

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We're about to hear a four-minute recording of Bishop Johnston introducing this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. We're not sure why, but the speakers on the chapel side of the altar are not carrying the audio. You may resear yourselves or go to our website later today and have a listen.

The cathedral is conducting our parish appeal at the same time as the diocesan one. Please make two pledges. If you did not receive cards in the mail this week, you may use the ones in the pew or fill out the forms on our web site.

Your gifts to the parish provide music and ministers for worship, food and financial assistance to Morning Glory Ministries, preparation for marriage, reconciliation for sinners, comfort for the bereaved, and much more.

We're also asking for your time and talent. Let our stewardship council know how you'd like to get involved.

Regarding the diocesan appeal, each parish receives an annual goal. In the past we have exceeded our goal, but in 2021 we reached only 94%, and last year 83% of the goal.

Please support both appeals. Your pledge to the parish helps us make plans, and it inspires you to give regularly. Even a small gift to the diocesan appeal will make a difference, especially if you have never given before.

As we heard in today's first reading, Moses was able to pray most effectively when his friends and family hauled up a rock where he could sit, and sustained his arms in prayer. We can all help one another build up our communion with the Church.

Now, here's Bishop Johnston.