



January 21, 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Tues Jan 23, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 PM
 Wed Feb 7, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM
 Sat Feb 10, Pasta Feed 6 PM
 Wed Feb 21, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Steve Arcia, Jim & Mary Crowther, Steve Darling, Lorelie Fulwider, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, JoAnn Coules, Dinah Smith, Lorna Marie Hastings, Laverne Jones, Carol Williams, Joanne & Bill Rodgers, John Breig, Linda Schmidt, Michell Jackson, Degi Milko, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Kathy Cissell, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Maggie Nelson, Stella Dunne, George Ayoob, Nina Cantacessi, John Hoffman, Mary Tamargo, Don La Plante, Bruce & Trish, Sarah & David, Ed Fulwider, Vicki Gonzalez, Jesus Chavez Torres.

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Rebecca Jane Ruiz, Janine Bekker Carrig, Margie Sanchez, Glenna Enorme Schutz, Matthew Gonzalez, John Tivenan, Fr. Thomas Devereaux, Billy Ferree, Maureen Shaw, Charlie Castillo, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez, Ed Botta, Nina Giacometti, Don Covello, Paula Epperson.

PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: Jan. 13 – Jan. 14

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$1,198.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$245.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$222.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$118.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$91.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$76.00

Thank you for your generosity! \$1,950.00

On the 5th Sunday of a month, the 2nd collection will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The deadline for Bulletin items is Wednesday at 5 p.m. Submit them (proofread and spell-checked) via email or the following meetings at St. Hubert's Hall: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting (1st Wednesday 1 PM); Finance Committee Meeting (2nd Wednesday 4 PM); St. Colman Guild Meeting (4th Tuesday 12 PM).

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4 pm: Frank Danzart, Betti Campbell, Carol Williams, AJ, Peter Kiep, Keith Borcher, Emily Marsh
Sat. 5 pm: Erma Brogan⁺ requested by Eleanor Gerigk
Sun. 9 am: Joseph Kobler⁺ requested by the Kobler family. Sandee Lehner; Bryan Mensell [health] requested by Sara Cissell
Sun. 11 am: Betty Campbell; Sara and David
Tues. 9 am: Joseph Kobler⁺
Wed. 9 am: Joseph Kobler⁺
Thurs. 9 am: Joseph Kobler⁺
Fri. 9 am: Erma Brogan⁺ req by Eleanor Gerigk

READINGS

Jonah 3: 1-5. 10
 Psalm 25: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9
 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
 Mark 1: 14-20

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

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“O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.” (Entrance antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Sing a New Song BB # 544
 Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!*
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!
 Psalm 25: I Lift Up My Soul BB # 748
 Preparation of the Gifts: The Summons BB # 384
 Communion Song: Pescador de Hombres BB # 504
 Recessional Song: Sent Forth By God's Blessing BB # 388

Our Communion song today, “Pescador de Hombres” (“Fisher of Men”) was composed in 1979 by Spanish priest and composer Cesáreo Gabaráin, as a result of his visit to Gallilee. and quickly became of the favorites of the universal church. Originally composed in Spanish, (and translated into more than 80 languages!), it was

also one of the favorites of John Paul II, and after his death, was frequently sung in Poland in memory of him. The hymn entreats us to follow Christ with the same obedience as did the disciples.

PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings, to all! Last week I mentioned that the priest from our Diocese had yearly workshop at **Benbow**, the speaker was **Fr. Bob Spitzer**, unfortunately this year I missed that workshop, but I've heard of Fr. Bob Spitzer lecture before on the **“Four level of Happiness,”**

According to him that we as a human being always desire for happiness **As Aristotle and many other major philosophers have observed – Happiness is the one thing you can choose for itself. Everything else is chosen for the sake of happiness.**

Happiness affects our view of ourselves, our purpose, what we pursue in life and career, who we choose as friends and spouses – just about everything we believe and hold dear. The four level of Happiness are *Pleasure [Laetus], Success [Felix], Making a difference [beatus];* and the highest level is *Transcendent [Sublimitis]*

Fr. Bob Spitzer is a very charismatic speaker, I heard his series of “Happiness, Suffering and the love of God,” when I was assigned at Clearlake and it inspired me to show that series again for this coming Lent. There are 5 series and the topic that were covered were; *The four level of Happiness; Human transcendence and the Soul; The Resurrection of Jesus and Jesus revelation of God's unconditional love;* Why would a powerful loving God allow suffering; and the final series was “How to suffer well.”

Let me know if these topics are the things you would like to attend during the Lenten season. And I have couple more ideas that would help or assist you in your own meditation, reflection to enrich your journey to Easter.

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: the “Pasta feed” fund raiser by the Guild on Saturday, February 10th at 6 p.m.

Save the Date! **The 107th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show will be held on Thursday, July 26th 2018 at the Monte Rio Amphitheatre.** Each year our church receives between \$10,000 and \$25,000 in net proceeds from this event. Our planning is now underway. And since our event likes to pair really good entertainment with really

fine wine, we would appreciate any donations of such fine wine for our no-host wine bar. If you have any questions, please contact Michele McDonnell at 707-486-1739 / info@MonteRioShow.org. Looking forward to seeing you at this legacy event!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1. What do Jonah's and Jesus' announcements have in common? Were both calling people to conversion and to do good? Were these announcements intended for every nation and every person on earth? Did Jonah run away from Yahweh when he was called? Can you relate to that sometimes?

2. What was God looking for in the Ninevites? What is God looking for in you? Does God call you to conversion once or over and over again? Why?

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

1. Do you think the message in this reading concerns preparation for the next life or happiness in this life? Does putting your security in the goods of this world make you happy? Paul says, “Let ... those using the world [act] as not using it fully.” Could this be a recipe for happiness now?

2. Does your culture help or hinder your detachment from possessions (toys, gadgets, messages about the security that “things” bring)? Explain.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

1. Must you be called as a missionary and, for instance, go to Africa? Or could your call be to bring the Good News wherever you are, in whatever you do? Which way does Jesus call you?

2. According to Pope Francis's statement below, do you have to be perfect to be called? Is the Lord with you when you make mistakes? How does he show his eternal love?

It seems in this passage that Simon, Andrew, James and John are chosen once-and-for-all: and yes, they were chosen! At this moment in the story, however, they had not been faithful to the last. After being chosen, they went on to make mistakes. ...

How did the Lord work it all out? He stepped in, He straightened the path, He put things right. Think of the great David, a great sinner, and then a great saint. The Lord knows. When the Lord tells us: ‘With eternal love, I have loved you,’ He is referring to this. The Lord has been thinking of us for many generations—of each and every one of us.

*Pope Francis: God's love is good beyond comprehension
 January 14, 2014, Casa Santa Marta chapel*