



August 4, 2019 Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Aug 7, 1pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Sat Aug 17, The MacKenzie Classic
Tues Aug 27, 4pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting
Wed Sept 18, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting

READINGS

Eccl 1: 2; 2: 21-23
Ps 90: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14. 17
Col 3: 1-5. 9-11
Lk 12: 13-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: All parishioners
Sat 5 pm: All parishioners
Sun 9 am: Laurie & Pat McCaffrey⁺, K.C. Bledsoe⁺
Sun 11 am: All parishioners
Wed-Fri 9am: Laurie & Pat McCaffrey⁺, K.C. Bledsoe⁺

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Bill Harmon, Mike Hogan, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Dorothy Maceira, Jack Burger, Charlotte & Neil Berry, Jim Rossi, Raul & Iris Bisbal, Frank Falero, Guillermina Hernandez, Despo Pullaro, Gabe & Renee Snodgrass, Thomas Gregory, Paul Aguilera, Nini Johnston, Don Creech, Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, 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: Claudette West, Susan Manick Dodge, Dana Couey-Harmon, Allo Castano, Cecilia Heinz, Lawrence Peterson, Evelyn Shuster, John Seymour, George Ayoob, Charlie Marbach, Joe Mercieca, Elaine Benson, Suzi Schaffert, Janet Guidotti, 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

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:

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown
"When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory" (Coll. 3)
Processional Hymn: Lead Me, Lord BB # 630
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax.
Psalm 90: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Preparation of Gifts: Be Thou My Vision BB # 396
Communion: In Every Age BB # 466
Recessional: We Will Serve the Lord ss
BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet

PASTOR'S DESK

Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray to God for bread. Most Scripture scholars would tell us that the word "bread" here means not just physical bread (though it means that). It stands for all the necessities of life: bread and water and shelter and clothing and all the rest. St. Augustine said we pray in this petition not only for physical bread and other necessities of life but also for all the spiritual necessities of life -- everything we need for our fulfillment as human beings. When we pray "Give us this day our daily bread," we acknowledge our dependence upon God for wholeness of life, the good life for which He created us. But the real insight comes at the point of realizing that until we know we are dependent upon God -- until we feel it at the deepest level of our beings -- we are cut off from the very gift of life He wants to give us. "Blessed are the poor in spirit," Jesus said. They know they are poor, and they know they need New Life, and they know they must depend on God to achieve it.

Having said this, I realize that it goes against the grain of our modern attitude of independence. Our society is built around the feeling that we human beings are in control -- or soon will be. In a world in which mankind has declared its independence from God, it becomes humiliating to pray, "give us this day our daily bread." It goes against the grain of everything in our culture. This becomes a most serious matter for us because the Bible makes it very clear that to declare independence from God is to commit spiritual suicide; to declare independence from God is a prescription for inevitable disaster because it cuts us off from the very Source of Life. In today's Lesson, we read, "A man's life is not made secure by what he owns," (Lk.12:15). Many of us have had a crisis experience in which we came close to what Jesus is getting at here. But then the crisis passes, and we slide back into our self-reliance. We begin to think of fulfillment again in terms of the things we can acquire rather than the life-giving gifts God is offering us. And, again, God is no longer at the center.

There's an amusing little story about a formerly wealthy man who was down on his luck. One day, the Pastor of his church spotted him sitting on a park bench, shabbily dressed and wearing a scruffy beard. "What happened to you, Bob?" the preacher asked. "You used to be rather well off." Bob told of a hard-luck story, including several bad investments and the loss of his business. "Go home," the Pastor said, "and open your Bible at random, stick your finger on the page, and there will be God's answer to your trouble."

Some months passed and again the preacher spotted the man in the park -- only this time he was dressed in an expensive suit, was wearing a fine watch and had a fancy sports car parked nearby. "Bob," said the Pastor, "I'm so glad to see you back on your feet." "Yes," said the man, "and I owe it all to you! You see I opened my Bible just like you said, put my finger down on the page, and there was the answer -- Chapter 11."

PEACE AND BLESSINGS

Fr. Luis

WELCOME FR. JOHNYDCRUZ

Fr. Johnny Dcruz will speak at all the masses August 3rd & 4th. "Catholic journalists for Christian presence in media, employment and social change in India"

Divyavani (God's Word) is an initiative of Telugu Catholic Bishops Council (TCBC) comprising of two big Telugu language speaking states (100 million population) in South India working for the cause of Evangelisation, faith formation, and social change through TV programming and by way of training unemployed youth, drop out girls, and women for life skills. India, the second largest country in the world with the population of 1.3 billion people is still **rooted in social evils such as gender inequality and unemployment.**

According to UNICEF report 65 million female babies were killed in India in the last ten years by way of systematic and selective gender elimination. Today there are only 920 females to every 1000 males in India. Since the vast majority of Indians are Hindus they believe that only a boy will save them from Hell. There is also the common notion that the boy is the bread winner. In addition to this, if a girl has to be married the family has to give huge dowry.

There is also an evil practice of female infanticide - that is killing of female babies in India. A number of methods are employed to kill the newborn girls. 1600 people die daily due to diarrhea. This is simply because 100 million in India do not have safe drinking water. 750 million do not have toilets which is a big health hazard.

In order to address these issues Divyavani Social Communications is training Catholic graduates as journalists for mainstream media. These journalists formed with moral conscience in turn bring about education and awareness. We plan on training 160 youth in batches of 40 this year. The training cost per student is \$200. This makes them employable and earning about 300 dollars a month. We have trained 500 Catholic youth as Journalists and most of them are already employed and bringing about social change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Mass on Tuesday August 6th.

On July 25th, our community celebrated the 108th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show. On behalf of the beneficiaries, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who supported our event with their time, talent and/or financial resources. Our show represented what can be

accomplished with an engaged community and an incredible collaboration of efforts of volunteers to preserve our heritage event that has been uninterrupted for 108 years.

As we reflect on the success of the show, which included a surprise appearance by the legendary Jimmy Buffet and our tradition of world class entertainment, we are grateful to those who worked tirelessly to present our legacy event.

A special thanks to our neighbors encamped in the Bohemian Grove who provided the production materials, management crews, and entertainment. All proceeds from the show support the ministry of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, training and equipment for fire suppression, and funding music, art, athletics, and academic field trips for our grammar school. We will be reporting our results in the next couple of weeks after reconciling expenses.

Our show next year will be on Thursday, July 23, 2020. Mark your calendar, you will not want to miss it. With Gratitude, Michele and the Variety Show Volunteer Team

Santa Rosa Catholic Charities - Back to School Donations

Needed! On August 7th, backpacks and school supplies will be given out to our youth at our annual Catholic Charities Back to School Event. We are in need of various school supplies for students in grades K-12. We are collecting backpacks, 3 ring binders, dividers, pencils, pens, erasers, markers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, highlighters, rulers, calculators, compasses and protractors. **Please drop off all items at our Family Support Center located at 465 A Street in Santa Rosa.**

We have also created an Amazon Smile Charity Wish List that can be found by searching for AmazonSmile Charity Lists- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa or using the link below – <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/189OWYDK7B4Z4/>

Join us for The MacKenzie Classic hosted at the Northwood Golf Course. Sat., Aug. 17. This fundraiser benefits St. Elizabeth Parish and St. Colman for much needed roof and foundation repairs. Early Bird Special only \$175 includes green fee, cart and dinner. Price goes to \$200 after Aug. 5. Dinner only \$60. Pay online at www.MacKenzieClassic.com or make checks out to St. Elizabeth Church, mail to Irene Deem, 16750 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville, CA 95446. 50% refund only, no refunds after Aug. 5. Questions? Call Irene 707-486-9683. Pray for our success!

PARISH DONATIONS

July 27 - July 28	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,956.00	\$520.00
St. Catherine	\$104.00	\$297.00
St. Colman	\$232.00	\$275.00

Thank you for your generosity! \$3,384.00

*1st Collection: general expenses, maintenance & diocese.
2nd Collection: parish restoration & repair. Approximately once a month, this is a special diocese collection. On 5th Sunday, the 2nd collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your estate planning, consider participating in our Paypal Giving Fund, Go Fund Me, and our eBay for Charity.*