



September 1, 2019 Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Sept 4, 1pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Wed Sept 18, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting
Tues Sept 24, 4pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: All Parishioners
Sat 5 pm: All Parishioners
Sun 9 am: Ray & Many Foley req by Janine & Steve Powers
Sun 11 am: All Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Kim Warburton, 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

READINGS

Sir 3: 17-18. 20. 28-29
Ps 68: 4-5. 6-7. 10-11
Heb 12: 18-19. 22-24a
Lk 14: 1. 7-14

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

"How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you." (Communion antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Table of Plenty BB # 310
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax.
Psalms 68: God, in your goodness, you have made a home, a home for the poor.
Preparation of Gifts: For the Beauty of the Earth BB # 587
Communion: I am the Bread of Life BB # 363
Recessional: Sing With All the Saints in glory. BB # 611
BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet
Our family will not be with you this weekend as we are attending the annual Southern California Renewal Communities (SCRC) convention in Anaheim, CA. It is a weekend filled with inspiring talks, music, worship, liturgy and fellowship with thousands of Catholics all over the world! We will see you next weekend!

PASTOR'S DESK

For too many, today's values make it difficult for us to be humble or even to understand talk about humility. They are pressured on all sides to resist this touchstone of Christian living. They are living in an age that exalts a more aggressive style of life. They buy into the supreme value of getting ahead -- of grabbing all they can. But the easy acceptance of the "way things are" in a world of "winners" and "losers" adds up to the natural rejection of the Gospel standard of humility.

How easily words can be used to twist reality, to cover up! It has become standard practice. Not only have we been conditioned to expect it, but also, we have learned to accept it and to participate in it. In the stereotypic rhetoric of politics, the candidate promises to be the servant of all the people, knowing that nobody takes this kind of talk seriously anymore. On TV and radio, advertisers stretch words to their outer-limits to promote sales.

Our children are learning at a very tender age that twisting reality with words is to be expected and accepted in the game of everyday living. And when they begin coming to Church, do they have any real reason to believe that we are not still participating in the ordinary game of saying-one-thing-and-meaning-another?

"Let the greater among you be as ... the servant ... The man who humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus is speaking to us as real persons with a real problem in dealing with the question: "Who should be regarded as the greatest?" There is no mincing of words, no twisting of reality: the person who serves is greatest. "I am in your midst as one who serves you," Jesus said. Jesus, remember, repeatedly described God's judgment in terms of how we feed and clothe and otherwise minister to the least of His brothers and sisters. *It is not our position in life that counts, but what we do with it. It is not the mere exercise of power and authority that counts. What matters is how we exercise that power and authority (as parents, for example).*

Jesus is telling us that it is essential for us to not only be here but also to know why we have come. Jesus is telling us that Christian Faith is not a status symbol, but the very foundation of human living. Jesus is telling us that Christian Faith is not merely something to be acquired now so that after our 50 or 80 years on earth, we will be able to enjoy the luxury of happiness in the afterlife. Jesus is telling us that Christian Faith is not luxury; it is a necessity. It is necessary now because now is when we need to know who we are and how God wants us to live.

During Jesus' Passion, on the very night, before He is to die, His closest friends ask Him to settle a dispute concerning which of them "should be regarded as the greatest." He replies: "Let the greater among you be the junior, and the leader among you the servant ... I am in your midst as one who serves you."

We are free to choose. Do we enter Christian Communion with others? Do we begin to live for others? Or do we oppose the solidarity and brotherhood which Christian Faith inspires?

Don't wink in disbelief as Jesus speaks of living for others as our rule of life. No, let us instead close both eyes and repeat the words of our anguished Jesus on the Mount of Olives: "Father ... not My will but Yours."
Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

This Sunday is the last Sunday that we have the outside mass; I just wanted to thank all who have made it possible, for Carlos Gonzalez, Chris, Jose Robles in setting up and cleaning up after the mass. For a lovely center piece flower under the altar every Sunday prepared by Susan Poirier, for our Hospitality ministry who sets and prepare snacks for our guest and parishioners after mass. For Jim, Larry and Larry Poirier for constant clean up and taking out the trash. For our lectors, Eucharistic ministers and choir as well as for Kim

our greeter every morning handing out bulletin and greeting people. Thank you! If I missed someone please accept my apology

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first annual MacKenzie Classic was a day full of laughter, friendship and fun raising money for the repairs of St. Colman, St. Hubert Hall and St. Elizabeth church and rectory. Led by Linda Payne, the team members Jim Breaux, Irene Deem and Larry Love pulled together with only 2 months lead time. A huge thank you to the sponsors, donors, dinner guests and golfers whose generosity resulted in \$9000 given to the cause. **Correction: Dan Demers was also a valuable team member for the MacKenzie Classic performing a last minute miracle to obtain our ABC permit for the dinner, and providing the wares for our dinner raffle, in addition to his many other duties. Apologies to Dan and much gratitude.**

Pivotal Players, Wednesday afternoons at 5:00pm at St. Hubert's Hall: Bishop Robert Barron's production Vol. 1 of the most influential figures in Church history. St. Francis of Assisi; St. Thomas Aquinas; St. Catherine of Siena; Bl. John Henry Newman; G.K. Chesterton; Michelangelo. Light Refreshments, RSVP: Irene Deem (707) 486-9683

St. Elizabeth's Guild is hosting this year's annual parish picnic fundraiser. We will gather at Odd Fellows Park Sunday September 15 at 1pm. Cost is \$10 adults and \$5 kids which will include burgers, dogs, salads refreshments and dessert. Please join us for some Summer fun and help us continue fundraising for all our churches projects. Sign up will be after the masses or by calling Francine 869-9341 or Katrina 869-0622. Hope to see you there.

The Catholic Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Santa Rosa invites all Catholics to attend a Ultreya on Saturday, September 21, from 2 – 4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. Ultreya is an on-going, follow-up program for people who have made their Catholic Cursillo, linking them together in a Christian community that helps them support one another in living a Christ-centered life. For further information call Molly Touchette at 707-292-8389 or Olga Dorado at 707-755-0022.

PARISH DONATIONS

August 24 - August 25	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,423.00	\$543.00
St. Catherine	\$161.00	\$127.00
St. Colman	\$147.00	\$405.23

Thank you for your generosity! \$2,806.23

*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.*

Does your will include your gift to God?

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)