



# September 16, 2018 Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## UPCOMING DATES

**Tues Sept 18, No Mass**

Wed Sept 19, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM

**Fri Sept 21, No Mass**

Tues Sept 25, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 PM

Wed Oct 3, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM

## PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

**Who are ill or in pain:** Joe Mercieca, Nina Cantacessi, 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, 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:** Suzi Schaffert, Janet Guidotti, 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat. 4 pm:** Susie Schaffert<sup>+</sup> req Pat & family

**Sat. 5 pm:** For parishioners

**Sun. 9 am:** Susie Schaffert<sup>+</sup> req by Pat & family

**Sun. 11 am:** For parishioners

**Tues & Fri: No Mass**

**Wed 9 am:** Susie Schaffert<sup>+</sup> req by Pat & family

**Thurs 9 am:** Tillie Manick<sup>+</sup> req by Francine Korn

## READINGS

*Is 50: 5-9a*

*Ps 116: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9*

*Jas 2: 14-18*

*Mk 8: 27-35*

## LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

## **Sept. 16: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world." (Gospel verse)*

Processional Hymn: Glory in the Cross BB # 155

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax.*

*Psalm 116: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.*

Preparation of Gifts: I Will Choose Christ BB # 510

Communion: Take and Eat BB # 361

Recessional: Blest Be the Lord BB # 431

BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet

*"Who do you say that I am?" Our answer to that question will determine who and what we live for. After Peter answers that question, Jesus then teaches them that to be His disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.*

## PARISH DONATIONS: Sept 8 – Sept 9

St. Elizabeth 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$1,100.00
St. Elizabeth 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$328.00
St. Catherine 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$127.00
St. Catherine 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$24.00
St. Colman 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$110.23
St. Colman 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$120.00

*Thank you for your generosity!* \$1,809.23

## *Is the Lord's work one of your heirs?*

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

**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)**

## PASTOR'S DESK

Today's Reading is the very core of the Gospel of Mark. The followers have perceived, through the action of God among them, the Messiah. Now they learn the cost of such an act of faith. Their faith will bring them not glory and triumph, but the demand to give of themselves."

*Comedian Steve Allen tells the story of two Jewish gentlemen, longtime friends, who happened to meet ...*

*One noticed that the other seemed depressed. "What's wrong?" he asked. "There's terrible trouble in my family," the other replied. "I sent my son to Israel so that he would come home a better Jew and, believe it or not, he became a Christian."*

*"It's funny you should mention that," said the first man. "Exactly the same thing happened to me. I sent my son to Israel so that he'd become a better Jew, and he too came home a Christian."*

*So the two friends decided to seek the advice of a wise and respected Rabbi. When they told him what had happened in their families, the Rabbi replied, "It's funny you should mention that. Exactly the same thing happened in my family. I sent my only son to Israel so that he'd become a better Jew and, believe it or not, he also came home a Christian."*

*At that, the three fathers fell to their knees, and with tears streaming down their faces, addressed God the Father Almighty directly. When each of them had told their stories to the Lord, a voice from Heaven replied ... "It's funny you should mention that ..."*

*"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself," Jesus said. Let him "take up his cross and follow Me" (Mk. 8:34). Hearing this, I might be inclined to say, "It's funny you should mention that because that is precisely what we are being called to do here today."*

**The ultimate test of our Christian discipleship is not what we think about Jesus, not what we say about Jesus, but what we do about Jesus.** In concrete terms, how does our relationship with Jesus affect the way we conduct our lives? How does our relationship with Jesus change our relationships with others? How do we demonstrate our love for Jesus in the specific, everyday down-to-earth events of our lives? Again, in today's Gospel, Jesus says, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself, take up his cross and follow Me." This is our Christian imperative. If you want

to follow Jesus, pick up your cross -- pick it up daily. But concretely, what does this mean?

It means that we need to be Christ centered in our life.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Want a tool to build a joyful marriage?** Join engaged and married couples in learning natural family planning. Fall classes begin October 20, 2018 in Santa Rosa. For more information and/or registration visit [www.CCLI.org](http://www.CCLI.org) or call (707) 542-3635.

## **Catholic Cursillo fellowship gathering**

Want a Catholic friend? Come join us. Develop friendships, enjoy singing and fellowship, hear how other Catholics are living their life of holiness and pray as a group before the Blessed Sacrament. Fellowship gatherings of Catholics are held monthly. Catholic Cursillo is a movement within the Catholic Church based on friendship. We would love to be your friend. Join us on October 20th from 2-4 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton in Rohnert Park. For further information call Molly Touchette at 707-292-8389 or Olga Dorado at 707-755-0022. Our website is: [www.CatholicCursilloMovementOfSantaRosa.com](http://www.CatholicCursilloMovementOfSantaRosa.com)

## **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](mailto:ChurchElizabeth@comcast.net) or call the office at (707) 869-2107