



September 8, 2019 Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Sun Sept 15, 1pm: Parish Picnic Fundraiser
Wed Sept 18, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting
Tues Sept 24, 4pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting
Wed Oct 2, 1pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Ariana Mongate & Ramina Noorassa [health]
Sat 5 pm: All parishioners
Sun 9 am: Andrew Uliney+ req by Mary Helt
Sun 11 am: All parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Kim Warburton, Bill Harmon, Mike Hogan, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Dorothy Maceira, Jack Burger, Charlotte & Neil Berry, Jim Rossi, Raul & Iris Bisbal, Frank Falero, Guillermina Hernandez, Gabe & Renee Snodgrass, Thomas Gregory, Paul Aguilera, Nini Johnston, Don Creech, Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, 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: Despo Pullaro, Claudette West, Susan Manick Dodge, 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

READINGS

Wis 9: 13-18b
Ps 90: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14-17
Phlm 9-10. 12-17
Lk 14: 25-33

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown
"Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God." (Communion antiphon)
Processional Hymn: Lead Me, Lord BB # 630
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax.
Psalm 90: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.
Preparation of Gifts: My Soul is Thirsting
"My soul is thirsting for the living God, when shall I see Him face to face?"

Communion: In Every Age BB # 466
Recessional: Siyahamba (We Are Marching)
BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet
The convention we attended last weekend was inspiring and wonderful. You can look up the speakers and order talks on topics such as: healing, deliverance, sacraments, spiritual warfare, the Holy Spirit, angels, saints, etc. on their website: scrc.org Over 2000 recordings from over 255 speakers are available, all based on solid Catholic teaching. Check it out!

PARISH DONATIONS

Aug 31 - Sept 1	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,868.00	\$985.00
St. Catherine	\$359.00	\$259.00
St. Colman	\$414.00	\$250.23
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$4,135.23

*1st Collection: general expenses, maintenance & diocese.
2nd Collection: parish restoration & repair. Approximately once a month, this is a special diocese collection. On 5th Sunday, the 2nd collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your estate planning, consider participating in our [Paypal Giving Fund](#), [Go Fund Me](#), and [our eBay for Charity](#).*

PASTOR'S DESK

There is a beautiful, true story about a woman who was preparing to sell her house. She had her seventy-seven-year-old mother and some others come in to help get the place ready for showing to prospective buyers. The mother was one of those "take-charge" persons, and she started by organizing the work, giving orders, telling everyone what to do. In the afternoon she went out in the yard with her seventy-four-year-old sister to rake leaves. She began raking up a storm while the sister worked at a milder pace. Finally, the older woman shouted over her shoulder, "Annie, if there's anything I can't stand it's a lazy person." Annie leaned very gracefully on her rake and replied, "Edna, did you ever stop to think that if there's anything a lazy person can't stand, it's you?"

There are a lot of us like that. Ego-driven, we tear around like spoiled over-achievers, trying to get everybody to do things our way, trying to be in control and, in the process, making life miserable for those around us. We may accomplish some good things, but because we are so ego-driven most of the good ultimately drains away. Worst of all, many of us, like the Pharisees, turn our praying and our worship and our good works into this ego-structure. We continually try to justify ourselves before God and man.

The only power that is great enough to break through that ego-structure -- to bring us to our senses and free us from the bondage of our ego-centeredness -- is the power of God in Jesus Christ. We need to experience the power of God's Love to discover our true worth as human persons. Apart from God, we cannot be our true self. Apart from God, we cannot give our consent to the good life that makes everything worthwhile.

"God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us," Paul has written. This will become real to us only if we open our inner-space by renouncing the things in life that will not allow God's Love to break through. When we let go in this way, God is there.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no daily mass on Tuesday September 10th and Friday September 13th.

Pivotal Players, Wednesday afternoons at 5:00pm at St. Hubert's Hall: Bishop Robert Barron's production Vol. 1 of the most influential figures in Church history. St. Francis of Assisi; St. Thomas Aquinas; St. Catherine of Siena; Bl.

John Henry Newman; G.K. Chesterton; Michelangelo. Light Refreshments, RSVP: Irene Deem (707) 486-9683

St. Elizabeth's Guild is hosting this year's annual parish picnic fundraiser. We will gather at Odd Fellows Park Sunday September 15 at 1pm. Cost is \$10 adults and \$5 kids which will includes burgers, dogs, salads refreshments and dessert. Please join us for some Summer fun and help us continue fundraising for all our churches projects. Sign up will be after the masses or by calling Francine 869-9341 or Katrina 869-0622. Hope to see you there.

The Catholic Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Santa Rosa invites all Catholics to attend a Ultreya on Saturday, September 21, from 2 – 4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. Ultreya is an on-going, follow-up program for people who have made their Catholic Cursillo, linking them together in a Christian community that helps them support one another in living a Christ-centered life. For further information call Molly Touchette at 707-292-8389 or Olga Dorado at 707-755-0022.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

1. Is following Jesus a one-time choice or do you have to make it daily? Which would you rather have, all the possessions you could ever want, without Christ, or Christ with no possessions? Can you name some people who lived/live in Christ and have possessed nothing? What does this freedom allow them to do?

2. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Do crosses make discipleship desirable? Is there anything that makes us want discipleship, even though it involves crosses? How would Pope Francis answer?

The human heart desires joy. We all desire joy; every family, every people, aspires to happiness. But what is the joy the Christian is called to live out and bear witness to. It is the joy that comes from the closeness of God, from his presence in our life ...

Jesus has come to bring joy to all people for all time. It is not just a hopeful joy or a joy postponed until paradise, as if here on earth we are sad but in paradise we will be filled with joy. No! It is not that, but a joy already real and tangible now, because Jesus himself is our joy, and with Jesus joy finds its home, ... joy is at home in Jesus.

And our joy is just this: to be his disciples, his friends.

Pope Francis

The Joy of Discipleship, Chapter 5: pp. 78, 79, 89

Does your will include your gift to God?

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)