



December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

UPCOMING DATES

Sun Dec 22, 10am: St. Elizabeth Christmas decoration party

Tues Dec 24 - Christmas Eve:

4pm: Christmas Carol Service @St. Elizabeth

5pm: Christmas Eve Mass @St. Elizabeth

Wed Dec 25 - Christmas Day:

9am: Christmas Day Mass @St. Elizabeth

11am: Christmas Day Mass @St. Colman

Wed Jan 8, 12:30pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting

Tues Jan 28, 4pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting

Wed Feb 19, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Paul Aguilar, Jim Jennaro, Sonja Falero, Carolyn Falero Young, 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, 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: Helen Mik, 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

Have you remembered the St. Elizabeth church in your will?

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:

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Lee Torr⁺, Nettie Herbert⁺

Sat 5 pm: All parishioners

Sun 9 am: anni reynolds [healing]

Sun 11 am: All parishioners

READINGS

Is 7: 10-14

Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6

Rom 1: 1-7

Mt 1: 18-24

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

Dec. 22nd Fourth Sunday of Advent:

"Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name will be called Emmanuel." (Communion antiphon)

Gathering Song: Gathering Song For Advent

"Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come and give us your peace."

Psalms 146: Lord, come and save us.

Preparation of the Gifts: The Angel Gabriel BB #42

Communion Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel BB #38

Recessional Hymn: Let the King of Glory Come BB #63

BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song Sheets

Christmas Eve and

Christmas Day Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Processional Hymn:

O Come, All Ye Faithful/ *Adeste Fideles* (BB # 97)

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!

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

Psalms 96: Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Preparation of the Gifts: The Little Drummer Boy

Communion Hymn: Silent Night (BB # 81)

O Holy Night, choir

Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World (BB # 84)

Hymn Notes:

O Holy Night ("Cantique de Noël") was composed by Adolphe C. Adam in 1847 to the French Christmas poem "Minuit, chrétiens" by Placide Cappeau.

On Christmas Eve, 1906, Canadian inventor Reginald Fessenden broadcasted the first AM radio program and played "O Holy Night" on the violin, making the popular carol the first piece of music to be broadcast on radio.

<http://christianmusic.about.com/od/christmas/a/oholynight.htm>

Please join us for caroling, choral pieces, and scripture reading at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec 24th, followed by the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5 pm. All are welcome, so encourage your friends to attend! Let us fill our beautiful church with song and praise celebrating the birth of Christ!

PASTOR'S DESK

Last week we had our annual Christmas party at Highland Dell. Thanks to Irene for getting and selling the tickets and to all that participated in the event. A special thanks to Herb, the chef and manager of the restaurant and the staff who served the great dinner. It was a magical night, everyone was great company. Teresa and Sean Brown even entertained us with a Christmas dance. After the dessert, Rebecca lead us in Christmas carols. It was nice to hear everyone singing! What a wonderful evening it was! It was smaller than usual but the people that were there were meant to be there.

Christmas is coming. In just a few short days we will celebrate the Good News that, in Jesus Christ, we have received God's assurance that His Kingdom of Grace is at hand. We will celebrate the Good News that, in Jesus Christ, man is ushered into the final stage of adaptation. We will celebrate the Good News that, in Jesus Christ, the meaning and purpose of our lives are revealed in full context -- the context of eternity and eternal values. We will celebrate the Good News that, in Jesus Christ, we are empowered to reorder our priorities and our values to harmonize our plan for fulfillment with God's plan.

In describing events leading up to the birth of Jesus, in today's Gospel Lesson, Matthew tells us that "All this took place to fulfill the word spoken by the Lord through the prophets: 'The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Emmanuel, a Name which means God is with us.'" This is Good News indeed. How do we know? Because Jesus Christ is the medium through which this message has been communicated to us for more than 2,000 years.

The Medium, Christ Himself, is the Message. This is the meaning of Incarnation. This is what carries us to the heart of the New Testament. And for Christians, this is the ultimate example of "Context is King."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Elizabeth Christmas decoration party will begin after the 9 am mass December 22nd. All are welcome to help decorate the church. A generous parishioner bought us two new lighted trees, we need to hang the wreath, set up the nativity scene and a few other tasks. Ask Carlos, Jose, Josephina, Irene, Barbara, Otto or Susan Poirier how you can help.

The church office will be closed December 24th and 25th. There will be NO daily morning mass on Tuesday Dec. 24th, Wednesday Dec. 26th, Thursday Dec. 27th, Monday Dec. 30th and Tuesday Dec. 31st.

Due to New Year's Day landing on Wed Jan 1st, St Elizabeth's Guild meeting and Installation luncheon will be held at Main Street Station on Wednesday Jan 8th at 12:30pm. Please call Francine 869-9341 or Maryanne 869-0323 for information and reservations. Hope to see you there!

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.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Explain "Find God in all things" as it relates to Pope Francis' General Audience Advent talk below.

And the reason for our hope is this: God is with us and God still trusts us! Think well on this: God is with us and God still trusts us. God the Father is generous. He comes to abide with mankind, he chooses earth as his dwelling place to remain with people and to be found where man passes his days in joy or in sorrow. Therefore, earth is no longer only "a valley of tears"; rather, it is the place where God himself has pitched his tent, it is the meeting place of God with man, of God's solidarity with men.

... He is God-with-us. Jesus is God-with-us. ... Jesus is God with us always and forever with us in history's suffering and sorrow.

*General Audience with Pope Francis,
Wednesday, 18 December 2013*

PARISH DONATIONS

Dec 14 - Dec 15	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,442.00	\$1,079.00
St. Catherine	\$233.00	\$525.00
St. Colman	\$97.23	\$128.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$3,504.23

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](#).