



November 10, 2019

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Nov 20, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting
 Tues Nov 26, 4pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting
 Wed Dec 4, 1pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Cathy Olsen, Bart Strady, 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, Gabe & Renee Snodgrass, Thomas Gregory, Paul Aguilera, Nini Johnston, Don Creech, Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, 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: Len Heinz, Emilio Porta, Allan Barich, Despo Pullaro, 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Book of Remembrance
Sat 5 pm: Peter Gallagher req by Linda Payne
Sun 9 am: Samantha Smith [healing]
Sun 11 am: Book of Remembrance

READINGS

2 Mc 7: 1-2. 9-14
 Ps 17: 1. 5-6. 8. 15
 2 Thes 2: 16 – 3: 5
 Lk 20: 27-38

PASTOR'S DESK

One of the fantastic things about the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that God's Love does find a way. Nothing we have done in life prevents God from giving us a new tomorrow. No mistake, no wrong decision, no wrongful act of any kind can defeat God's Will to forgive. Nothing we do can bind us irrevocably to the past because God is always here to show us the way to a new life in a new tomorrow -- sometimes in the most surprising and wondrous ways.

Charles Raven, a prominent Scripture scholar who has written many books on the New Testament, has given us this beautiful personal statement of what happened to him when his wife, whom he deeply loved, died. He said, "I suppose the most wonderful moment that has ever come to me was the morning after my greatest grief. I had spent the night grieving in the dark, and then a friend came and took me out from the depths and into the glorious gold and sapphire of the break of dawn. Suddenly, this wonderland of radiance and sunlight and sea, splintered and dissolved. And I knew that this world and all the wonder of it -- the birds and flowers which I had loved since I was a little child -- and the beautiful, beautiful people who ministered to me so generously and so unselfishly in my need. All of this surface world is only the medium in and through which we children of God work out our contact with the eternal and communicate our glimpses of the eternal to one another.

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)

There we enter into a new life which is not of the earth and which does not pass away."

He then goes on to describe how to his great astonishment, on this day after the death of his wife whom he so deeply loved, he found God giving him new life. Of course, he carried over into it all the Love and all the wonder of the past, but it was new! What he thought would bring him to disaster -- the end of a dark tunnel -- became for him a new beginning -- a tomorrow, ever new. God is always doing that. And there may be some of you here today who need desperately to hear this and to know this and to experience this.

Peace and blessings!
 Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Single Catholic women ages 18-40 interested in becoming a Sister are invited to a One Day Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul November 16th from 8:30am-6:00pm in Los Altos Hills, CA. If you would like to know more about attending this Discernment Retreat, contact: Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. phone (650) 949-8890, (213) 210-9903 email srllaguna@doc1633.org or visit www.daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/

PARISH DONATIONS

Nov 2 - Nov 3	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,592.00	\$694.00
St. Catherine	\$219.00	\$264.00
St. Colman	\$110.00	\$105.00

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 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](#).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

1. Who are "resurrection people" for you? Jesus, of course. Archbishop Romero? All the martyrs in El Salvador? Rev. Jacques Hamel, 85 yr. old French priest, killed by ISIS on 7/26/16? The ones who died to bring social justice to their country like Rev. Gregorio Lopez Gorostieta of southern Mexico, whose death is one of the latest in a series of abductions, attacks and highway robberies against Roman Catholic clerics in the state which is dominated by drug cartels? Who else?

2. What are some burdensome earthly trials besides martyrdom that people might be able to endure because of the hope of the resurrection? What suffering could such hope allow you to endure?

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:6-3:5

1. Does Paul pray that his ministry and that of his friends speeds forward or that the *Word of the Lord* does the same through their efforts? Discuss. What is the difference?

2. Are you saving the world in your ministry? Are you part of God's plan to save the world? How might this happen?

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

1. When you encounter Christ in the Sacraments, in your fellow human beings, in community, might you get a taste of eternity? If God is love, when you experience real love might you get a taste of the risen life?

2. The Sadducees thought the present life was the standard for eternity. What does Pope Francis say God has in store for us, that turns the Sadducees' way of looking at eternity on its head?

This is why Jesus affirms: "he is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live to him" (Luke 20:38). And the most important tie is with Jesus: he is the alliance, he is the Life and the Resurrection, because with his crucified love he defeated death. In Jesus God gives us eternal life: he gives it to everyone, and everyone can, thanks to him, hope to live a life even more real than this one. The life that God has in store for us is not simply a better version of this one: it goes beyond our imagination, because God continually surprises us with His love and mercy.

Pope Francis, Angelus, Nov. 10, 2013