



# Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## September 14, 2014

**TODAY:** We share neither Jesus' divinity nor his sinlessness, but his emptying of himself by taking on human form and then obediently taking up the cross offers us a guide along our own paths that Jesus did not have. We know that his act of humble sacrifice led to his exaltation. We have the example of the reward for the one who remained faithful even to death on the cross, who was raised up and ascended to God.\*

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Jazz & Blues Fest Parking Project
- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Colman's Guild
- Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> Harvest For Humanity Benefit for St. Vincent de Paul
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Elizabeth's Guild-1PM  
St Hubert's Hall
- 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
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> World Mission Sunday

**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 McNulty, 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 Bardon, 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, Ed Copland.

<b>Offerings:</b>	St. Elizabeth: \$1,190	<b>Second Collection-</b>
9/6 & 9/7	St. Catherine: \$ 275	<b>Diocesan Seminarians:</b>
	St. Colman: \$ 115	St. Elizabeth: \$ 157
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,580</b>	St. Catherine: \$ 123
		St. Colman: \$ 46
Thank You for your generosity!		<b>TOTAL \$ 326</b>

**Readings for the week of September 14, 2014**

- Sunday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2,34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26,33/Ps 40:7-10,17
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-5,12,22/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2,16-17,28/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1,6-7,8,15/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15
- Next
- Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18/Phil 1:20-24,27/  
Mt 20:1-16

**Mass Intentions:**

- 9/13 5pm** Daniel Flores Silva
- 9/14 9am** Evan Kelly +,  
requested by Francine Korn
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- 9/20 4pm** Tillie Manick +,  
requested by Francine Korn
- 9/20 5pm** Donald  
Passamonte +, requested by  
Vickie & Steve Savino
- 9/21 9am** Barbara Russell,  
requested by Vickie & Steve  
Savino

**Gelatinas Encapsuladas Lessons**

On Wednesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in St. Hubert's Hall, Sarah Robles will teach us how to make these beautiful flowers made in Jello molds. These tasty creations were a huge hit at the outdoor mass at St. Elizabeth's this summer. Come and join us for a fun afternoon.



**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.

Deadline for Bulletin news items is Wednesday, 5PM. You can call the Rectory at 707-869-2107 and leave a message

\*Input for **TODAY** comes from [http://liturgy.slu.edu/23OrdA090714/reflections\\_justice.html](http://liturgy.slu.edu/23OrdA090714/reflections_justice.html)

Parish Website: <http://www.RRchurches.com>

### Pastor's Desk

*Hello everyone. As all should be aware, we are in the middle of a diocesan campaign entitled **Professing Our Faith, Walking in Hope, Building God's Kingdom**. I would like to thank all of the families who have taken the time to learn more about the campaign, and for your consideration in making a sacrificial gift to this project. The campaign will raise critically needed funds so future generations will have the resources they need to build upon the legacy of faith.*

*There are several major areas the campaign addresses. Most importantly, it will help us here at St. Elizabeth, St. Catherine and St. Colman. For every dollar we raise, our parish will receive 35% of all funds up to its minimum need and 50% of all funds raised over its minimum need for its local projects. Here at St. Elizabeth, St. Catherine and St. Colman, our goal is \$135,000.*

*Our campaign will be coming to a close in the next few weeks. We are a blessed parish, with such a generous history and we've always responded to the call. **Professing Our Faith, Walking in Hope, Building God's Kingdom** provides us a great opportunity to continue to strengthen our faith and come together as one CHURCH.*

*Finally, we ask that you please pray for the success of this campaign so that we may better meet the needs of our growing Catholic community.*

The famous analyst, Dr. Karl Menninger, once asked a very wealthy patient, "What are you going to do with all your money?" The patient replied, "Just worry about it, I guess." "In that case," said the doctor, "do you experience pleasure from worrying about your money?" With a deep sigh, the patient said, "No, but I feel such terror when I think of giving any of it away." Commenting on what he termed his patient's "money sickness," Dr. Menninger said, "Generous people are rarely mentally ill." To which we can safely say, "A truly generous person rarely lacks for anything."

In the words of one such person . . . "My hobby is giving something away every day -- something tangible -- so that I will be reminded to give away the vastly more important intangible: a smile, a word of encouragement, a healing touch, an earnest prayer." He continued, "Every day I give away something. It may be a book or a poster or a flower or a poem or a card with an inspirational message -- something that might serve to enrich the life of the person receiving the gift. I may not be a person of great wisdom," he said, "but this I know: the **more I give to others, the more I have. I have an inner-peace that comes from the assurance that truly it is better to give than to receive.**"

Like that man, ordinarily we in the Church talk about the spirit of giving, and it is important to do this. But rarely do we hear any talk about the spirit of receiving. **Generosity is a two-way street. It's an openness of heart that's just as much about graciously receiving as it is about giving.** Very few people know how to receive graciously and freely. Very often our pride and our arrogance get in the way. We don't want to be "obligated" to the person who is giving. "Oh, you shouldn't have done this," we say. Or, on occasions when gifts are mutually exchanged, the thought flashes through our mind, "Oh, my goodness, that's more expensive than the gift I gave him. How will I ever make up for it?"

Consequently, while we are receiving the gift outwardly, inwardly we are rejecting it. And we turn off the flow of love that might have been present, by refusing to allow the other person to experience the joy of giving.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS!

Fr. Luis

### 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.

Registration is \$35. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed. [dre@srdiocese.org](mailto:dre@srdiocese.org), 707-566-3366, [www.santarosacatholic.org](http://www.santarosacatholic.org)

### Harvest for Humanity

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 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 [vickigdio@aol.com](mailto:vickigdio@aol.com)

### St Elizabeth Guild Parking Project:

As everyone in the parish probably knows, our St. Elizabeth's Guild has for many years organized and worked on parking cars for the many music festivals that have been held on the river. 100% of the money raised has either gone directly back into the Parish account or was used for projects that directly benefit our parish facilities. This year the Jazz and Blues Festival is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**. The Guild needs volunteers to help with directing the cars to park in our lot behind St. Hubert's Hall and collecting the fee. You don't have to be there all day; a 2, 3 or 4 hour period would help immensely. They promise cold water, rest breaks, and the best feeling you can get from helping out. **PLUS** volunteers receive a baseball cap with our parish logo embroidered on it. You can see a picture of the cap on our website ([www.rrchurches.com](http://www.rrchurches.com))

For shift times please call Rose Chromy at 869-2679. Thank you!