



February 25, 2018 Second Sunday of Lent

UPCOMING DATES

Tues Feb 27, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 PM
Wed March 7, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM
Wed March 14, 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, 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 17 – Feb 18

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$971.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$349.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$179.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$57.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$100.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$90.00

Thank you for your generosity! \$1,746.00

Ash Wednesday collection total: \$315.00

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 PM. 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, email your request to ChurchElizabeth@comcast.net
Have you remembered St. Elizabeth church in your will?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4 pm: Frank Danzart, Carole Williams⁺

Sat. 5 pm: Sharyl Parmeter [recovery]

requested by Eleanor

Sun. 9 am: Daniel Loguidice⁺, Joseph Kobler⁺

Sun. 11 am: Bette Campbell & Anne Sophia Reynold [health]

READINGS

Genesis 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18

Psalms 116: 10. 15. 16-17. 18-19

Romans 8: 31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

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"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard;

This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

(Communion antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Return to God ss

The Gloria is omitted during Lent..

Psalms 116: *I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.*

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Preparation of the Gifts: From Glory to Glory # 691

Communion Song: Strength For the Journey ss

Recessional Song: Save Your People BB # 129

The Transfiguration of Christ on Mt. Tabor is one of the many proofs of the divine Sonship of Christ. This consoling vision was given to the Apostles to strengthen and encourage them, and us, to persevere in our struggles against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to give us a foretaste of the glory of heaven. Thank you to all who help support our music ministry through the "choir can donations" which help with our weekly expenses.

PASTOR'S DESK

Second Sunday of Lent, already! The books arrived Tuesday so you have a choice between "Beautiful Hope" and "Resisting Happiness." Just don't give up chocolate this year for Lent but make it a time of growth and have a personal celebration of Easter season.

Please take advantage of this two books, I'd like to suggest that you choose one book and when you're done, pass it on to another person that you think might benefit from it.

"What gives you hope? What are your hopes and dreams --- for yourself, your children, your church, your community, your nation? What sustains that hope and turns those dreams into reality? What are some of the unique ways you bring hope to people in your life? The contributors featured in 'Beautiful Hope' offer intensely personal answers to these questions. Some of them are well-known authors and speakers, but many are ordinary Catholics dealing with everyday life with all its challenges and problems, just like you. Their stories are meant to spark your own exploration of hope and increase its abundance in your life." [Excerpts from the book "Beautiful Hope,"]

Are you happy? It may be the wrong question. Most of us think we are relatively happy, while at the same time knowing that we could be happier ---maybe even a lot happier. Ordinary people and the finest philosophers have been exploring the question of happiness for the thousands of years, and theories abound. But this is not a book of theory, "RESISTING HAPPINESS" is a deeply personal, disarmingly transparent look at why we sabotage our own happiness and what to do about it. [Excerpts from the Book "Resisting Happiness,"]

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is telling us that our whole world is enveloped in the wonder of Divine Mystery. Ours is to enter into the great Mystery of Love in faith. Ours is to lovingly embrace the Mystery of the Kingdom of God within us so that it shines through in our lives of loving service. The following story entitled "**A Stone in the Sun**" helps to illustrate this point . . .

We were hiking in the mountains out West when I saw the stone, a small one, about the size of a half-dollar, with smooth rounded edges. Ordinarily, I would have passed it by, not being a rock collector. It would have remained there for another thousand years perhaps, a mere pebble among the larger stones on the trail. But this one instantly caught my eye. It was special. Glinting in the sunlight, it seemed to reflect all the

surrounding colors, as though trying to mirror nature. Into my pocket went the rare find. All the way home to the East Coast I thought about where I should display it so its beauty could be most enjoyed. I finally placed it in a display cabinet, next to some jade and carved ivory. I forgot it for a while. Then one day, while dusting, I was surprised to see that the stone had completely lost its luster. It sat on the shelf among the other lovely objects, a hard, gray chunk of nothing, downright ugly. I was shocked. What had happened to the prize I had so carefully brought back with me across the continent? Where was the sparkle, and the colors that had attracted me so much? Disgusted, I snatched it up and started for the trash can in the backyard. Then, just as I opened the kitchen door, a beam of light struck the stone. As though by magic, it began to shimmer and glow again. In an instant, the beautiful jewel tones shone brilliantly. Had they returned? Or had they always been there, dormant, waiting to be released? Wondering, I glanced up at the sky. Sunlight! That was the answer. The rays from the sun were all my stone needed to come alive. How much like each of us! By ourselves, our lives are empty, colorless, without meaning. Only when we are touched by the glory of God is our inner beauty revealed. – [Putnam A, "A Stone in the Sun"]

Once, after playing his latest composition on the piano, a famous composer was asked to explain the music. The artist stared at his questioner for a moment and then played his composition all over again. That was the composer's way of saying that music leaps beyond the realm of easy explanation. No self-respecting artist would spend his time formulating theories about why he composes as he does. The world of melody and sound is enveloped in a mystery that ultimately defies theorizing and categorizing.

In our Gospel Lesson, the story of Jesus' Transfiguration is telling us that our whole world is enveloped in the wonder of a Divine Mystery that ultimately defies theorizing and categorizing -- that the push of a button can never reveal the Divine Mystery of our lives. Ours is not to try to manage and manipulate the wonder of Bethlehem or the enigma of the Cross. Ours is to accept and enter into, by faith, the awesome reality that God became One of us to tell us that He loves us. Then from the cloud came a voice which said, "This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!"

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Luis