



November 17, 2019

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Nov 20, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting
 Tues Nov 26, 4pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting
 Sun Dec 1, First Sunday of Advent
 Wed Dec 4, 1pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Book of Remembrance, Vicki Savino [health]
Sat 5 pm: Peter Gallagher req by Linda Payne
Sun 9 am: Book of Remembrance, Samantha Smith & Genevieve Moller-Duck [healing]
Sun 11 am: Book of Remembrance

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Bill Hatch, 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

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:

READINGS

Mal 3: 19-20a
 Ps 98: 5-6, 7-8, 9
 2 Thes 3: 7-12
 Lk 21: 5-19

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

"To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God, the Lord." (Communion antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine ss
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax.

Psalms 98: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Preparation of Gifts: There Are Many Rooms ss

Communion: A Place At Your Table BB # 350

Recessional: O Bless the Lord BB # 559

BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet

PASTOR'S DESK

A CBS news team was taping at Jerusalem's Wailing Wall. Every day they saw the same older man praying, morning, noon, and night. On their last day, one of the reporters asks him, "What is it you pray for so fervently?" The old man thinks for a moment and says, "I pray for health, for happiness, and peace in my land." "I see," says the reporter. "You don't look very healthy. Are you happy?" "Not really," says the man. "And your homeland is in turmoil," the reporter says. "Do you believe your prayers are heard?" The man nods and says, "Sometimes it's like talking to a wall."

Plagues, earthquakes, wars, famines, hatreds, persecutions, killings -- we live right amid it all on our planet earth. And, like Job, we want to know "Why?" And there are times when it seems like we're talking to a wall. Like Job, we need to become good listeners. Like Job, our "Why?" of rebellion needs to become the "Why?" of wisdom. Like Job, we need to understand that even though we still don't have the answer to the "Why?" of suffering, nevertheless a caring God is in charge and, somehow, it works for good. Like Job, we need to listen

and learn that apart from trust in a loving God, life is absurd.

"Your endurance will win you your lives," says the Lord. With patient endurance, hold onto a simple, old-fashioned faith in God and His loving kindness, and you will become a force in your relationships. There are persons all around you who need your gifts. With patient endurance, hold onto a simple old-fashioned faith in God and His loving kindness, and you will be empowered to give of the gentleness of your heart.

This week, despite the bad news you will read or hear remember always: God is still God. He is acting in history. He will not abandon us. When the going gets rough, we must hang in there, and let the love we bring into the situation be a clear and convincing sign of the God of Love. As Christians, when we do this, we will set a shining example of the people God intends us to be. And that I pray, exemplifies "the people we are."

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enjoy growing your faith with fellow travelers on your faith journey! Pivotal Players: Bishop Barron's production, Vol. 1 of the most influential figures in church history. St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton and Michelangelo. Each segment is approximately 1 hour. Wednesday afternoon viewings at 5:00 pm at the home of Mary Ann. **RSVP is necessary** please call Mary Ann at (707) 869-0323.

Advent Concert 7:30 pm Friday December 13th at Resurrection Parish 303 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa. In memory of Dana Couey-Harman. Featuring Doug Harman, 4th Day Gospel Choir and members of the Lighthouse Gospel Choir of Marin. Rev. Ullis Redic, JR., directing from the piano. Free-will offerings gratefully accepted. CDs will be available for sale.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

1. "But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." When you read this do you interpret "you who fear my name" as cowering in terror? Or being filled with wonder and awe when you think of God's name?

2. Name some ways in which justice can heal. Is there any kind of healing you would like to bring about in the world through justice? Where do you think "alleviating the grave

evil of poverty" should fall on the priorities of the Church's mission? Is it optional?

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

1. Paul says to the Christians in Thessalonica, "We wanted to present ourselves as a model for you." Are there models for you in the present age? Which would you name: saints, or leaders/people in the Church, world or community? How might you imitate them?

2. What does St. Paul name that drove him to "work in toil and drudgery, night and day"? What would he have toiled at today? Do you work to bring about the kingdom? How?

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

1. Jesus says, "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking." How does this statement and "Not a hair of your head will perish" impact your trust in God?

2. Are Jesus' words relevant for us today in the 21st century? What does Pope Francis say are the two important points for us in this Gospel?

Jesus predicts that his disciples will have to suffer painful trials and persecution for his sake. He reassures them, however, first, not to let oneself be fooled by false prophets nor to be paralyzed by fear.

Secondly, to live this time of expectation as a time of witness and perseverance. ...

saying: "Not a hair of your head will perish" (Gospel). This reminds us that we are completely in God's hands! The trials we encounter for our faith and our commitment to the Gospel are occasions to give witness; we must not distance ourselves from the Lord, but instead abandon ourselves even more to him, to the power of his Spirit and his grace.

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 Saint Peter's Square
 17 Nov. 2013*

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