



February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Feb 14, Ash Wednesday
 Wed Feb 21, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM
 Tues Feb 27, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 PM
 Wed March 7, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 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: Feb 3 – Feb 4

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$1,152.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$167.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$177.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$71.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$135.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$165.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,867.00

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: Daniel LoGiudice⁺ requested by Nina
Sat. 5 pm: AnnaSophia Reynold [healing] req: Fr. Luis
Sun. 9 am: Joseph Kobler⁺ requested by Kobler Family
Sun. 11 am: Bette Campbell; Sarah & David [health]
Tues-Fri 9am: Joseph Kobler⁺

READINGS

Sunday
 Lv 13: 1-2. 44-46
 Ps 32: 1-2. 5. 11
 1 Cor 10: 31 – 11: 1
 Mk 1: 40-45
Ash Wednesday
 Jl 2: 12-18
 Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 12-13. 14 and 17
 2 Cor 5: 20 – 6:2
 Mt 6: 1-6.16-18

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

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“Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.” (Entrance antiphon)

Processional Hymn: I Will Lift Up Your Name (Ps. 145) SS
 Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!*
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!
 Psalm 32: *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*
 Preparation of the Gifts: In This Place BB #308
 Communion Song: Shepherd Me, O God BB #459
 Recessional Song: Sing of the Lord's Goodness BB #561

Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday

“You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.” (Entrance antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Return to God SS
The penitential rite and the Gloria are omitted.
 Psalm 51: *Be merciful, O Lord, be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*
 Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!*
 Distribution of ashes: *Signed by Ashes BB #113*
 Preparation of the Gifts: God of Creation SS
 Communion Song: With the Lord, There is Mercy BB #663
 Recessional Song: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy BB #477

PASTOR'S DESK

In today's Gospel Reading, as in other Gospel narratives, the fullness of Jesus' saving mission is symbolized by His reaching out to the lepers, the untouchables, the social outcasts, the poor and the oppressed. And should the day arrive in modern society when the physical disease of leprosy is completely eradicated, the leper will remain in Christian thought as a symbol of God's saving Grace, and as a challenge to Christian compassion.

Indeed, the ongoing challenge to Christian compassion is to find Jesus where He always waits for us: among the outcasts. The Book of Hebrews reminds us, *“Jesus suffered outside the gate to sanctify the people with His own blood. Let us go to Him, then outside the camp, and share His degradation. For there is no eternal city for us in this life but we look for one in the life to come” (Heb.13:12-14)*. Thus, the Christian who remains safely within the camp, refusing to reach out to the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters, has missed the whole point of the Gospel proclaimed by Him who is “to come.”

There was once a homeless man named *George* who was well-known to the people in the town he roamed. In the summer months, he would often be seen wandering up and down the neighborhood streets, with his wild hair and bare feet. One Sunday morning, as *George* walked past a beautiful Church in the heart of the city, he decided to go in. The Church was packed, and the sermon was about to begin. *George* found no place to sit, and no one moved to try to make room for him. And so, having walked all the way to the front without finding a seat, he decided to sit down on the floor, in front of the pulpit. The church members, many recognizing poor *George*, looked on with astonishment but did nothing. Then, the preacher noticed the Church's elderly Deacon slowly making his way down the aisle toward *George*. There was a certain elegance about the well-dressed Deacon and,

even though he was walking with a cane, he had a confident, authoritative air about him. Everyone must have been thinking to themselves, “How is this elderly Deacon going to handle this embarrassing situation?”

It took a while for the Deacon to reach *George*, and, other than the click of the old man's cane, the Church was stilled in breathless silence. The Deacon finally arrived at *George*'s spot and dropped his cane to the floor. And then, with great difficulty, he lowered himself to sit on the floor, next to *George* -- guaranteeing that for the rest of the service, *George* would not sit alone.

Everyone was choked up with emotion. And when the preacher finally gained control, he said, ***“What I'm about to preach you may never remember. But what you have just seen, you will never forget.”***

Lord, give us the courage to follow Your example -- to love one another as you have loved us, in ways they will never forget! Lord, give us the strength to reach out in Christ-like love so we may say, isn't it wonderful that the best in us reaches out and touches the rest of us! My dear brothers and sisters in Christ: reach out and touch someone today. Reach out so they may see the best in us -- which is the Hand of the Lord who dwells in us.

HAPPY VALENTINES TO ALL!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name A Pew

The outdoor church has been in existence since the late 30's. In fact, there were several outdoor church services that were held on the river in West County. Guernwood Park, Summerhome Park, and Rio Nido were just a few that held outdoor summer masses. Over time parishioners dwindled and so did the masses, some stopping services and some closing altogether. The Guerneville church has maintained its presence but not without some cost and much community support. Over time floods, desecration of property, overgrowth of vegetation and lack of maintenance has taken its toll. We are trying to restore some of the pews and stabilize the benches. All of this comes with a cost. ***We are initiating a drive called Name A Pew to try to maintain our outdoor church and services. We will be offering a plaque that will be placed on a pew. It can have your family name or any family member.*** Your plaque will join the original plaques which are now being refurbished. This is something you may wish to think about to honor a loved one. Updates on this project will follow.