



April 7, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Lent

UPCOMING DATES

Sun Apr 14, Palm Sunday
Wed Apr 17, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM
Sun Apr 21, Easter Sunday
Tues Apr 23, St. Colman Guild Meeting 4 PM
Wed May 1, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Carolyn Harris req by Michelle McDonell
Sat 5 pm: Therese Wolf req by Eleanor Gerigk
Sun 9 am: All parishioners
Sun 11 am: All parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Guillermina Hernandez, Despo Pullaro, Gabe & Renee Snodgrass, Thomas Gregory, Paul Aguilera, Nini Johnston, Don Creech, Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, 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, Cecilia Heinz, 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

Is 43: 16-21
Ps 126: 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6
Phil 3: 8-14
Jn 8: 1-11

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

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“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, for I am gracious and merciful.”
(Communion antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Return to God SS

The Gloria is omitted during Lent..

Psalm 126: The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Preparation of the Gifts:

How Can I Keep From Singing BB # 441

Communion Song: I Will Choose Christ BB # 510

Recessional Song: There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy BB # 476

Next Sunday begins Holy Week, and we expect and hope to see many parishioners and visitors at all the services! God bless you!

PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: March 30 – March 31

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$872.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$247.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$74.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$262.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$40.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$138.00

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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

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)

PASTOR'S DESK

Have you ever asked yourself, *“what is the most wonderful time in life?”* Is it the innocence of childhood? The adventurous teenage years? Is it the early stage of marriage, family and career -- or the profound passage of middle-age? And who doesn't admire and respect the hard-earned wisdom of one's golden years? Of course, life can be full of meaning and purpose in all these stages. *But I submit that the most beautiful time of life is when we no longer condemn but have compassion.* I believe that the most wonderful time in life is when we have come down from the judge's bench with a new attitude of understanding and acceptance. I am convinced that the most meaningful time in life is when we discover that human hearts do not need judgment, but help. For once we criticized, and now we see the need to understand. Once we were close to the devil -- separating heroes and villains -- and now we are close to God who knows only mercy, forgiveness and love. Indeed, it is when we are close to God that we truly experience the most beautiful time in life.

There once was a bishop who loved to play golf – so much so that he was known to keep his golf bag in the trunk of his car, ready to get out on the course whenever he could. One year, when Spring rolled around, he announced that he would make the supreme sacrifice: no golf during Lent. He did well for two weeks, resisting every temptation to open that car trunk. But one bright sunny morning as he rode past a beautiful golf course he wavered. "I'll just hit a few practice swings," he said to himself. But when he got out on the greens, he was lost, and he played an entire round. Unfortunately for him, however, a heavenly angel was watching. The angel reported to St. Peter, "Look down there, the bishop is playing golf. He's breaking his Lenten promise. He must be punished! Shall I strike him with a lightning bolt?" St. Peter replied, "No. That's being too easy on him. I'll punish him more severely." On the last tee, the bishop swung and hit an amazing drive. The ball hit the green and rolled into the cup: a hole in one. "Look at that," the angel cried, "a 450-yard hole in one. Do you call that punishment?" To which St. Peter replied, "For a golfer that is the greatest punishment possible. The bishop has just hit the most spectacular shot in the history of golf, and he can't tell anyone about it."

As we have read in today's Lesson, the Scribes and Pharisees are determined to mete out the stiffest possible punishment under the law -- death by stoning -- to a woman who has been caught committing adultery. Actually, they want to use the incident to entrap Jesus. "Master," they say to Him, "this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery and Moses ordered

us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" (Jn. 8:4-5). And again, we have Jesus' classic, timeless response: "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7).

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

P.S. It's nice weather out there go and enjoy it!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Day of Reflection: On May 4th, the Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host a Day of Reflection presented by the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa at St. Sebastian's Church in Sebastopol. All women are invited to attend! Early registration at 8:30. Mass at 9:00. Ends at 2:00. Continental breakfast and beverages provided. Bring a bag lunch. Our theme is "Our Ladies Guide to True Femininity" based on the virtues of Our Lady. No charge, although a freewill offering is requested. To RSVP, please contact Cindy at 707 592-9833 or Gloria at 707 763-3354. You can also email: SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com. Hope to see you then!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

1. Did God take care of the needs of the Israelites at different times on their journey? Or once he got them out of Egypt, did God say, "See you. You're on your own now"? Would such a statement have any meaning for you?
2. God says in this reading, "Remember not the things of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" What was the "something new" God was talking about? What is the "something new" God gives to us in our day? What does God give you in your own life?

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

1. Comparatively speaking, what are all your possessions worth, compared to Christ? How far are you willing to "accept the loss of all things" in order to gain Christ? Does this happen all at once or would baby steps be required for you to accept the loss of these "all things"?
2. St. Paul says, "forgetting what lies behind ... I continue my pursuit toward the goal." So, do you "forget" what lies behind? Or do you drive down a highway constantly looking in your rearview mirror? Do you "strain forward to see what lies ahead?" What happens to "now" if you are always looking forward or backwards?