



## February 4, 2018 Fifth 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:** Joseph Kobler, 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 27 – Jan 28

St. Elizabeth 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$1,248.00
St. Elizabeth 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$220.00
St. Catherine 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$198.00
St. Catherine 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$70.00
St. Colman 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$95.00
St. Colman 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$53.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,884.00

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat. 4 pm:** For all parishioners  
**Sat. 5 pm:** For all parishioners  
**Sun. 9 am:** Joseph Kobler<sup>+</sup>, Jim Laufenberg [birthday]  
**Sun. 11 am:** Bette Campbell; Sarah & 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:** For the sick and the soul of Joseph Kobler<sup>+</sup>

### READINGS

Job 7: 1-4. 6-7  
 Psalm 147: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6  
 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-23  
 Mark 1: 29-39

### LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

*by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown*

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*“Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.” (Communion antiphon)*

Processional Hymn: Praise to the Lord BB # 194  
 Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!*  
 Psalm 147: Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.  
 Preparation of the Gifts: How Can I Keep From Singing BB # 442  
 Communion Song: You Are Mine BB # 457  
 Recessional Song: A Rightful Place BB # 634

*Our arrangement of the beautiful Quaker hymn, “How Can I Keep From Singing” is by Ed Gutfreund and differs slightly from the one in our Breaking Bread hymnals (just in case you’re reading the music!). I fell in love with this hymn when I first learned it over 30 years ago. It reminds of the trust that Job had in God, even when he lost everything.*

*We are grateful for the “choir can” donations which continue to help us with our expenses and music supplies. God bless you!*

### PASTOR'S DESK

Recently, a man looking for attention on *Youtube* received a bit more of it than he bargained for. In fact, he made headlines across the globe. I'm sure you're all familiar with the television shows and films that feature one silly, outrageous or dangerous stunt after another. And in the true spirit of "one-upmanship," it seems the crazier the antics, the more viewers these clowns can attract. Which was apparently the point of this recent episode. With his friend at his side recording every minute of madness, a man placed his head in a microwave oven and then proceeded to pack it with a mud-like, sticky cement. What could go wrong you ask? Well don't worry: these two geniuses thought of everything. In fact they fashioned a kind of breathing apparatus from a length of plastic tubing, figuring that was all that was needed to ensure a safe performance. So with his head in the oven and his breathing tube in place, the man packed his makeshift microwave helmet full of the heavy, wet cement. But the cement wasn't drying as expected. So they did the next logical thing and brought out a hairdryer to speed things along. And that's when things got interesting. As the cement heated it began contracting, not only putting pressure on our *Youtube star's* head but also compressing his breathing tube. Claustrophobia quickly set in and the man began to panic, telling his friend that he thought he was dying. And as ridiculous as the story already is, it was made all the more so when we learn that it wasn't until 45 minutes later that the friend finally called for help. It took a very annoyed team of firefighters and other first responders nearly two hours to extract the man from his pressing predicament. To borrow an old Charlie Brown phrase, *that's what I call a real blockhead!*

We tend to think of idols as primitive objects of worship -- little animals or figures made of wood or clay or metal. How convenient it must have been to have a god one could see and touch and feel! How comforting it must have been to have a god one could hold in one's hand and control and manipulate. Of course, we don't have these idols anymore and, therefore, the commandment to put aside false gods is not as important to us as the others. But the Biblical writers tell us, over-and-over-again, that an *idol is anything in our lives that competes with the one true God for our attention, our loyalty and our love.* If we understand idolatry in this Biblical sense, we might well see it as the greatest problem we face. More than anything else, the *false gods of our generation prevent us from experiencing the wholeness of life which God is*

*offering to us constantly. And that includes the insatiable need for some to garner attention, at any cost.*

We don't make little clay idols anymore. Our false gods are more subtle, more sophisticated.

Like our *Youtube friend*, some persons have a desperate need for attention and approval no matter what the outcome or cost to others, and have turned that need into a god. And it influences the way they live and the way they act and the way they relate to other persons. This not only can be self-destructive but also destructive to those they live or work with, govern or control.

Some persons are overcome with a lust for power and prestige. And they worship at the throne of so-called "success." This is one of the false gods with which Jesus was tempted in the desert before He began His public ministry.

But for many of us -- perhaps most of us -- our greatest idol, the false god above all others that is destroying our right relationship with the one true God, is our money. It is our possessions. It is our things. It is our house. It is our car. It is our bank account. It is our credit cards. It is our stocks and our bonds and our retirement accounts. It is our insatiable desire to have more and more "security." It is our response to the society around us that bombards us with the message: "You never have enough! You need more than enough!"

Some of us, I fear, have been caught in a dance around the golden calf from which we are unable to break free. Some of us need to explore this area of our life and get in touch with our true feelings about money. This can be a difficult and threatening assignment. Some of us can talk about almost anything -- our job, our marriage, our children, our parents -- anything but our money. That is a secret subject, hidden away -- and even God isn't allowed to be in on it.

Peace and blessings!  
 Fr. Luis

PS: Happy Super Bowl!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: this is the last weekend to sign up for the pasta dinner! Please join the Guild at the Pasta Dinner Saturday, February 10, following the 5PM Mass. **There is NO Cost for the dinner.** Drinks are available, Donations accepted Raffle prizes will be available with purchase of a ticket. Hope to see you there! We look forward to a fun evening with our congregation!

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).

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