



February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Feb 19, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting
 Tues Feb 25, 12pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting
 Wed March 4, 1pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Lee Torr IV⁺ req by Lucy & Missy Peterson
 Sat 5 pm: Neil Kirkpatrick⁺
 Sun 9 am: All parishioners
 Sun 11 am: All parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Francine Korn, 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

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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:

READINGS

Is 58: 7-10
 Ps 112: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9
 1 Cor 2: 1-5
 Mt 5: 13-16

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life." (Gospel verse)

Processional Hymn: God Has Chosen Me BB # 379
 Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!*
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!
 Psalm 112: The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.
 Preparation of the Gifts: Christ Be Our Light BB # 587
 Communion Song: We Are the Light of the World BB # 591
 Recessional Song: We Are Called BB # 616
 BB: *Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet*

PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings! Sunday Fr. Mike Culligan will be presiding the mass for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. mass. I will be with family, my uncle passed away Wednesday and the family is gathering in San Francisco.

During the reign of Oliver Cromwell (1653–1658), the British Government began to run low on silver for coins. Lord Cromwell reportedly sent some of his treasury officials to see if they could find any silver in one of the great cathedrals. After visiting the cathedral, the investigators reported the following to Cromwell:

"The only silver we could find is in the statues of the saints standing in corners." To which Cromwell replied, "Good! We'll melt down the saints and put them into circulation!"

Now that's good theology! The priority of practical Christianity is not to cram silver-coated saints into the corners of elegant cathedrals. The priority of practical Christianity is to put real, live, saintly human persons into circulation. The priority of practical Christianity is to make persons from every walk of life "fishers of men" -- CEOs, doctors, celebrities, students, educators, and all the rest of us. The priority of practical Christianity is to melt down their hearts with the fire

of the Spirit and circulate them through the mainstream of humanity -- proclaiming the Good News of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Just as God needed Peter and Paul, and James and John, as a child of God, He needs you too. Just as, in times past, He gave each of them a specific, distinct, unique task to perform for the enrichment of the Kingdom, so too He has fashioned a specific, separate job that is uniquely yours.

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.

PARISH DONATIONS

Feb 1 - Feb 2	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,093.00	\$1,037.00
St. Catherine	\$262.00	\$290.00
St. Colman	\$92.23	\$95.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,869.23

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

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

1. "Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed." Binding the wounds of others: what does it have to do with your own wounds? Who benefits when people share their bread or shelter the homeless? Explain.

2. "Share your bread. ... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer ... here I am." Is God there when you are "satisfying the afflicted"? Is God there when you ask for help, and even when you don't? Can you give examples?

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1. Can you understand, using human wisdom alone, how crucifixion can triumph over sin and death? If not, then what allows you to see beyond human appearances? Did Paul want our faith to rest on the power of God instead of complicated arguments?

2. "You are the light of the world," Jesus says in the Gospel. According to this reading, did Paul have plenty of power and wisdom?

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

1. Jesus asked us to be like light and salt. What determines your degree of saltiness or brightness?

2. What does Pope Francis say is the "battery" for our light?

What must a Christian do in order for the salt not to run out, so that the oil to light the lamp does not come to an end? The "battery" a Christian uses to generate light ... is simply prayer. Prayer, the Pope says, is what lights up Christian life ... prayer must come from the heart."

As regards the salt that Christians are called to be: it becomes salt when it is given to others. This ... is another Christian attitude: to give of oneself, to give flavor to the lives of others, to give flavor to many things with the message of the Gospel ... It's curious: both salt and light are for others, not for oneself. Salt does not give flavor to itself; light does not illuminate itself.

*Mass at Casa Santa Marta,
 June 7, 2016*