



March 18, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent

UPCOMING DATES

Sun March 25, Palm Sunday
 Tues March 27, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 PM
 Thurs March 29, Holy Thursday
 Fri March 30, Good Friday
 Sun April 1, Easter Sunday
 Wed April 4, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM
 Wed April 11, Finance Committee Meeting 4 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 10 – March 11

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$996.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$351.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$83.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$356.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$65.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$90.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,941.00

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: Frank Danzart; Bette Campbell [health], Joseph Kobler⁺
Sat. 5 pm: Annie Sophia Reynold and family [health]
Sun. 9 am: For all parishioners
Sun. 11 am: For all parishioners
Tues – Fri 9 am: Joseph Kobler⁺, Aurelia Delgado⁺

READINGS

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
 Psalm 51: 3-4. 12-13. 14-15
 Hebrews 5: 7-9
 John 12: 20-33

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

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“Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me” Jn. 12:26

Processional Hymn: Return to God SS
The Gloria is omitted during Lent..
 Psalm 51: *Create in me a clean heart. BB # 772*
 Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!*
 Preparation of the Gifts: With the Lord BB # 663
 Communion Song: I Will Choose Christ BB # 510
 Recessional Song: We Will Serve the Lord SS
In today's readings and hymns we reflect on God's new covenant with mankind, our repentance and God's mercy. May we always choose to follow Christ and answer His call to serve Him. Next Sunday begins Holy Week, and we expect and hope to see many parishioners and visitors at all the services! God bless you!

PASTOR'S DESK

I just wanted to thank Irene for buying a new book of prayer for the sick both Spanish and English, translation thank you and also we have two people who joined the

“collection assistant ministry,” they are Tonya O’Clare, and Hayeth Carreon. Welcome!

This Sunday at the morning mass Fr. Allan will be presiding the masses he use to be the pastor at St. Phillips, please welcome him!

When the Wright brothers were perfecting their flying machine, they were told that *“If God meant men to fly, he would have given them wings.”* The distinguished astronomer, Simon Newcomb, assured his readers that *“Human flight is not only impossible but illogical.”* What’s more, asserted Newcomb, even if by some miracle a man should invent a power-machine that could get off the ground, it would inevitably crash and kill the pilot. But the Wright brothers had spent years preparing for this project and believed it could be done.

The historic first flight lasted only twelve seconds, but it was the first time a machine carrying a man had raised itself by its own power into the air, sailed forward without slowing down, and landed. The world was oblivious of this — even the Press had ignored it — but something extraordinary had occurred: a man had flown. In 1905, the Wright brothers made a couple of five-minute flights. A year later they were flying twenty miles at a time. The Press continued to be skeptical. The fact that the flights had been ignored seemed to prove that they had not happened. When a "New York Herald" correspondent submitted an eye-witness account of the Wright's exploits to a magazine, the article was rejected. Wrote the editor: "While your manuscript has been read with much interest, it does not seem to qualify as fact or fiction." However, Europe had gone "air crazy and in 1908 Wilber traveled to France where he broke all records circling in the air for one hour and fifty-four minutes. Orville, meanwhile, was breaking records in America and attracting the attention of the War Department. What the people had seen for years they finally began to believe.

God has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, and we can read all about it in the Gospels. But seeing Jesus in the Gospels does not mean that we have entered into a relationship with Him. The relationship comes from our response to what we see. And if you think it’s complicated, I say, keep on learning as we read in today’s Gospel Lesson:

Jesus, foretelling His death on the Cross says, “Father,” save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel

speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake this voice came, but for yours’” (Jn. 12:27-30).

Hey Christian! This is the voice of the Lord. So keep listening, and keep learning.

Peace and Blessings!
 Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blues and Jazz Festival has been changed back to: **Blues June 9-10** weekend and **Jazz Sept 8-9**. Please keep those dates if you are willing to give us some much needed help this year with the parking. More info to follow. As most of you know, our Guild Rummage Sale is always the first weekend of June and it an exhausting undertaking for all of us. The parking for the Blues will be the weekend after our sale so if you know of anyone who would be willing to help please have them call Francine, at 869-9341.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

In this reading the Lord says, “ ... I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sins no more.” Do you ever feel God’s forgiveness? Are you good at forgiving? How about at forgetting?

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

“In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers supplications with loud cries and tears ...” In his weeping do we see the tears of the Father? Why does Pope Francis ask if we have learned to weep? Should we be suffering with Jesus? What might be the outcome of our tears?

12-year-old Glyzelle Palomar had a simple but profound question for Pope Francis. “Why did God let this happen to us?” the young Filipino asked, covering her face with her hands as she sobbed. The Pope continued, I invite each one of you to ask yourselves: Have I learned how to weep, how to cry when I see a hungry child, a child on the street who uses drugs, a homeless child, an abandoned child, an abused child, a child that society uses as a slave? Only when we too can cry about the things that you said are we able to come close to replying to that question.

*Francis struggles to answer crying girl's question about suffering,
 Jan. 17, 2015*