



# January 28, 2018

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### UPCOMING DATES

Wed Feb 7, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM  
 Sat Feb 10, Pasta Feed 6 PM  
 Wed Feb 21, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM  
 Tues Feb 27, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 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 20 – Jan 21

St. Elizabeth 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$1,077.00
St. Elizabeth 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$171.00
St. Catherine 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$160.00
St. Catherine 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$59.00
St. Colman 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$92.00
St. Colman 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$120.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,679.00

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:** For all parishioners  
**Sat. 5 pm:** Heloize Claire Burns<sup>+</sup> req by Dan  
**Sun. 9 am:** Sandee Lehmer and Bryan Mansell [health]  
 Joseph Kobler<sup>+</sup> requested by the Kobler family  
**Sun. 11 am:** Bette Campbell, Mike, Sarah and David [health]  
**Tues. 9 am:** Joseph Kobler<sup>+</sup>  
**Wed. 9 am:** Joseph Kobler<sup>+</sup>  
**Thurs. 9 am:** Joseph Kobler<sup>+</sup>  
**Fri. 9 am:** Joseph Kobler<sup>+</sup>

### READINGS

*Deuteronomy 18: 15-20*  
*Psalms 95: 1-2. 6-7. 7-9*  
*1 Corinthians 7: 32-35*  
*Mark 1: 21-28*

### LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

### **Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you..” (Entrance antiphon)*

Processional Hymn: Save Us, O Lord BB # 667  
 Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!*  
 Psalm 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
 Preparation of the Gifts: Lead Me, Lord BB # 630  
 Communion Song: Take and Eat BB # 361  
 Recessional Song: Come, Let Us Sing With Joy to the Lord SS

*Our closing song today is taken from today's Psalm 95, “Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation!” This speaks of joyful, vibrant, vigorous praise to God, who is the source of our joy!*

### PASTOR'S DESK

Look at yourself for just a moment -- and ponder these teachings of Jesus:

*"Avoid greed in all its forms. A man may be wealthy, but his possessions do not guarantee him life" (Lk.12:15).*

*"Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted" (Lk.14:11).*

*"Judge not, that you be not judged" (Mt.7:1).*

*"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Mt.5:44).*

I doubt if there is a single person in this Church who could stand up right now and say, "That's me! That's the way it is with me!" On the contrary, when we really listen to these clear teachings of Jesus, we realize that even though God has given us this beautiful picture of what it means to be alive, we are not fully living up to it.

But, despite our failures, the Gospel implications are almost breathtaking. The Gospels imply that God would not have given us this picture of the fulfilled life without giving us the strength to live this way; that this is not an unrealizable ideal; that this is not an impossible dream; that these teachings are not meant to be put on hold, for some future generation; that God wants us to live in Christ now; that Christ is present to us now to make it possible. God not only gives us the picture, in the Lord Jesus Christ, He gives us Himself.

The fulfilled life Jesus describes in His teachings is not the impossible dream, but the possible dream. But you must allow Christ to come into your life at its deepest level. There He will astonish you with His teachings! There He will humble you with His authority. There He will inspire you by His example. There He will give you the freedom to discover what it means to be proudly alive; what it means to be proudly holy.

If you allow Christ to come into your life at its deepest level, there He will teach you what it really means to be a whole person; what it really means to be a good wife or a good husband or a good child or a good parent; what it really means to be a good neighbor; what it really means to be a Disciple of Christ.

There was once a wise old piano teacher who taught scores of students over the years. Invariably, when she prepared her pupils for recitals, she would encourage them to practice the endings over-and-over again. And, invariably, the students would grumble because of the

constant repetition of the last few measures of the music. When the complaints came, the teacher would answer,

"You can make a mistake in the beginning or in the middle or in some other place along the way. But all will be forgotten when you manage to make the ending glorious."

Despite our failures at some point along the way, the Gospels tell us that the Lord's teachings are not meant to be put on hold, for some future time; that God wants us to live in Christ now; that Christ is present to us now to make it possible. And that assures each one of us a glorious ending!

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 McDonell 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Pope Francis said thus about prophets in an America Magazine interview led by Antonio Spadaro, SJ:

*Being prophets may sometimes imply making waves. I do not know how to put it. ... Prophecy makes noise, uproar, some say 'a mess.' But in reality, the charism of religious people is like yeast: prophecy announces the spirit of the Gospel.*

*"A Big Heart Open to God," America, Sept. 30, 2013*

Can you think of people who have caused an "uproar" or made "a mess" announcing the spirit of the Gospel in our time? Who are they?