

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— *Isaiah 55:7b*

REFLECTION

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career. When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "My gift to you!" The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. — So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently.

But we cannot go back. Build wisely!

(Fr. Lobo)

THANK YOU to a member for donation in honor of St. Christopher for a special intention; and also to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

MY DAILY OFFERING

Most loving Father, I thank You for the gift of this new day. Please help me to use it for Your honor and glory. By Your mercy may all my thoughts, words, and actions be pleasing today in Your sight.

In Your unfailing kindness, Lord almighty, forgive my past failings, preserve me this day without sin, and protect all Your people from every evil.

May the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Savior, keep us under her special protection.

These great blessings we ask in confidence through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (*Ezekiel 18:25-28*).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (*Psalm 25*).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (*Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]*).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (*Matthew 21:28-32*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday: St. Faustina Kowalska; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Friday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher; First Friday

Saturday: Our lady of the Rosary; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Little Ollie Harrison Birthday†

Tuesday: Big Apple 87th Birthday †

Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.
Jimmy Gorman

Thursday: Pete Suedle Carroll
Mary Louise †

Friday: John Gage 10th Birthday
Huey David Birthday
Betty McGuire 28th Anniversary †

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A cavalry man was galloping down the road, rushing to catch up with his regiment. Suddenly his horse stumbled and pitched him to the ground. In the dirt with a broken leg, terrified of the approaching enemy, the soldier called out:

"All you saints in heaven, help me get up on my horse!"

Then, with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horse's back and fell of the other side. Once again on the ground, he called to the heavens:

"All right, just half of you this time!"

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,984.00	\$1,666.00
Number of Families contributing	107	75
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (36 Weeks)	\$119,959.00	\$121,671.00
Received to Date	\$101,464.00	\$79,983.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$18,495.00	\$41,688.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$280.00	\$7,605.00

Twenty-nine people contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$130.00	\$49,905.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$6,125.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$80.00.

16 **CHILDREN** contributed \$53.00.

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.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Big Apple in loving memory of him on his 87th Birthday;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Pete Patrick Carroll and Monroe Carroll.

KEYBOARD & MUSIC CLASSES will be held on Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. in the Church. All those who are interested in practicing please come on Tuesday.

SINGING PRACTICE for the children will be held on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE will be held on Tuesday after 7:00 P.M. Mass for children in 3rd grade and up.

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF ANIMALS will be held this Wednesday, October 4th. Those who would like their animals blessed, please bring them to the Church yard at 5:00 P.M.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will be held from 4:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M. in the New Hall on Mondays and Tuesdays only. Teachers and Teacher Aides are obligated to be at Religious Education for the day you volunteered for.

Religious Education Classes are as follows:

Monday — 5th thru 8th Grades

Tuesday — 1st thru 4th Grades

READERS

Sat. Sep. 30th, 4:00 P.M.
Montela & Macy

Sun. Oct. 1st, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Oct. 7th, 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Oct. 8th, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Sept. 30th, 4:00 P.M.
Dayne Thomas

Sun. Oct. 1st, 10:00 A.M.
Easton & Jim Richmon

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Josie
Tuesday	- Julie Ann
Wednesday	- Gracelynn
Thursday	- Sherlock's Mary Theresa
Friday	- Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Theresa Hun
Tuesday	- Winnie Ann
Wednesday	- Julie Ann
Thursday	- Cathy Carroll
Friday	- Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>September 30th</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

<u>October 1st</u>	<u>October 8th</u>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie