen ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$80.00	\$80.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$155.00	

POOR BOX totaled \$325.00.

7 **CHILDREN** contributed \$31.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family Member in honor of the Holy Spirit and the Sacred Heart;
2. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

PRIEST CONVOCATION Fr. Raj will be attending the Annual Priest Convocation in Myrtle Beach this Monday, January 15th thru Thursday, January 18th. Mass will not be celebrated Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday while he is away. Eucharistic Adoration times will remain the same.

ABILITY, MOTIVATION & ATTITUDE

ABILITY is what you are capable of doing.

MOTIVATION determines what you do.

ATTITUDE determines how well you do it.

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL CHOICE GRANT

- up to 6,000 of state funds through Educational Savings Accounts (ESA) will be available to eligible students for the 2024-2025 school year
- Application window is January 15 – March 15
- Notification of award no later than April 30
- 1st Steps 4K students automatically qualify with a completed application
- Medicare qualified students automatically qualify with a completed application

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM St. Edward Catholic Church Religious Education will present a sexual abuse prevention program to students January 22nd during Religious Education classes with a makeup date of January 29th.

As parents you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the program. Opt-out forms will be given to parents at Religious Education classes. If you want to opt your child out and haven't filled out a form, please contact Sandra.

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES are in the Atrium of the Church. If you don't find your envelopes, please contact the Church office immediately.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart and Blessed Mother and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN

Don't educate your children to be RICH.

Educate them to be HAPPY.

So when they grow up they will know the VALUE of things not the PRICE.

READERS

Sat. Jan. 13th, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Jan. 14th, 10:00 A.M.**
Julie Ann & Natalie Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Jan. 20th, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Jan. 21st, 10:00 A.M.**
Cathy Lisa & Reed Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Dayna
Tuesday - Paris
Wednesday - Gracelynn
Thursday - Josie
Friday - Lauren Ashley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun
Tuesday - Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Cathy Carroll
Friday - Rosie Cat

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **January 13th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

January 14th **January 21st**
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