



September 2, 2018 Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Sept 5, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM
Wed Sept 19, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM
Tues Sept 25, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 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. 25 – Aug. 26

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$1,215.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$880.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$180.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$227.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$234.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$362.23

Thank you for your generosity! \$3,098.23

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4 pm: Susie Schaffert⁺ requested by Patricia Gildea and family.

Sat. 5 pm: Strady & Avera Families [healing] requested by Ellen Strady.

Sun. 9 am: Ray & Mary Foley⁺ requested by Janine and Steve Powers.

Sun. 11am: For parishioners and victims of clergy abuse.

Wed-Fri. 9 am: Susie Schaffert⁺ requested by Patricia and family.

READINGS

Dt 4: 1-2. 6-8

Ps 15: 2-3. 3-4. 4-5

Jas 1: 17-18. 21b-22. 27

Mk 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-23

PASTOR'S DESK

One morning when the man arrived at the church, he found that the normally wide open door was shut tight. Worried that he might be unable to visit in God's house that day he looked heavenward. To his complete surprise he saw a sign posted above the door which read:

If you don't find me in the neighborhood, you won't find me in here.

St. James tells us, "To listen to the word and not obey is like looking at your own features in a mirror and then, after a quick look, going off and immediately forgetting what you looked like" (James 1:23-24). To which we might add, ***"A person who customarily comes to Church then goes off and promptly forgets why he or she came, is a person who has confused means with ends."***

As Christian church-goers, we may rightfully rejoice in our many common customs and practices and traditions. But only to the extent that they genuinely mirror our lives in the Lord Jesus Christ. Only to the extent that they

genuinely reflect our vision of the one true God of love and mercy and forgiveness.

St. Francis of Assisi abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God commanding him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. Francis once invited a young monk to join him on a trip to the local village to preach. Honored to be asked and excited to learn from the master the monk readily accepted.

All day long he and Francis walked through the streets, byways, and alleys, caring for the needs of the poor and helpless along the way. They rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people. At days end, the two headed back home. Not even once had Francis addressed the gathered crowds, nor had he talked to anyone about the Gospel. Greatly disappointed, his young companion said, "I thought we were going into town to preach." Francis responded, "My son we did preach. We were preaching while we were walking. We were watched by many, and our behavior was closely observed. It is of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk!"

Like it or not we are preachers every day. And people will believe us not for what we preach, but for what we do.

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name A Pew

St. Elizabeth's outdoor church has been in existence since the late 30's. In fact, there were a number of others, but over time parishioners dwindled and so did the masses, some stopping service and some closing altogether.

The Guerneville church has maintained its presence but not with some cost and much community support. Over time, floods, overgrowth of vegetation and lack of maintenance have taken its toll. We are trying to restore some of the pews and stabilize the benches and have now a drive called "Name a Pew".

You can have your family name or anyone you'd like remembered and select the location you would like the plaque placed.

Your donation of \$300 per plaque will be used strictly for the upkeep of our outdoor church.

Would you benefit from the use of a chair lift installed at the stairs in front of St. Elizabeth church? Please let us know at ChurchElizabeth@comcast.net or call the office at (707) 869-2107

Enjoy fellowship after our Sunday outdoor mass. We appreciate all for continuing to bring the treats and refreshments. If you'd like to help, please bring your snack or beverage to our treat table any Sunday morning. Thank you.

St. Elizabeth's On-line Donations & Memorial Plaque Sales

Our website, www.rrchurches.com, now offers the convenience of on-line donations for those of you who are not always in town but would like to continue your support of the parish. Our e-commerce vendor is PayPal which accepts credit cards as well as PayPal account transactions. If you have a PayPal account, you can schedule recurring donations. In addition, you may purchase the Memorial Plaques for the Summer Church on-line, which benefit the improvement of the Summer or Outdoor Church. The broken and deteriorated pews have been replaced and a new storage shed is under construction. Thank you for your continued support of St. Elizabeth and the Mission Churches of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Colman.

"I'm Home Alone," a free program offered by Catholic Charities. Registered clients receive a telephone call once a day, 7 days a week available. You will receive a phone call by a trained volunteer in the morning. If the caller fails to receive an answer after three attempts throughout the day, then a predetermined designated contact will be notified. There are brochures available at St. Elizabeth's and St. Catherine's. Or you may call Tonya O' Claire at [707] 486-8749 for additional information.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

1. "What great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?" Can you answer Moses' question? What makes a law just? Can you state the law in one sentence, as Jesus did?

2. Discuss some human rights issues that would change if everyone in the world observed the law? How might your community or your work place change?

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

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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:

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting (1st Wednesday at 1 pm)
Finance Committee Meeting (3rd Wednesday at 4 pm)
St. Colman Guild Meeting (4th Tuesday at 12 pm)