



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2014

TODAY: The purpose of authority in the church, authority at any level, is not to control the lives of others but rather to *help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.* Those with any authority in the church should reflect on their exercise of that authority, and those under authority should reflect on their attitude to the leaders of the church. All of us should join in praying that the Lord grant peace and unity to the Church.*

Upcoming Dates:

Aug. 25 th -29 th	Fr. Luis on Vacation NO WEEKDAY MASS
Aug. 26 th	St. Colman's Guild
Aug. 31 st	St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection
Sept. 8 th -9	Second Collection: Diocesan Seminarians
Sept. 20 th & 21 st	Jazz & Blues Fest Parking Project
Sept. 27 th	Harvest For Humanity Benefit for St. Vincent de Paul
Oct. 4 th	Religious Education Conference- Cardinal Newman HS
Oct. 4 th -5 th	St. Elizabeth Guild Rummage Sale-St. Hubert's Hall
Oct. 18 th	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.

Offerings:	St. Elizabeth:	\$2,231
8/16 & 8/17	St. Catherine:	\$ 370
	St. Colman:	\$ 640
TOTAL		\$3,241

Thank You for your generosity!

Readings for the week of August 24, 2014

Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3,6-8/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20
Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3,14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 22:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18/Ps 128:1-2,4-5/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13,18-21/Mt 25:14-30
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Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6,8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

Fr. Luis will be vacationing during the week, so there will be no weekday mass from August 25th to 29th. Weekday mass will resume on Tuesday, September 2nd. 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!

Vocation Retreat

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective **Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Oct. 10-12, 2014, **Los Altos Hills, CA.** For reservations and more information contact:

Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C., 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903 or email SLisaDC@aol.com. www.DaughtersOfCharity.com

Mass Intentions:

8/23	8/30
4pm Happy Birthday Linda Greco, requested by Pete & Barbara Stephens	4pm Patricia La Plante +, requested by Michelle McDonell
5pm Cathy Gilligan +, requested by Irene Deem	5pm Luttie Penaloza +, requested by Michelle McDonell
8/24	8/31
9am Larry Poirier +, requested by Susan & Larry Poirier	9am Mary Foley +, requested by Steve & Janine Powers
11am Patricia La Plante +, requested by Irene Deem	

Deadline for Bulletin news items is Wednesday 5pm. Send news items to churchelizabeth@comcast.net.

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

Parish Website: www.rchurches.com

*Input for **TODAY** comes from http://liturgy.slu.edu/21OrdA082414/reflections_justice.html

Pastor's Desk

There's a modern parable called, "Creatures of Habit," a good farmer and his wife are feeling secure and snug in their little home. But winter is coming on, and the old barn needs fixing—its roof is leaky, a few boards had rotted off the sides, and the dirt floor is uneven, so puddles collect water when it rains. The farmer is a sensitive man who loves animals and so he arranged for a new barn be built before winter time comes.

The day finally arrive when the new barn is finished and the old barn torn down, and the farmer no longer feels guilty in leaving the animals in a cold, drafty barn while he is in a snug home.

Next morning, he gets up early to go to the town for supplies, before leaving, he puts the animals out to pasture, but leaves the barn doors open in case the weather should turn bad.

While he was in town, the weather does change for the worse. The temperature drops and it begins to rain and the rain turns to sleet. The farmer feels good as he thinks about the animals taking shelter in their brand new home. When he arrives back at the farm, he goes directly to the new barn to check on the animals, but the barn is empty. He runs outside, he looks around, and sees a strange sight. There are the animals, miserable and huddled together, with a drift of sleet and snow on their backs, as they stand within the outline of the foundation where the old barn had been: CREATURES OF HABIT!

We are creatures of habits, the apostle Paul reminds us when he talks about obedience to God. He tells us specifically that, through the act of the will, we must get rid of certain habits. *"Kill off everything in you that belongs only to earthly life."* He says, *"kill off fornication and impurities and guilty passion and evil desires and greed; getting angry and being bad tempered and spitefulness and abusive language and lies and dirty talk—give up these things."* Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians chapter 3 verses 5 to 7.

Now if you don't find yourself on that list of bad habits, you are a remarkable person.

However, I think there is something there for everybody. Paul is listing some destructive habits that have to go because they are blocking God's movement in your life, as disciples of Christ these bad habits must go. Moreover, Paul says, that the destructive habits must be replaced with a constructive habits. *"Put on, as God's chosen ones," he says, "sincere compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, .bear with one another, forgive whatever grievance you have with one another—PUT ON LOVE [Col.3: 12-13, 14]*

Peace and Blessings

Fr. Luis

Aprons

St. Elizabeth's Guild aprons are offered for \$20 after the 9:00 mass Sunday, Aug. 24. They are poly/cotton twill, one size fits all for both men and women. They are also offered for sale on the website www.rrchurches.com, select "St. Elizabeth's Guild" from the navigation bar. Thanks for your generous donations this summer, we have enjoyed meeting and greeting our parishioners and our visitors!

Religious Education Congress 2014

On Saturday, October 4th, 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.

Registration is \$35. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed. dre@srdioocese.org, 707-566-3366, www.santarosacatholic.org

Harvest for Humanity

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its 2nd Annual Buffet Dinner and Silent & Live Auction fundraiser on Saturday, September 27th, which just happens to coincide with the feast of St. Vincent de Paul himself! The 2nd 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 vickigdio@aol.com

A Little Humor

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

"Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said.

"No," said the minister. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

St. Elizabeth's Guild

Please remember to donate gently used clothing, household items and working electronics to the Guild Rummage Sale which will be held in October. We know many of you are packing up for the end of summer, and for your convenience Jan Brown and Joe Torres are available to make appointments to store your donations at St. Hubert's Hall. The number is 604-7386. Please feel free to attend our meetings and consider joining St. Elizabeth's Guild. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at St. Hubert's Hall at 1:00 PM.