

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 September 2016

Dear Parishioners,

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down
and calculate the cost? (Luke 14:28)

Few of us have needed to build a tower, much less review
troops before battle. But we all have plans that require us to
assess our resources. *Do I have what it takes to get that
degree? . . . to care for a foster child or elderly relative? . . .
to lead that Bible study in my parish?*

The woman being canonized today certainly had what it takes.
As she made her life “something beautiful for God,” St. Teresa
of Calcutta showed the determination that is the hallmark of
every disciple. “The first step to becoming holy,” she once
said, “is to will it.”

This can sound intimidating, especially if you don’t see
yourself as a particularly determined person. But Jesus wants
to share the secret that Mother Teresa and every other saint
discovered: sheer willpower isn’t the whole story. The truly
critical factor is God’s desire.

If you want your life to be something beautiful for God, know
that he wants the same thing. Know also that he has all the
grace you need to accomplish it. He has filled you with his
Spirit; he gives you his Body and Blood at Mass; he walks
beside you every day, helping you when you stumble and
cheering you on when you succeed. He is 100 percent behind
your desire to build a “tower” that glorifies him.

So whenever you sit down to calculate the cost of following
Jesus—especially when that cost seems too high—take
comfort from these words from St. Teresa of Calcutta:

You belong to him. *Nothing can separate you from him.* That
one sentence is important to remember. He will be your joy,
your strength. If you hold onto that sentence, temptations and
difficulties will come, but nothing will break you. . . . My
prayer for you is that you . . . answer Jesus’ call to you with
the simple word, “Yes.”

“Jesus, I say yes! I will follow you no matter the cost.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Pray for our sick...

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian
Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball,
Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister
Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei
Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler,
Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary
Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie
Chapron, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark,
Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita
Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis,
Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey,
Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye,
Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy
Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-
Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez,
Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline
Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson,
Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan,
Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde,
Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie
Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister
Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters,
Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea
Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch,
Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley
Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah
Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks,
Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila
Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma
Thornton, Iris Turner, and Peggy Wright.

Did You Know?

Predators play games too

Pokémon Go and other popular cell
phone games attract kids and adults of
all ages, but not everyone who plays is
doing it for fun. Some predators use
online games as a way to connect with
potential victims and find out where
they’re playing. It is important to
teach kids not to share locations online
with anyone they don’t know in real
life (anyone who is not a trusted
friend, sibling, relative, etc.), and take
steps to disable location-sharing
features on cell phones and devices if
possible. For more information, visit:
<https://www.faithandsafety.org/strangers-and-predators1>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:15 PM	September 3 Soul of Roxelina Richards
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	September 4 Intention of all Parishioners Intention of Stephanie Moore Souls of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Coignet, Sr. and the Soul of Thomas Stanley, Jr.
Monday 8:00 AM	September 5 Soul of Grace NU Onwukeme
Saturday 5:15 PM	September 10 Intention of Jacqueline Holman
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	September 11 Soul of Barbara Boguille Intention of all Parishioners Soul of Henry Marine, Sr.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Wis 9:13-18b, Ps 90:3-17, Lk 14:25-33
Monday	1Cor 5:1-8, Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	1Cor 6:1-11, Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	1Cor 7:25-31, Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Mi 5:1-4, Mt 1:1-23
Friday	1Cor 9:16-27, Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1Cor 10:14-22, Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Ex 32:7-14, Ps 51:3-19, Lk 15:1-32

WEEKLY OFFERING

August 28, 2016

\$4,591.00 Tithe and Offering
65.00 Building Fund
31.00 We Care"



The school offering for the month of July was \$1,452.19.
Thank you for your support.

**The SCHOOL and CHURCH
offices will be closed
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016
in observance of
LABOR DAY.**

**TRANSFIGURATION LINE DANCING
Join us Every Wednesday Evening at 6PM
in the Parish Hall.**



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 18, 2016

**10AM SCHOOL FAMILY MASS
AND FUNDRAISER
IN HALL AFTER ALL MASSES.**

All are invited!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Registration for Sunday Religious Education for students from Kindergarten to High School will take place on Sunday September 4 from 10AM to 12Noon. The program will begin on Sunday, September 25th. It is religious instruction for all Public School Students. It also includes the First Communion and Confirmation program.

Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 4:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.

Colorado Belle Hotel & Casino

October 24, 25, 26, 2016 (Monday – Wednesday)
Enjoy 3 day 2 night accommodations; deluxe motorcoach transportation; baggage service; and breakfast buffet in Laughlin, Nevada. For more information, call 213.369.4889 to reserve a space.

*God of the lowly and meek, teach
us to love tenderly, act justly and
walk humbly with you.*