



# January 27, 2019

## Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

### UPCOMING DATES

Wed Feb 6, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM  
 Wed Feb 20, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM  
 Tues Feb 26, St. Colman Guild Meeting 4 PM

### READINGS

*Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*  
*Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15*  
*1 Cor 12: 12-30*  
*Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21*

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 4 pm:** Victor Doth req. by Michelle McDonell  
**Sat 5 pm:** Bern Gerigk<sup>+</sup> req. by Eleanor  
**Sun 9 am & 11 am:** All parishioners

### PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

**Who are ill or in pain:** Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, Lawrence Peterson, Claudette West, Alan Barich, Ed Copeland, Andrew Cebalo, 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, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Maggie Nelson, Stella Dunne, 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:** Evelyn Shuster, John Seymour, George Ayoob, Charlie Marbach, Joe Mercieca, Elaine Benson, Suzi Schaffert, Janet Guidotti, Keith Poulsen, Doris Porras, Helen Leseberg, Bette Campbell, Margaret Maher, Carole Williams, Fr. Philip Ryan, Joseph Kobler, Janine Bekker Carrig, Matthew Gonzalez, Billy Ferree, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez, Don Covello.

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

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### LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

### **Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."*  
*(From today's Gospel)*

Processional Hymn: Our God is Here BB # 305  
 Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!*  
 Psalm 19: *Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*  
 Preparation of the Gifts: God Has Chosen Me BB # 379  
 Communion Song: We Are One Body SS  
 Recessional Song: A Rightful Place BB # 634

*Today's beautiful Communion song, "We Are One Body" is recorded by the Irish singer, Dana Scallon, and is found on her CD, "Say Yes". It was the official World Youth Day '93 song.*

### PASTOR'S DESK

A woman had been going through a particularly trying period in her life. Instead of turning to God, as many of us do when real problems come, she simply made herself busier and busier, burying herself in her work and other activities. In the midst of this, she was seriously injured in an accident and was hospitalized. While there, she had time to reflect on what had been happening in her life. She had time to pay attention, to close off everything else and just listen. It became for her a life-transforming experience, a new awareness of God's Presence. In her own words:

*"The feeling I had in this moment was a sense of freedom, of being unencumbered. It was as though the windows of my life had been washed. It was as though some part of me had been left behind, a part that was old and hard. In that hospital bed, the world was a very private place and I was quite alone. Then, all at once, I was not alone. There was no increase in light; there was*

*no sound, no motion. Lying utterly still, I was aware of a Presence and I simply waited.*

*Previously unable to accept, I was now accepting. I was allowing myself to be claimed. I was allowing this Grace to watch over me. And I knew what this Presence was. It was the Lord! Here was the glory of His patient Presence. Feelings of wonder gripped my soul and, with the wonder, peace. Not the peace the world knows, but at-one-ness with God. All at once I understood. I understood that I was not alone! The Lord was already there!"*

Anxiety and despair over past times and future times, both, are a squandering of the immediate gift of life. Christ's People are People who have been set free from the bondage of yesterdays and tomorrows. Christ's People can say, with the Psalmist of old:

***"This is the day the Lord has made  
 Let us be glad and rejoice in it" (Ps.118:24).***

Christ's People have been set free in relation to truth -- free to hear the truth and to accept it. We live in a world that camouflages reality, tranquilizes truth, pretending that the pain of it can be obliterated. But Christ's People know that the truth will set them free!

The freest Person who ever lived was Jesus. His was the supreme freedom. He was free even to go to His Cross. He made this point over-and-over again so there would be no mistaking it.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS!  
 FR. LUIS

### PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: Jan 12 – Jan 13

St. Elizabeth 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$1,184.00
St. Elizabeth 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$322.00
St. Catherine 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$196.00
St. Catherine 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$249.00
St. Colman 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$104.00
St. Colman 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$178.46

Thank you for your generosity! \$2,233.46

On the 5th Sunday of a month, the 2nd collection will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

### **1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

1. Why does Ezra say "today" is holy? What is significant about "today" for Jesus? Do you live in the past or the future? What is the only time you have for sure? What happens to "now" if you spend all your time looking backward or forward?  
 2. Each of the readings today is similar in that someone is proclaiming God's word to an assembly (Paul was writing to the Corinthians who were fighting over rank and status). Do you think everything we would ever know was stated during Jesus' time or does the Holy Spirit give us new insights as we need them?

### **2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27**

1. Some people's gift is to defuse tension in a meeting. Is this kind of gift more or less important than administering the parish community or diocese? What is your gift to the community?  
 2. If you had your choice of gifts which ones would you choose? Why? If you have a gift and you never use it, what will happen to it? Please name some of your gifts.

### **Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

1. Jesus went to Nazareth, his hometown. People there thought of him as Mary and Joseph's son. Suddenly he claims to be the Messiah. What would your reaction have been to such a declaration?  
 2. Jesus said he had been "anointed to bring glad tidings to the poor, ... liberty to captives, ... sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. ... " Pope Francis names some of today's captives and oppressed in *Evangelii Gaudium*. What can you do to bring liberty, or make life a little easier for today's captives and oppressed?

*It is essential to draw near to new forms of poverty and vulnerability, in which we are called to recognize the suffering Christ, even if this appears to bring us no tangible and immediate benefits. I think of the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned, and many others. Migrants present a particular challenge for me, since I am the pastor of a Church without frontiers, a Church which considers herself mother to all. ...*

*How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labor? Let us not look the other way.*

*Evangelii Gaudium, 210-211, July 6, 2015*