



# March 17, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent

## UPCOMING DATES

Sun Mar 17, St. Patricks Luncheon 12:30 PM  
 Wed Mar 20, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM  
 Tues Mar 26, St. Colman Guild Meeting 4 PM  
 Wed Apr 3, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM  
 Sun Apr 14, Palm Sunday  
 Sun Apr 21, Easter Sunday

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 4 pm:** All parishioners  
**Sat 5 pm:** All parishioners  
**Sun 9 am:** Mike & Phyllis Small req by Mark Van Doren  
**Sun 11 am:** All parishioners

## PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

**Who are ill or in pain:** Cecilia Heinz, Nini Johnston, 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

## READINGS

Gn 15: 5-12. 17-18  
 Ps 27: 1. 7-8. 8-9. 13-14  
 Phil 3: 17 -- 4: 1 or 3: 20 -- 4: 1  
 Lk9: 28b-36

## LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

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*"Of you my heart has spoken; seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me."*  
 (Entrance antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Return to God SS

*The Gloria is omitted during Lent..*

Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

*Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!*

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

Preparation of the Gifts: This Alone BB # 403

Communion Song: Strength For the Journey ss

Recessional Song: Save Your People BB # 130

*The Transfiguration of Christ on Mt. Tabor is one of the many proofs of the divine Sonship of Christ. This consoling vision was given to the Apostles to strengthen and encourage them, and us, and to give us a foretaste of the glory of heaven.*

## PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: March 9 – March 10

St. Elizabeth 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$1,198.00
St. Elizabeth 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$287.00
St. Catherine 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$201.00
St. Catherine 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$193.00
St. Colman 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$131.23
St. Colman 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$45.00

*Thank you for your generosity!* \$2,055.23

## PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Second Sunday of Lent to all, couple things are happening or projects in our parish churches. The retaining wall between the rectory and our neighbor is getting an overhaul and it started last Tuesday morning, and hopefully it will be done by next week. Next month mid-week on April, St. Colman is getting their roof replace, as well as, the foundation of the church needed to be replaced or fixed.

***We had damaged from the flood at St. Hubert's Hall, and Jim Hudgins, from Bakersfield called and offering his service to clean up and fix the damages we have underneath the St. Huberts basements. However, I need your assistance in finding a place for him and his crew to stay during the clean-up.***

The most important thing in your life, as you sit here today, is to be in communion with Almighty God: more important than any human relationship, more important than your work, more important than your security, more important than your pleasure. If you don't have this, then you are not growing as a human person, and you have nothing in terms of your life's true meaning and purpose. And everything you do have will turn to ashes, ultimately. It is possible for you, as you sit here today, to go down into the depths of your being and there make contact with God.

One of the most hopeful signs in today's world is the way in which people of all ages are raising the question of life's meaning. Our modern bookstores are loaded with literature of all kinds offering all kinds of answers to the question of life's purpose.

Psychologist Erich Fromm, in his famous book, "The Art of Loving," names "loving relationships" as the "necessary ingredient" of a fulfilled life. Yet, he observes that in our everyday living we all too often treat love or loving relationships as "a luxury, a dimension we can get along without." But the Gospel Truth is, we cannot. "We either love or die," says Fromm. In terms of the "Good Life"—the fulfilled life—"there is only one way to live, but a thousand ways to die."

When you are in communion with God, when your spirit is fused to the Spirit of God, when you are moving in the stream of God's Love, you begin to realize that there is only one way to live. You discover that the old routine is not right for you and there is a need for change. Most importantly, when you are moving in the stream of God's Love, you will discover new meaning in your relationships with other persons. And you will begin to emerge as a source of the power of love that gives them new life and sustains their hope.

In today's Gospel Lesson, God's transforming power is dramatically revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration. There, Jesus presents Himself to three of the disciples in a brilliant flash of light. "As He prayed," Luke tells us, "the aspect of His face was changed, and His clothing became brilliant as lightning" (Lk. 9:29). In Matthew's account, we are told that "His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light" (Mt. 17:2). Then "a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is My Son, the Chosen One. Listen to Him'" (Lk. 9:35).

Draw close to God in Jesus Christ. Listen to Him and discover the meaning of who you are and what you ought to do. Open yourself up to God's Presence. Allow God to light up your life with His Love! Allow yourself to become the person God wants you to be. Allow yourself to emerge as a miracle of God's transforming power, and the light of your life will shine as a beacon of love for all to see.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS!

FR. Luis

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***St Elizabeth's Guild is hosting a St Patrick's Day celebration this weekend, Sunday March 17, doors open at 12:30, lunch a bit later.*** We will be serving corned beef sandwiches, carrot potato and cabbage salads, dessert and coffee. We will have a raffle and Irish music after lunch. Join us for some Irish fun. Cost is \$10.00, kids \$5.00. St Catherine and St Colman can reserve by calling Francine Korn at 869-9341. ***Looking forward to seeing you!***

***Does your will include your gift to God? 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)***