



May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

UPCOMING DATES

Tues May 14, Faith, Hops, Love 5:30 PM
 Wed May 15, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM
 May 18-19, Lake County Passion Play 4 PM
 Tues May 28, St. Colman Guild Meeting 4 PM
 Jun 1-2, St. Elizabeth Guild Rummage Sale
 Wed June 5, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Charlotte & Neil Berry, Jim Rossi, Raul & Iris Bisbal, Frank Falero, Guillermina Hernandez, Despo Pullaro, Gabe & Renee Snodgrass, Thomas Gregory, Paul Aguilera, Nini Johnston, Don Creech, Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, Claudette West, Alan Barich, Ed Copeland, Andrew Cebalo, Nina Cantacessi, Posie, William Donnellan, Ernest Souder, Robert Cebalo, Kathleen Sheridan, Sister Gabrielle, Virginia Loosli, David Cross, Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Steve Arcia, Jim & Mary Crowther, Lorelie Fulwider, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, JoAnn Coules, Dinah Smith, Lorna Marie Hastings, Laverne Jones, Joanne & Bill Rodgers, John Breig, Linda Schmidt, Michell Jackson, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Maggie Nelson, Stella Dunne, Nina Cantacessi, John Hoffman, Mary Tamargo, Don La Plante, Sarah & David, Ed Fulwider, Vicki Gonzalez, Jesus Chavez Torres

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Dana Couey-Harmon, Allo Castano, Cecilia Heinz, Lawrence Peterson, Evelyn Shuster, John Seymour, George Ayoob, Charlie Marbach, Joe Mercieca, Elaine Benson, Suzi Schaffert, Janet Guidotti, Doris Porras, Helen Leseberg, Bette Campbell, Margaret Maher, Carole Williams, Fr. Philip Ryan, Joseph Kobler, Janine Bekker Carrig, Matthew Gonzalez, Billy Ferree, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Mothers alive & deceased
 Sat 5 pm: Audrey Dodson⁺ req by MaryAnn
 Sun 9 am: Mothers alive & deceased
 Sun 11 am: Mothers alive & deceased

READINGS

Acts 13: 14. 43-52
 Ps 100: 1-2. 3. 5
 Rv 7: 9. 14b-17
 Jn 10: 27-30

PASTOR'S DESK

When asked to explain the differences between herding cattle and tending sheep, a Texas rancher explained: *You've got to herd Cows.* We know they act in predictable ways, shying away from someone waving a stick at them. They also know enough not to get too concerned when they see that stick. They just don't panic easily.

On the other hand, sheep are not smart enough to herd. Sheep, out of their ignorance, panic easily. To handle sheep, the shepherd must condition them to trust and to follow. You can't herd sheep like cows. You must lead them. For their safety and survival, sheep need to rely on their *relationship with the shepherd.*

It's easy to see why Jesus identifies Himself as the **Good Shepherd** – not the *Good Cowboy!*

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable in which He describes what happens when the shepherd enters the sheepfold. He calls out to his flock and the sheep hear his voice, and they follow him because they know his voice.

"I am the Good Shepherd," Jesus assures. He wants us to listen for His voice. He wants us to know His voice. He wants us to follow Him because we know His voice.

Listen carefully as Jesus tells you about a Gracious God who loves you beyond all measure. Listen carefully as

Jesus tells you how much that Gracious God wants you to succeed as a person. Listen carefully as Jesus tells you how to discover the true meaning and purpose for your life by following the creative Will of that Gracious God. Listen carefully as Jesus passes on that Gracious God's instruction on how to make your life worth living -- how to become the uniquely beautiful person He created you to be.

To listen to God's Word, really listen, we must turn toward Him in the spirit of complete openness, love, and trust. In the words of one spiritual writer, we must turn toward God "as a flower turns toward the sun to absorb its creative energy. Then we simply let His creative, loving Presence flood us and nourish us, as the sun nourishes a newly plowed field pregnant with waiting seeds." Only in this attitude of reverential listening "can we come face to face with our deepest and most authentic self -- the self at the root of all our words and actions."

When we turn our hearts toward God "as a flower turns toward the sun," we are spiritually nourished and energized as in no other way. We not only become listeners but, by the Grace of God, we also become doers of the word. If we are not doing, then we can be sure we are not listening.

Listen to Him! Make the necessary change in your life to allow the voice of forgiveness, compassion, and love, to penetrate your soul.

Listen to Him! Resist all temptation to return to the old sounds of vengeance and eye-for-eye, and hate.

Like a flower that turns toward the sun, turn your ears to the Lord and listen. There you will discover the One True of Source of Life, of Hope, and Fulfillment.

Happy Mother's Day!
 Peace and blessings, Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The movie "Unplanned" is showing in Santa Rosa, May 10-16: The story of former Planned Parenthood employee Abby Johnson, and her dramatic awakening to the sanctity of human life.

Place: Third Street Cinema, 630 Third St., Santa Rosa
 Time of daily showings: 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
 Tickets: Available at the Box Office or at www.santarosacinemas.com
 Cost: \$3.75 per person

At the May 14, 7 PM showing we will hear very briefly from some of the pro-life leaders in Sonoma County. Helpful literature will be available at the literature table. Also, complimentary tickets will be given to the first 100 people to arrive at the Box Office. If that interests you, be sure to come early! Please join us in prayer, that the Lord of life would be pleased to use this film to touch many hearts here in Sonoma County for the sanctity, protection, and care of all human life!

If you have any questions, please contact Lawrence Lehr or Dean Davis at Sonoma County Pro-Life: llehr@allstate.com, dean1@integrity.com
 Also: Judy Parcher or Mary Heeny of 40 Days for Life, at judy1parcher@sbcglobal.net, mheeney@sonic.net

"Faith, Hops, Love" May 14th at Lagunitas 5:30-8:30pm. A night of ministry, fellowship, and fundraising to gather hundreds of believers. All proceeds will benefit students and costs for Youth & Young Adult Ministry programs of the Diocese.

Get info & tickets at www.FaithHopsLove.org

The 39th Annual Lake County Outdoor Passion Play Saturday and Sunday May 18th and 19th, 2019! (3rd weekend in May) 4-6pm in Beautiful Lake County, admission is free!

Visit us at: www.LakeCountyPassionPlay.org

Call: 707-263-0349 or 833-263-5277

Like us! www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/

New cast members are always welcome!

St Elizabeth's Guild will be holding it's annual Rummage Sale on Sat and Sun June 1st & 2nd. We will be accepting donations on Wed Tue May 28 12:00-3:00, Wed May 29 10-300, Thur May 30 10-3 and Fri May 31 10:00-1:00. When doing your Spring cleaning remember us with your gently used items. Any questions please call Francine at 869-9341 and on June 1st and 2nd please stop in to shop for that much needed item! See you there!

PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: May 4 – May 5

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| St. Elizabeth 1 st collection | \$1,578.00 |
| St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection | \$1,381.00 |
| St. Catherine 1 st collection | \$86.00 |
| St. Catherine 2 nd collection | \$51.00 |
| St. Colman 1 st collection | \$26.00 |
| St. Colman 2 nd collection | \$135.00 |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> | \$3,257.00 |

Have you remembered the St. Elizabeth church in your will?

To be placed on our Sunday Bulletin email list, send your request to: ChurchElizabeth@comcast.net

The deadline for Bulletin submissions is Wednesday at 5pm. Submit them (proofread and spell-checked) via email or the following meetings at St. Hubert's Hall:

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting (1st Wednesday at 1 pm)
Finance Committee Meeting (3rd Wednesday at 4 pm)
St. Colman Guild Meeting (4th Tuesday at 12 pm)