



August 19, 2018 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Sun Aug 19, Summer picnic @Highland Dell 1 PM
Tues Aug 28, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 PM
Wed Sept 5, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM
Wed Sept 5, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Posie, William Donnellan, Ernest Souder, Robert Cebalo, Kathleen Sheridan, Sister Gabrielle, 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: Keith Poulsen, Doris Porras, Helen Leseberg, Bette Campbell, Margaret Maher, Carole Williams, Fr. Philip Ryan, Joseph Kobler, Rebecca Jane Ruiz, Janine Bekker Carrig, Margie Sanchez, Matthew Gonzalez, Billy Ferree, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez, Don Covello.

PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: Aug. 11 – Aug. 12

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$2,290.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$442.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$106.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$83.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$361.23
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$461.00

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

To be placed on our Sunday Bulletin email list, send your request to: ChurchElizabeth@comcast.net

The deadline for Bulletin submissions is Wednesday at 5pm. Submit them (proofread and spell-checked) via email or the following meetings at St. Hubert's Hall:

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4 pm: Michael Johnston⁺
Sat. 5 pm: Bob Thule
Sun. 9 am: Betty Campbell⁺ requested by Guild
Sun. 11 am: For all parishioners
Tues-Wed. 9 am: Michael Johnston⁺, Suzi Schaffert⁺, Bob Thule⁺

READINGS

Prv 9: 1-6
Ps 34: 2-3. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15
Eph 5: 15-20
Jn 6: 51-58

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

August 19: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him, says the Lord." (Entrance Antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Table of Plenty BB # 310
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax.
Psalm 34: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, let us taste the goodness of the Lord.
Preparation of Gifts: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) BB # 560
Communion: I Am the Bread of Life BB # 364
Recessional: We Will Serve the Lord ss
BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet

"Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts." (Ephesians 5) As Fr. Luis reminded everyone last week, we are a singing community, so let us never tire of singing God's praises!

PASTOR'S DESK

My friends this Sunday is our Parish picnic at Highland Dell. We'll start gathering by 1 pm. that is

about what time I will be arriving after my 11 am. mass in Cazadero. Please, the theme is 'In Hawaii,' wear a Hawaiiin Shirt and please no grass skirt.

"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus said again and again. And, in today's Gospel Lesson, He says, "Anyone who does eat My flesh and drink My blood has eternal life." "Anyone who eats this Bread will live forever" (Jn. 6:54, 58).

We tend to think of eternal life in terms of the immortality of the soul: life after death. But, in so doing, we overlook the fact that Jesus speaks of eternal life in terms of its present meaning. Eternal life is to be with God, Jesus says. Not in the hereafter, but now. The opposite of being with God is, of course, estrangement from God. And that is the very definition of sin.

There's an amusing little story about a man who was a regular at a particular restaurant. *The management always did its best to please him. So when he complained one day that he received only one piece of bread with his meal, the waiter promptly brought him four slices.*

"That's good," he said, "but not good enough. I like bread with my meals and plenty of it." So on his next visit to the restaurant, he was given six slices. "Good," he said, "but you're still a bit frugal, aren't you?" Even a large basketful of slices on the table the following week did not stop his complaints. So the manager decided to teach him a lesson. He asked his baker to prepare an extra large loaf, and when the customer arrived, the manager delivered the entire unsliced loaf to the man's table. The man glared at the bread, then looked at the manager and said, "So we're back to one piece again!"

Some people **look to abundance for satisfaction.** At best, this may provide some passing pleasures and creature comforts, but not the abundant life we need and want. No matter if it's money or wealth, or even bread — it seems the **more we have, the more we need.** But Jesus tells us, "My food is to do the Will of One who sent Me and to complete His work" (Jn. 4:34).

We need to satisfy the hunger we feel at the deepest level of our being with the soul-nourishing bread of

life. And our food, at this level of our being, is to do the Will of God, in imitation of Christ. And we receive spiritual nourishment in abundance when we dedicate our lives to the completion of the building of God's Kingdom of Love.

At this precise moment, you may not be able to remember a single Gospel Episode of the hundreds, or even thousands you may have heard here or in other Churches over the years. Nevertheless, you may have the distinct impression that without them you might have starved to death spiritually.

"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus said again and again. "Anyone who eats this Bread will live forever" (Jn. 6:58). And no matter how you slice it, when we open ourselves up to the Bread of Life, we receive the spiritual strength we need. When we feed on the Bread of Life, we are empowered to carry out our ministry of service to others. Receive then, this gift of New Life, so that you may share it, and share it abundantly!

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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