



March 11, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent

UPCOMING DATES

Wed March 14, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM
 Sun March 25, Palm Sunday
 Tues March 27, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 PM
 Fri March 30, Good Friday
 Sun April 1, Easter Sunday
 Wed April 4, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: David Cross, Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Steve Arcia, Jim & Mary Crowther, 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, 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, Billy Ferree, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez, Don Covello.

PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: March 3 – March 4

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$877.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$190.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$112.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$21.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$60.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$80.00

Thank you for your generosity! \$1,340.00

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
Have you remembered the St. Elizabeth church in your will?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4 pm: Steve Arcia, Bette Campbell & Frank Danzart [Health & Recuperation]
Sat. 5 pm: Diane Boise⁺
Sun. 9 am: Aurelia Delgado⁺ requested by Josefina Robles
Sun. 11 am: Joseph Kobler⁺
Tues-Fri 9 am: Joseph Kobler⁺ & Carol Williams⁺

READINGS

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16. 19-23
 Psalm 137: 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6
 Ephesians 2: 4-10
 John 3:14-21

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

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Processional Hymn: Return to God SS
The Gloria is omitted during Lent.
 Psalm 137: *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*
Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
 Preparation of the Gifts: Christ Be Our Light BB # 596
 Communion Song: In Christ Alone BB # 406
 Recessional Song: We Will Serve the Lord ss
 Our new closing song, "We Will Serve the Lord", is taken from the book of Joshua, Ch. 24, vs 15, saying, "Then Joshua said to all the people: ... 'so now, fear the Lord and serve him perfectly and sincerely...but if you will not serve Yahweh, choose today whom you wish to serve. *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*"
 Let this be our prayer, our desire, our mission, our resolve, so that we can follow the Light and be lights to the world.

PASTOR'S DESK

In today's Gospel Lesson Jesus speaks of a world covered by darkness, a world in which men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are not saintly but wicked. In Jesus' words, "Everyone who practices evil hates the light; he does not come near it for fear his deeds will be exposed" (Jn.3:20-21). A world that is captive to wickedness turns its back upon the light that radiates from Jerusalem, and does everything possible to impede and distract the pilgrims who press toward the promised land.
"Walk while you have the light, or the dark will overtake you," Jesus said to His disciples. (Jn. 12:35).

Anyone who walks with Jesus is walking right into the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel Lesson, "the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God" (Jn. 3:21). The person who lives by the truth, Jesus tells us, "may have eternal life in him.... and everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16,21).

Three persons were talking about various translations of the Bible. One said, "I like the 'New English' version of the Gospel. It's easier reading than all the older versions." Said the second person, "I prefer the 'Jerusalem Bible.' The translations have modernized the language without sacrificing reverence." To which the third person replied, "I know an even better translation. I like my mother's translation best. She translated the Bible into life, and it is the most convincing translation I have ever seen. She was a loving person who always took the needs of others seriously. That's what Jesus did when He was on earth."

*Though we may differ with one another on what translation of the Bible we think is best, as a community of faith, let us all agree on this: **He who acts in truth comes into the light, to make clear that his deeds are done in God.***

Go now, and may the light of Christ shine through you, and into the dark places of the world.
 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. Guerneville 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.

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.

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: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

"The God of their fathers[sent]his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people."Does God send messengers now? What about to you personally? Does God send messengers "early and often"? Can you give an example? What can you do to "open your door wider" so that all the messengers can get in?

Gospel: John 3:14-21

"For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son..." So what is your job? Are you one who will tell the world about this love? Name some ways (other than preaching) that you can do this. Might you run into difficulties at times? Is it true that you are not alone and that you will always receive the grace you need?