



January 26, 2020 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Tues Jan 28, 4pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting
Wed Feb 5, 12:30pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Wed Feb 19, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Peter Norgaard⁺
Sat 5 pm: Frank Danzart⁺ req by Fr. Luis
Sun 9 am: Frank Danzart⁺ req by Fr. Luis
Sun 11 am: Vince [health], Francine req by Fr. Luis

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Paul Aguilar, Jim Jennaro, Sonja Falero, Carolyn Falero Young, Bill Hatch, Cathy Olsen, 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, 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, Sarah & David, Ed Fulwider, Vicki Gonzalez, Jesus Chavez Torres

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Bart Strady, Frank Danzart, Nettie Herbert, Don La Plante, Lee Torr IV, 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

READINGS

Is 8: 23 – 9: 3
Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14
1 Cor 1: 10-13. 17
Mt 4: 12-23

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(Communion Antiphon)*

Processional Hymn: Our God is Here BB # 305
Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!*
Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation..
Preparation of the Gifts: Christ Be Our Light BB # 587
Communion Song: Here I am to Worship ss
Recessional Song: City of God BB # 385
BB: *Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet*

PASTOR'S DESK

Thomas Carlyle, the famous *Scottish writer, and historian*, once received a letter from a young person who wanted to become a teacher: *"Mr. Carlyle, I wish to be a teacher. Will you tell me the secret of successful teaching?"* Carlyle replied, *"Be what you would have your pupils be. All else is unblest mockery!"* And that is precisely the method of authentic Christian teaching. What Jesus teaches us to be, He is. And the only way we can be sure we are "in union with Him," the Apostle John has written, is to "conduct ourselves as He did" (I Jn. 1:5-6). Moreover, the only way we can conduct ourselves as He did, is to repent.

Again, in today's Gospel Lesson, before calling Simon Peter and Andrew and the others into His service, Jesus said, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" (Mt. 4:17). In other words, "To be My follower, to follow My teachings, to accept Me as your Model for living -- to embrace the New Life I am offering you -- to transform not only your religion but your whole life from routine to adventure -- you'll have to change -- radically change your ways.

"Reform your lives," [METANOI] cried out John the Baptist, and the people asked, "What ought we to do?" That was at the

beginning of Jesus' public ministry. "Jesus is Risen" cried out the Apostle Peter, and the people asked, "What ought we to do?" That was after Jesus had risen from the dead and ascended into His Father's Kingdom. For Christians, the question is not "What ought we to do?" Rather, it is "When are we going to do it?" We know the Gospel Story. We know the teachings of Christ. We know the example He gave us...

Do you bless those who curse you? (Lk. 6:28)
Do you give to all who beg from you? (Lk. 6:30)
Do you do good to those who hate you? (Lk. 6:27)
Do you love your enemies? (Lk. 6:27)
Do you have compassion for others? (Lk. 6:36)
When you see a brother or sister in need, do you see Jesus? (Mt. 26:31-46)

"Reform your lives" means "Change in such a way as to make the doing of these things a matter of lifestyle -- your style of life."

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.

Bishop Vasa and the Marriage and Family Life Office will be sponsoring a bi-lingual **"Celebrating Marriage Mass"** for married couples within the Diocese of Santa Rosa. The Mass and reception will be held on **Sunday, February 9th, 2020** at the **Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa**. The Mass will begin at **3 PM** with a reception to follow at 4:30 PM. Special recognition will be offered to those married couples reaching "milestone" anniversaries (5, 10, 25, etc.). Special guest at the reception will be **Patrick Coffin**, Catholic speaker, author, and host of *The Patrick Coffin Show*, a podcast on faith and culture. Patrick's presentation will be in English. So married couples, mark your calendar and plan on attending the **"Celebrating Marriage Mass"** on World Marriage Day, February 9, 2020! There is no charge to attend but please RSVP to the Marriage and Family Life Office at www.familylife@srdiocese.org or call **(707) 566-3305**. Thank you.

1st Collection: general expenses, maintenance & diocese. **2nd Collection:** parish restoration & repair and approximately once a month, this is a special diocese collection. On 5th Sunday, the 2nd collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Have you remembered the St. Elizabeth church in your will? Please remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your estate planning.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

1. Pope Francis says that division weakens the credibility and effectiveness of evangelization and risks stripping the Cross of its power (cf. 1 Cor 1:17). In words from his Audience below, what is one thing we could do to end these divisions, which sadly still exist in the Church today?

It is beautiful to recognize the grace with which God blesses us and, still more, to find in other Christians something we need, something that we could receive like a gift from our brothers and our sisters. The group from Canada who prepared the texts for this Week of Prayer did not invite communities to think about what they could give to their neighbor Christians, but urged them to meet with one another in order to understand what they all can receive each from the others. This requires something more. It requires much prayer, it requires humility, it requires reflection and continual conversion. Let us go forward on this path, praying for the unity of Christians, that this scandal lessens and that it may cease among us.

General Audience, January 22, 2014

2. There will always be disagreements. Other than the one the Pope suggests above, what are some other ways to handle disputes so that good or growth could come out of them?

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

1. As soon as Jesus heard that John was arrested he immediately went into Herod's territory and began an intense program of teaching, healing and preaching repentance. What would cause him to make such a dangerous move? Are you able to stand up and get involved for what is right when you know you will suffer pain or loss when you do? What do you think of Jesus when he acts like this? Name some others who have gone to jail for their protests against injustice.

2. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Do you think Jesus also needed friends? How long did it take Peter and Andrew to respond to his invitation of a personal encounter? What do you think was going on in their heads and hearts? Could they have been excited by the mission of communicating life to others?

PARISH DONATIONS

Jan 18 - Jan 19	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,414.00	\$705.00
St. Catherine	\$190.00	\$315.00
St. Colman	\$111.23	\$115.00
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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