



February 18, 2018 First Sunday of Lent

UPCOMING DATES

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, 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: Carole Williams, Fr. Philip Ryan, 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 10 – Feb 11

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$1,199.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$420.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$96.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$71.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$98.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$102.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,986.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4 pm: Carol Williams⁺, Anna Sophia Reynold [healing]
Sat. 5 pm: Carol Williams⁺, Harry Miroglio⁺
Sun. 9 am: Carol Williams⁺, Joseph Kobler⁺
Sun. 11 am: Harry Miroglio⁺
Tues.-Fri. 9am: Carol Williams⁺, Joseph Kobler⁺

READINGS

Genesis 9: 8-15
 Psalm 25: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9
 1 Peter 3: 18-22
 Mark 1: 12-15

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

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“When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.”
(Entrance antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Return to God SS
The Gloria is omitted during Lent..
 Psalm 25: *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*
Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
 Preparation of the Gifts: God of Creation SS
 Communion Song: On Eagle’s Wings BB # 437
 Recessional Song: There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy BB # 477

It is a privilege and a blessing to help people to pray through our music. Let us join our voices together, remembering that singing is praying! Lent begins this week, and there is no Gloria or Alleluia during the Sundays of Lent. Thank you for your support of our music ministry!

PASTOR'S DESK

Authorities who study the major deserts of the world tell us that a lonely desert traveler with inadequate provisions has two choices: protect himself as best he can until help arrives, or allow panic to take over. When panic ensues, death often comes quickly. One desert expert has written, "Only he can survive who has prepared himself best." Jesus did not panic as He moved through the desert wilderness. Jesus did not panic in the face of the devil's powerful temptations. He had prepared Himself best. He had "fasted forty days and forty nights," Scripture tells us. In the Old Testament tradition, fasting was a profound religious act, intended to add strength to one's prayer and meditation. Thus, having fortified His soul through prayer and fasting, Jesus was able to make a clear moral choice with respect to which voice he would respond to and the direction in which He would point His life and ministry. "Be off, Satan!" He says. "For Scripture says: 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve Him alone'" (Mt. 4:10).

Life is a continuous series of peaks and valleys, highs and lows. None of us can avoid the wilderness experience -- times when our whole inner-world feels drab and cold and empty. It is precisely at these times when prayer becomes most important to us. We literally must pray our way out of the wilderness.

Even though we are frightened in our loneliness and frustrated in our efforts to achieve wholeness of life, we needn't panic. We need to pray. We need to stop talking to ourselves in order to hear God our Father talking to us. In the desert of nothingness, life seems absurd, purposeless, meaningless, like a big joke being played on us by some external force we do not understand. And the only way out, the only way to discover our life's true meaning and purpose, the only way to discover who we are and what we ought to do, is by listening to the Christ Spirit of God that dwells within us. It may take another forty days and forty nights for the Good News to get through to us. It may take longer. The point is, never stop listening.

Peace and blessings!
 Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name A Pew

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. As part of our Name a Pew project, we are also updating the history of our outdoor churches. Do you have any old photos of the outdoor churches? Please send them to churchelizabeth@comcast.net or gailculv@aol.com or postal mail to St Elizabeth's, 14095 Woodland Dr, Guerneville, CA 95446.

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities Financial Coach

The Financial Stability program trains volunteers to conduct one-on-one financial coaching to individuals, families, and youth. Volunteers will assist individuals in developing the skills needed to build assets and economic stability that will increase their ability to become self-sufficient. Financial Coaches offer continued support to clients so that they can meet their goals and tackle challenges. You will meet with clients one-on-one and provide assistance with goal setting, planning, problem-solving, and brainstorming. The goal is to help the client reduce debt, improve credit score, build assets, and accomplish goals through behavior change. Finance experience welcomed, but not required.

Donation Delivery Assistant

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is in need of volunteers to assist at our Restyle Marketplace. Restyle is the organizations thrift store. We are in need of volunteer to go out on truck deliveries with a staff member and assist him with donation pick-ups. Donation delivery pick-up days are typically on Tuesdays and or Fridays from 10:00am-2:00pm. Will require lifting of 50lbs or more with assistance.

Alzheimer's Shaw Day Center Volunteer

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to assist in our Shaw Day Center for Memory Care. Our program runs Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm, and scheduling is flexible. Volunteers work in our day center and assist in activity programming for people with dementia, assist staff with clients during meals, and more! As a volunteer, you will be part of a strong community that provides essential supports to individuals with dementia and their families. Volunteers must complete a background check and pass a TB Test.

If you are interested, or have questions:
contact Volunteer Coordinator, Noreen Mendoza at nmendoza@srcharities.org or at (707)528-8712 ext.160.

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