



March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday

UPCOMING DATES

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: Virginia Loosli, 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 17 – March 18

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$1,127.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$20.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$0.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$230.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$57.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$0.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,434.00

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
Does your will include your gift to God?

MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses: For all parishioners.

READINGS

Isaiah 50: 4-7
 Psalm 22: 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24
 Phil 2: 6-11
 Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

March 25th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

“Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.”

Processional Hymn: The King of Glory BB # 730

Psalm 22: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Preparation of the Gifts: Behold the Lamb of God BB #150

Communion Song: Shepherd Me, O God BB # 459

Recessional Song: Jesus, Remember Me BB # 408

March 29th: Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

“I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you.”

Processional Hymn: Glory in the Cross BB # 155

Psalm 116: Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

Washing of the Feet: *Ubi caritas, et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

(Where charity and love prevail, God is there.)

Preparation of the Gifts: Ave Verum Corpus

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed; Be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet), in the trial of death!

Communion Song: The Supper of the Lord # 354

Transfer of the Eucharist: Pange Lingua Gloriosi BB p.107

Stripping of the Altar: *Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.*

March 30th: Good Friday

1 pm: Stations of the Cross

2 pm: Liturgical service and veneration of the cross

Psalm 51: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Intercessions: *Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.*

Veneration of the Cross: Behold the Wood BB #28 (p. 118)

Communion Song: Behold the Lamb of God BB #150

Closing: *Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.*

PASTOR'S DESK

Jesus took on the form of a servant freely. Jesus emptied Himself freely. Jesus humbled Himself freely. In the obedience of Faith, Jesus freely accepted even death on a cross! Jesus Christ is Lord!

There is a beautiful little parable in which a high-flying sparrow looks down at her shadow skimming along a parched, withering landscape. This saddens the little bird. "If it were not for the constant sun," she thought...

The air would cool. Plants could grow again. Animals could thrive. Children could play in the rain.

But the sparrow was so small, she was helpless against the unrelenting sun. Or was she? Suddenly she had a thought. She flew off and excitedly chirped her idea to a wise old woodpecker who nodded in approval. The woodpecker informed a flock of pigeons who scattered to tell others. Soon the skies were abuzz with the sparrow's idea.

At the appointed hour, when the sun was at its height, the birds came. From east and west, from north and south. Plants and animals looked up in disbelief. The earth had suddenly cooled; the searing sun was blocked by the great cloud of birds soaring overhead.

Each day the birds returned. Day after day, protected from the scorching sun, the earth soon sprouted. Animals frolicked and people found new hope.

Then, for reasons that the birds did not understand, the sky began producing its own clouds. Soon, the rains came. The sparrow looked down and smiled. Her shadow was nowhere to be found.

We are like the sparrow: tiny specks, on the parched

landscape of God's needy world. Yet, when we humbly focus on the fact that the entire population of the universe is composed of others -- when we work together, in harmony and with a common purpose, God's Grace is amazingly revealed.

Why do we postpone the translation of this incredible Good News into our daily lives? Perhaps this is the moment to respond to it in Faith obedience. Perhaps this is the moment to begin changing your whole way of life: the things you believe about yourself; the things you believe about other people; the way you treat yourself; the way you treat other people. Perhaps this is the moment to follow Jesus' example by willingly and freely taking on the form of a servant.

With the exception of a few immediate family members -- there was a certain man who never attended the funeral of any of his close friends or acquaintances. When asked why this was so, he said, *"Whenever I hear of the passing of someone I know, instead of attending the funeral, I go to visit someone living -- someone I know who is sick, or lonely or hurting in some way. In this way, I believe I am truly honoring the soul that has passed. In this way, I can share the Christ presence in me, with others."*

Because we have experienced the living presence of God in Christ, we have this burning desire, through our servant ministry, to freely share that presence with the world.

In His final moment, "Jesus gave out a loud cry and breathed His last" (Mk. 15:37). For that reason -- for His Faith obedience to the Father's Will, for His unconditional free gift of self to the world -- Jesus Christ is Lord!

PEACE AND BLESSINGS!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No daily mass Tuesday March 27th and Wednesday March 28th.

Holy Thursday Mass at 5pm at St. Elizabeth.

Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday** begins at 1pm and liturgical service and veneration of the cross at 2pm.

Easter Vigil Saturday 5pm.

Easter Sunday Mass 9am at St. Elizabeth, 11am at St. Colman & Cazadero.

No daily mass April 3rd and 6th.