



## February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### UPCOMING DATES

Wed Feb 20, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM  
 Tues Feb 26, St. Colman Guild Meeting 4 PM  
 Wed Mar 6, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM  
 Sun Mar 17, St. Patricks Luncheon 12:30 PM

### READINGS

*Jer 17: 5-8*  
*Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4. 6*  
*1 Cor 15: 12. 16-20*  
 Lk 6: 17. 20-26

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 4 pm:** Lawrence Peterson<sup>+</sup> req. by Michele McDonell  
**Sat 5 pm:** Maria Wutsch<sup>+</sup> req. by Eleanor  
**Sun 9 am:** John Seymour<sup>+</sup>  
**Sun 11 am:** All parishioners

### PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

**Who are ill or in pain:** Don Creech, 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:** Lawrence Peterson, 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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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:

### PASTOR'S DESK

Some of you may be more familiar with the Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew than with those in Luke which we have read. Somehow, Matthew's list of eight Beatitudes has received more popular exposure and commentary than Luke's list of four. Most Bible experts agree that Luke's is the more primitive version, somewhat different in emphasis than Matthew's. Luke's "*Blest are you poor*" refers directly to the materially impoverished. And his "*Blest are you who hunger*" refers directly to those who don't have enough to eat. Matthew, on the other hand, in blessing the "poor in spirit" and "those who hunger for what is right," has "spiritualized" Luke's version. Yet the lessons of both versions are in basic harmony. We can think of the two versions as separate strings on the same violin, together producing a melodious chord.

A TV series on *Alaska* gave the viewer a vivid picture of daily life in one of the most isolated villages on the North American continent. It was a village without TV, without supermarkets, without cars, without plumbing and heating, without modern amenities of any kind. It was a village situated in the most rugged environment imaginable. Some would call it "uncivilized." The people were poor. Food, clothing, shelter -- everything they needed for survival -- had to be acquired under the most difficult physical conditions. But, despite the harshness of their environment, the people managed somehow to sustain themselves.

As we reflect on today's Gospel Lesson, we begin to understand why these people were blest with an undeniable spirit of contentment, of serenity, of a sense of community. It was because the tough conditions under which they lived kept them close together. The day-to-day struggle for survival taught them lessons of *mutual dependence* and *trusting* and *sharing that we, in our "civilized" world, might never learn*. And, because they were a blest people, a happy people, they were a creative people. As though in celebration of their inner-peace, they skillfully created objects of fantastic beauty from

swamp grass and walrus tusks. They were poor in economic terms and poor in spirit, both -- and they were "blest." Who among us would presume to claim a sweeter foretaste of the fullness of God's Kingdom?

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Luis

PS: Just a reminder that Financial Committee meeting this Wednesday 20th @ St. Hubert's Hall 4 pm.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Patricks Luncheon at St. Hubert's hall on Sunday March 17th at 12:30 pm for gathering.** \$10.00 Donation for corned beef and cabbage, and raffle. All are invited sponsored by the guild.

**Young Adults! Join other young Catholics from the Santa Rosa diocese at the SSU Newman Center for fellowship and faith formation as we view and discuss Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism series:**

**Monday, February 25th, 7pm - Episode 8: A Vast Company of Witnesses - the Communion of Saints.** Bishop Barron gives consideration to some of the Church's greatest heroes, and demonstrates how their extraordinary examples display both the passion and creative potential of the Catholic Church. Highlighting Katharine Drexel, Thérèse of Lisieux, Edith Stein, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Bishop Barron tells the story of the Church as a vast company of witness who are called by Christ to be a Communion of Saints.

**Stay current on Youth & Young Adult ministry events in the diocese: [www.sryouth.org](http://www.sryouth.org) & [www.catholicya.org](http://www.catholicya.org)**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8**

1. Compare and contrast the tree planted beside the water with a barren bush. Do you identify completely with the tree or do you have some of the barren bush in you? Where does choice come into this picture?
2. Are there any areas of your life in which you place your trust in human beings? Why? In which areas of your life do you place your trust in God?

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

1. Resurrection was a new idea for the early Christians and hard for some to believe. How do you handle new ideas? Is it an automatic rejection, automatic acceptance, or do you collect information and study the ideas carefully?

2. Do you think every truth was present at the foundation of the Church or do you think some truths evolve with time and circumstances? How does the idea of resurrection impact your life now? What would your life be like now if you had no hope of resurrection?

### **Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26**

1. Although it is inevitable that disciples suffer, such directives don't require you to be constantly poor or hungry. Simply realize your need for God, whatever your situation. These demand a choice. Is it a choice you can make once or do you have to make it repeatedly? Discuss.

2. In his homily for World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis tells us where we can find the poor today. What does he tell us to do to insure our own poverty of spirit?

*The cry of the poor: it is the stifled cry of the unborn, of starving children, of young people more used to the explosion of bombs than happy shouts of the playground. It is the cry of the elderly, cast off and abandoned to themselves. It is the cry of all those who face the storms of life without the presence of a friend. It is the cry of all those forced to flee their homes and native land for an uncertain future. It is the cry of entire peoples, deprived even of the great natural resources at their disposal. It is the cry of every Lazarus who weeps while the wealthy few feast on what, in justice, belongs to all. Injustice is the perverse root of poverty. The cry of the poor daily grows louder but is heard less and less. Every day that cry gets louder, but every day heard less, drowned out by the din of the rich few, who grow ever fewer and more rich. ...*

*Stretch out your hand to us, Lord, and take hold of us. Help us to love as you love. Teach us to leave behind all that is passing, to be a source of reassurance to those around us, and to give freely to all those in need.*

*World Day of the Poor  
Nov. 18, 2018*

### PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: Feb 9 – Feb 10

St. Elizabeth 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$649.00
St. Elizabeth 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$161.00
St. Catherine 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$130.00
St. Catherine 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$227.00
St. Colman 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$100.23
St. Colman 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$72.00

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