



January 13, 2019 Baptism of The Lord

UPCOMING DATES

Mon-Fri Jan 14th - 18th No daily Mass

Tues Jan 22, St. Colman Guild Meeting 4 PM

Wed Feb 6, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM

Wed Feb 20, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Jeffrey Weber & Lionel Robin⁺
requested by John Clifford

Sat 5 pm: Jeffrey Weber & Lionel Robin⁺
requested by John Clifford

Sun 9 am: John Seymour⁺
requested by Eleanor

Sun 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, Rebecca Jane Ruiz, Janine Bekker Carrig, Margie Sanchez, Matthew Gonzalez, Billy

Ferree, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez, Don Covello.

READINGS

Is 40: 1-5. 9-11

Ps 104: 1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30

Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

Lk 3: 15-16. 21-22

PASTOR'S DESK

In a large downtown Church, a communal baptism had been arranged for several children and adults. On the day of the baptism, the Church was filled. Because the Pastor had expected a full house, he was careful to remind the younger baptismal candidates to answer the ritual questions "in a loud and clear voice." When the first boy was asked, "Do you believe in God the Father?" he answered in a voice all could hear, "I do believe." As each child answered the questions, in turn, the urge to upstage took over, resulting in a steady increase in volume -- each child answering louder than the one before. Finally, the pastor came to the last child and began to ask her the questions of faith. "Do you believe in God the Father?" "I do believe," she exclaimed. "Do you believe in God the Son?" Still louder came her answer, "I do believe." "And do you believe in the Holy Spirit?" This time there was a pause. Then, in a quiet voice, she replied, "I believe I do."

Whether it was a slip of the tongue or just a simple, forthright answer, that little girl was speaking for us all. We all have our "I do believe" days and our "I believe I do" days. If Jesus Himself was to stand before us and engage us in conversation, it is easy to imagine that He would be bombarded with the questions that haunt us on our "I believe I do" days: "How, Lord? Who, Lord? Where Lord?" But mostly, "Why Lord?" "Why?" "Why?" "Why?" If it were otherwise, if our hope in

God's promises were not in constant need of renewal, there would be little point in our coming together as we do. If our trust in God's graciousness were not in constant need of nourishment, there would be little point in gathering on a regular basis to acknowledge our human limitations and to hear God speak to us once more, as a loving father speaks to his wondering child.

In today's Gospel Lesson, Luke recalls the baptism of the Lord Jesus in these words: *"When all the people were baptized, and Jesus was at prayer after likewise being baptized, the skies opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in visible form like a dove. A voice from heaven was heard to say, 'You are My Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you'" (Lk.3:22).*

That same voice from heaven speaks to us all on our "I do believe" days and on our "I believe I do" days, both: "You are My beloved children. On you My favor rests." God is like that. God loves us! And as Christians, it is that favor of God that gives us the strength to say, "I do believe!"

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Luis

PS, Next week there will be no daily mass. I will be at a workshop in Benbow all week from Monday January 14th to Friday January 18th 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After researching several stair lift companies, it appears not one will build a commercial curved stair lift. Sorry for getting your hopes up.

Catholic Cursillo fellowship gathering

The Catholic Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Santa Rosa invites all Catholic Cursillistas to an Ultreya from 2 to 4 p.m. January 19 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. If you are a Catholic who has ever lived a Cursillo weekend, or if you are interested in learning about the Catholic Cursillo Movement, you are welcome to attend this Ultreya. Gathering 2:00, Small group sharing 2:15, Witness Rollo and Reflection 2:45, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 3:15, Refreshments and Social 3:30.

For further information call:

Molly Touchette at 707-292-8389

Olga Dorado at 707-755-0022

Stay current on Youth & Young Adult ministry events in the diocese: www.sryouth.org & www.CatholicYA.org

"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 and St. Catherine. Or you may call Tonya O' Claire at (707) 486-8749 for additional information.

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.

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

Our website, rchurches.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.

PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: Jan 5 – Jan 6

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$763.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$326.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$54.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$184.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$30.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$121.23

Thank you for your generosity! \$1,478.23

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:

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)