



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 2014

**TODAY:** The Canaanite woman was all alone: she was a Gentile in a Jewish world and a woman in a man's world. What makes her special is her determination: she turns to her advantage Jesus' statement about not giving food to the dogs. There can be no doubt that God's *care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live*, and that God's house should become a house of prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we should pray that *the walls, which prejudice raises between us, crumble.\**

### Upcoming Dates:

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Mission Sunday: Fr. Francis Gayam  
 Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Fr. Luis on Vacation  
**NO WEEKDAY MASS**  
 Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> St. Colman's Guild  
 Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection  
 Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Jazz & Blues Fest Parking Project  
 Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> Harvest For Humanity Benefit for  
 St. Vincent de Paul  
 Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Religious Education Conference-  
 Cardinal Newman HS  
 Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> St. Elizabeth Guild Rummage Sale-St.  
 Hubert's Hall  
 Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Catholic Men's Conference

### Please pray for our brothers and sisters

**Who Are Ill or in Pain:** Maureen Shaw, John Hoffman, Margie Heil, Helen-Lee Bryant, Mary Tamargo, Mary Coverdale, George Shorb, Art Mc Nulty, Lotte Cabral, Margaret Nelson, Don Covello, Louis Baros, Tom and Elaine Joyce, Gerald Dodson, Dale Guinn, Bill Rodgers, Gary Wood, Mary Helen Carpenter, Helen Murphy, Joanne Rodgers, John Beamon, Frank Lambert, Phil Mohardt, Jeanie Torr, Larry Gomme, Sara Bardoni, Cheryl Cabral, Jean Wright, Ila Donovan, Abbey Moreno, Alicia Bicoy, Maureen O'Rourke, Valerie Jones, Mel Jones, Andy Jones, Frank Danzart II, Robert Navarro, Mike Wilson, Erling Ribbing, Janice Miller, Shirley Segar, Sheryl Cabral.

<b>Offerings:</b>	St. Elizabeth:	\$1,893
	8/9 & 8/10 St. Catherine:	\$ 834
	St. Colman:	\$ 583
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,310</b>

Thank You for your generosity!

### **Readings for the week of August 17, 2014**

Sunday: Is 56:1,6-7/Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8/Rom 11:13-15,29-32/  
Mt 15:21-28  
 Monday: Ez 24:15-24/(Ps) Dt 32:18-21/Mt 19:16-22  
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/(Ps) Dt 32:26-28,30,35-36/Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15,18-19/Mt 22:1-14  
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40  
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12  
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 Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3,6-8/Rom 11:33-36/  
Mt 16:13-20

### **NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK and NEXT**

Fr. Luis will be vacationing during the week, so there will be no weekday mass from August 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. Weekday mass will resume on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Weekend masses will remain the same.

### **St Elizabeth Guild Parking Project:**

The RUSSIAN RIVER JAZZ & BLUES CONCERT provides a much needed annual income stream for St. Elizabeth's through parking fees. **We need volunteers to help on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 & 21.** For shift times and description of volunteer services needed please call Rose Chromy at 969-2679. Thank you!

### **Secretary of the Day:**

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to be a Secretary of the Day. We have an opening for the Friday shift and those who would like to be a back-up. Contact Gail at [gailculv@sonic.net](mailto:gailculv@sonic.net) or phone 869-9602.

### **Mass Intentions:**

<b>8/16</b>	<b>8/23</b>
<b>4pm AND 5pm</b> Luttie Penalosa +, requested by Susan Poirier	<b>4pm</b> Happy Birthday Linda Greco requested by Pete & Barbara Stephens
<b>8/17</b>	<b>5pm</b> Cathy Gilligan +, requested by Irene Deem
<b>9am</b> John Flaherty +, requested by Lucy Flaherty	<b>8/24</b>
<b>11am</b> Luttie Penalosa +, requested by Susan Poirier	<b>9am</b> Larry Poirier +, requested by Susan & Larry Poirier
<b>8/22</b>	
<b>9am</b> Luttie Penalosa +, requested by Francine Korn	<b>11am</b> Patricia La Plante +, requested by Irene Deem

Deadline for Bulletin news items is Wednesday 5pm. Send news items to [churchelizabeth@comcast.net](mailto:churchelizabeth@comcast.net).

You can also call the rectory at (707) 869-2107 and leave a message.

Parish Website: [www.rrchurches.com](http://www.rrchurches.com)

\*Input for **TODAY** comes from [http://liturgy.slu.edu/20OrdA081714/reflections\\_justice.html](http://liturgy.slu.edu/20OrdA081714/reflections_justice.html)

## Pastor's Desk

There was a young man named Bud who spent two years working in the oil fields of New Mexico in order to earn enough money for college. One winter day, when he was ninety-feet up on a derrick, Bud slipped on some ice that had formed on the platform. As he fell toward the ground, his safety rope took hold.

Can you picture what a harrowing scene it must have been with the young man dangling precariously in the air, helplessly waiting to be rescued? Recalling the incident some time later, Bud could not stop repeating how grateful he was to God for saving him. He said he learned from the experience that he could trust God to watch over him. A friend who was listening attentively to his story asked, "Did you ever fall again?" Bud quickly replied, "No. After that experience I always took a hatchet and some sand with me up to the platform. I would chop the ice away and then spread the sand to get better traction." Half-jokingly, the friend asked, "Well if you trust God so much, why do you take all of those precautions?" To which Bud replied earnestly, "***I trust God to look after me, but what I learned in that accident was that God is also trusting me to do my part.***"

***"Why did God choose to make such a world as this?" someone complained to a friend. "I could make a better world than this myself." The friend replied, "that is the very reason WHY God put you here. To make this a better world. Now go ahead and do your part."***

What does it mean to do our part?

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*My fellow parishioners I will be taking two weeks off for my summer vacation and this weekend is Mission Sunday, Fr. Francis will preside in the celebration of the Liturgy. May God continue the good work in our parish as well as in your own journey of faith, again each day reflect on the wonderful graces that God has given us.*

*Peace and Blessings!*

*Fr. Luis*

## Harvest for Humanity

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Buffet Dinner and Silent & Live Auction fundraiser on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, which just happens to coincide with the feast of St. Vincent de Paul himself! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvest for Humanity will be held at the Friedman Center in Santa Rosa from 6 to 10 PM. The tickets are \$100. Those from our parish who attended last year said it was an amazing evening of good food, fun, and most importantly great fund raising for the operation of the year round Free Dining Room in downtown Santa Rosa. The Free Dining Room serves 85,000 meals a year. SVdP in Santa Rosa has assisted our local Guerneville SVdP many times, as has their Thrift Store , providing food and furniture for those in need on the River.

Please help by getting the word out about this event. We will again this year have a caravan of locals who will be going to this event.

For questions, donations for the auctions or reservations, please call Vicki Gonzalez at (707) 869 3314 or email [vivkigdio@aol.com](mailto:vivkigdio@aol.com)



## Religious Education Congress 2014

On Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The event will be held at Cardinal Newman High School, 50 Ursuline Rd., Santa Rosa. The focus for the workshops is inspired by the Gospels from John 20:19-23 & Luke 15: 31-32. The theme is "***Nourishing the Gift of Forgiveness***".

The day will begin at 9a.m. with Holy Mass by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. Different workshops and speakers will be presented at Centers, throughout the day. This day is designed to bring spiritual nourishment to all Adults in the Diocese.

## Free Citizenship Class

Catholic Charities is offering a free citizenship course beginning August 21. The class meets Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities' offices at 987 Airway Court in Santa Rosa.

The 17-week course is designed for people who have applied or are planning to apply to become a U.S. citizen. Class content will include lessons on U.S. history & civics, practice for the interview with the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS), and helping students improve their English.

Some English speaking, reading and writing is required. To reserve a space, call Catholic Charities Immigration Services at (707) 578-6000.

## A Little Humor

Does it ever annoy you when:

1. there's a cop car in sight and everyone thinks they have to drive 10-15 mph slower than the speed limit?
2. you're reading a magazine and all those annoying little subscription cards keep falling out?
3. someone says, "well, to make a long story short" and then they go on telling it for another 15 minutes.
4. you have to inform five different sales people in the same store that you're just looking around.
5. you rub on hand cream and can't turn the bathroom doorknob to get out.
6. your tire gauge lets half the air in your tire when all you want is a pressure reading.
7. there's a dog in your neighborhood that barks at EVERYTHING.
8. the power goes out, and you discover every flashlight you have has dead batteries.
9. the elevator stops at every floor and nobody gets on.
10. your tire gauge lets half the air in your tire when all you want is a pressure reading

Well then, take a breath and be still for a minute. It can always be worse!