

Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord



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*“Take courage,
it is I;
do not be
afraid.”*

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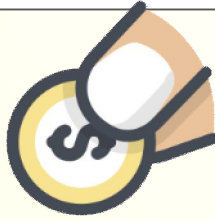
ST. LAMBERT PARISH
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
 Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Sunday Offertory Collection**July 31– August 6, 2020**

Envelopes: \$5,075.00
 Loose: 135.00
 GiveCentral: 1,436.00
 Total: \$6,646.00



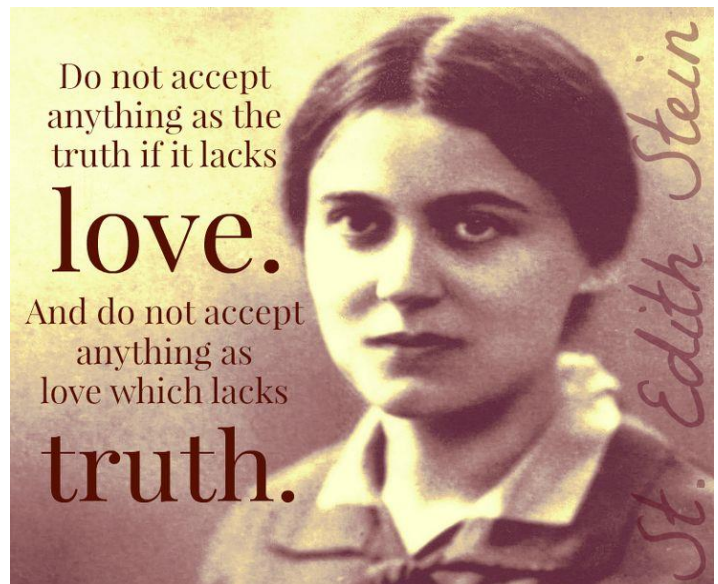
Extraordinary General Donations: \$263.00

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1. Online, using our GiveCentral home page at: **givecentral.org/location/204**
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If you have any questions, please email or call Debbie.



**SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
 (EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942)
 August 9**

“Come, +Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa’s hand, let us go for our people!+These were Edith Stein’s last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops’ condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith’s search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, “That is the Truth!+Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus’ initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus’ Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

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THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, “Truly, you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Friends,

We are in the midst of the "Renew My Church" process. It continues apace despite the pandemic. We are in quite a pickle as an organization. It has been a sort of "perfect storm", hit from three sides. So many have been discouraged by the recent scandals, that we will have to close and combine parishes, and finally by the pandemic. I suspect that when we are able to have "normal" church services again it will be sometime next year. I find myself wondering what will be left when it's all over. My suspicion is that about half of those who regularly attended church will resume the practice. I hope I am wrong, but I suspect there will be two kinds of Catholics in America when this is over, those who found they could not live without the Holy Eucharist, and those who did just fine without it.



They say that there is always a silver lining in the darkest cloud. The parish and the diocese are meant to be a family not an organization. When something grows too large it becomes an organization. It loses the intimacy of family. I'm sure many of you had a favorite restaurant that was ruined by popularity. It expanded and the food became average and the service poor. The expanded restaurant closed, consumed by its own success. Right now with all the masks, the hand sanitizer, the registering etc., I look at my much reduced congregation, about half of what it was, and I see people I really know. There are some who I really know who can't participate because of age or medical condition, but in general the masked faces are ones who were always there in the good times and are there now in the hard times. I call them uber-Catholics. One is tempted to say, "Good riddance to the deadwood!" That simply is not true. In the Kingdom of Heaven there is no deadwood. Everyone who is losing their desire to participate in the faith is dear to God. Still, the church may be in the process of returning to what it was meant to, the family of God, the Bride of Christ.

As the Catholic community visibly shrinks, at least in Europe and the Americas, I hear the phrase "maximizing assets." That's something we have to do. The great question is, "What are the assets of the Church?" Before we maximize them we have to be very clear about what they are. The world is very clear about its assets. Assets are things helpful to making saleable products. These in turn make money. Understand that I am all for the making of money. It is very useful stuff. Still, what product does a diocese or a parish produce? Unlike the products of the world, our product is rather intangible. And though we need money it cannot come from the sale of our product. It only comes from the generosity of those whom the Church benefits. We can't sell religious services; that would be the grievous sin of simony. Our products are the worship of God, conversion of heart, the salvation of souls and ultimately the hope of eternal happiness with God in Paradise. These have no price, but they have infinite value.

A few years back, a book was produced about the treasures of the Archdiocese. Questionnaires were sent out asking each parish what beautiful treasures they might have like a beautiful antique vestment or chalice or stained glass windows etc. I was serving at a very poor parish. We had one beat up old chalice and a wooden gold leafed plaque that lost some of its gilding. When I was asked what treasure the parish had, all I could say was, "The soup kitchen!" I meant it. The soup kitchen, the food pantry and the clothing room kept the parish open. Our bills came to around a million dollars a year. Our collections came to about \$75 thousand a year. We actually paid our dues to the archdiocese. We were not on any diocesan grants except the Big Shoulders program for the school. All the rest came from the generosity of people who knew about what we did in both school and parish. We finished every year in the black as long as we

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were open. The soup kitchen, school and the other services to the poor were among the most important assets of the diocese. Young people from the wealthiest areas of Chicago volunteered in the kitchen and other ministries and so many experienced conversions. They saw Church and the Gospel in a different light. We provided Confirmation programs from all over the area with a readymade service project. That soup kitchen was one of the most valuable and actually lucrative treasures of the archdiocese. It inspired generosity you couldn't believe. My point is this: The assets of the kingdom of God probably appear as invisible to the businessmen of the world as was the meaning of Christmas to Ebenezer Scrooge. As Jacob Marley's ghost told Scrooge,

“Business!” cried the Ghost, wringing its hands again. “Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!”

Just so, souls are the business of the Parish and the Diocese. So then, what are our assets?

To be continued.....



Semi-Retired? Retired? Open the Doors of Your Heart!

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Jesus walked on the sea

Matthew 14:24-33, Mark 6:48-52, John 6:16-21.

When disciples were on the boat, strong wind and high waves were giving them trouble, then Jesus appeared walking on the sea. They were scared thinking it was a ghost, but Jesus told them it was him. With Jesus' command, Peter tried to walk on the sea like Jesus did, but he failed for lack of faith.



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Jesus Walked on Water Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

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