



Sunday March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

UPCOMING DATES

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: All parishioners
Sat 5 pm: All parishioners
Sun 9 am: Yvonne Anita Cook⁺ req by Nina Madrid
Sun 11 am: All parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Gabe & Renee Snodgrass, Thomas Gregory, Paul Aguilera, 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

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:

READINGS

Ex3: 1-8a. 13-15
 Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8. 11
 1 Cor 10: 1-6. 10-12
 Lk 13: 1-9

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

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"I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord." (Entrance antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Return to God SS

The Gloria is omitted during Lent..

Psalm 103: *The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful. Slow to anger, rich in kindness, the Lord is kind and merciful.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Preparation of the Gifts: With the Lord BB # 663

Communion Song: Hosea BB # 666

Recessional Song: Save Your People BB # 130

Today's readings remind us of the inexhaustible love and mercy of God, which he offers us when we truly repent and strive to change our lives.

PASTOR'S DESK

I hope everyone enjoyed the St. Patrick's celebration we had last Sunday, I would like to thank the Guild for an exceptionally organized luncheon and great decoration. The food was stupendous, the corn beef was well spiced and the rye bread was so fresh, it just melts when you bite it. Compliments to the chef and all those who are involved, it's great to have a gathering especially, after the devastating flood that we all went through.

Producer *Sol Hurok* often said of *Marian Anderson*, one of the world's all-time great singers, "She hadn't simply grown great, she had grown great simply!" Once, a reporter began an interview with Miss Anderson by recalling some of the great moments in her career. He mentioned the night that *Arturo Toscanini* told her that she possessed the finest voice of the century. He mentioned the private concert she gave at the White House for the Roosevelt's and the King and Queen of England. He mentioned the \$10,000 award she received as the person who had done the most for her home town, Philadelphia. He mentioned the Easter Sunday in Washington, D.C. when she stood beneath the Lincoln Monument and sang for a crowd of 75,000, which included Cabinet Members, Supreme Court Justices, and most Members of Congress. Then he asked Miss Anderson what the greatest moment of her life was. She chose none of those he had mentioned. Instead, she said simply, **"The greatest moment of my life was the day I went home and told my mother she wouldn't have to take in washing anymore."**

Poverty of spirit, understanding, loving, caring, sharing -- these are the growth characteristics of the fully-functioning person. The living, loving presence of God flows within you. You can keep it turned off, or you can keep it turned on. The choice is yours.

Whether your life experience has been empty and barren and fruitless for three years or thirty-three years, you can change all that. As long as you live and breathe, you can change all that. By the Grace of God, you can choose to transfer control of your life from the forces "out there" to the Divine Force that is within you. You can begin to grow as sons and daughters of the Father. You can make that 180-degree turn: from pride, and self-centeredness to poverty of spirit; from insensitivity and indifference to understanding and caring; from taking all you can get to sharing all you have been given.

The seeds we sow now, the plantings of our earthly life, are of the utmost eternal significance. Our Christian hope is that, ultimately, in God's own time, they will bear good fruit and yield a rich harvest -- to the honor and glory of God!

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiak, St. Louis University

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

1. For whom did God call Moses? Was it for Moses' sake or for the sake of the Israelite people? Does "I Am Who Am" intervene in our history as he did in the Israelites? Name some incidents that you think are/were God's interventions. Is God calling all of us all the time, either to conversion or to action?
 2. God told Moses he was standing on holy ground. In **Laudato Si** Pope Francis writes about our common home, the earth. From what you read below give some reasons why you can call the earth "holy ground"?

84. Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.

92. Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

Pope Francis,
Laudato Si

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

1. Do you have to work at keeping a friendship alive and healthy? Does the same hold true for your relationship with God?
 2. Are there opportunities for deeper conversion (turning more toward God) and productivity that you could take advantage of? Are there some opportunities for your parish too?

PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: March 16 – March 17

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$1,760.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$468.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$232.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$200.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$21.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$80.00

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