



February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Feb 19, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting
 Tues Feb 25, 12pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting
 Wed Feb 26, Ash Wednesday
 Wed March 4, 1pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Lee Tor IV⁺ req by Lucy & Missy Peterson.
 Willy Wilson req by Fr. Luis
Sat 5 pm: Frank Danzart⁺ req by Alice Puccio
Sun 9 am: Diane Enclebrock⁺ req by Fr. Luis
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: Robert D. Goudy, 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

Sir 15: 15-20
 Ps 119: 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34
 1 Cor 2: 6-10
 Mt 5: 17-37

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

"Be my protector, O God. Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name." (Entrance Antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Lead Me, Lord BB # 726
 Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!*
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!
 Psalm 119: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.
 Preparation of the Gifts: Your Words are Spirit and Life BB # 592
 Communion Song: Be Thou My Vision BB # 396
 Recessional Song: O Bless the Lord BB # 560
 BB: *Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carlos Gonzales along with the St. Elizabeth Guild will be cleaning St. Hubert's Hall on Friday Feb 21. Carlos will be in the Hall Thur Feb 20 and Fri Feb 21 to help anyone who is storing things there to get them out. If your things aren't picked up they will be discarded. We will no longer be accepting things for the Rummage Sale earlier than one week before the scheduled dates of the sale, nor will we keep anything that is just dropped off without prior knowledge, outside or inside of Hall. If you need to drop things off, they will be stored underneath the hall. FYI, we will be monitoring what is stored underneath as we don't want it to get crowded under there. If anymore info is needed please call Francine Korn at 869-9341.

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.

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

PASTOR'S DESK

This is our Lord's proposal: To forgive those who hurt us; to pray for those who mistreat us; to bless those who hate us; to give aid and comfort to those who need us; to humble ourselves before the weak; to be most merciful and compassionate toward the outcasts of society -- to do all these things consistently means for us an entire lifetime of dedication to change.

Pick up any book of quotable quotes, and topping the list are reflections on forgiveness. Here are just three, randomly chosen...

"To err is human; to forgive, infrequent."

"The most tender part of love is for each other to forgive."

"There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness."

As memorable quotes, we might call one silly, one simple, and one sound. But in the matter of forgiveness, are silly slogans, simple principles, or sound advice what we really need? Is forgiveness just a precept we can ponder, a mindset to mull over, or a skill we can study? As a Christian community, we know it is much more than that. Genuine forgiveness means a new way of seeing. It means a new way of living. It means a new attitude and approach to everything that we do -- for the Kingdom of God is built on the very foundation of mercy and forgiveness!

One of the most lasting pleasures you can experience is the feeling that comes over you when you genuinely forgive an "enemy" so-called, whether she or he knows it or not. Forgiveness means to forego what is due, to relinquish resentment, to wipe the slate clean, to cancel punishment, to freely accept the cost of reconciliation. When you allow the light of God's merciful forgiveness to radiate through you, others will surely benefit. But the prime beneficiary will be you.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS!

Fr. Luis

PARISH DONATIONS

Feb 8 - Feb 9	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,271.00	\$666.00
St. Catherine	\$365.00	\$326.00
St. Colman	\$114.23	\$290.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$3,032.23

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.

Our PayPal Giving Fund <https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/3540389>

Our Go Fund Me page <https://www.gofundme.com/restorechurches>

Our eBay for Charity <https://www.charity.ebay.com/charity/St.-Elizabeth-Catholic-Church-Webmaster/3540389>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

1. Which do you choose, life or death? Good or evil? Do you always know which is which? When you don't know for sure, do you trust in God and go with your best guess? For that matter, why did God give us free choice?

2. "The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands (our) every deed." If so, should we be frightened? Or is God the one who not only understands, but forgives and loves sinners?

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

1. Discuss a beautiful scene in nature that you like, or your favorite painting, or your most preferred music. Take your time. Now read from the Second Reading what St. Paul tells us God has prepared for those who love him. Can you sense something of what that will be?

2. How is it that the Spirit can scrutinize the depths of God? Discuss ways in which the Spirit scrutinizes you.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

1. Jesus is critical of the Pharisees' type of righteousness, which focuses on externals. They make sure everyone sees them when they fast, pray on street corners, wash hands, etc. How do these things relate to the inner Spirit of the law? How do they relate to loving God and neighbor?

2. In his homily, Pope Francis warns against an excessive rigidity. How does "going beyond the law" in order to love God and neighbor surpass the "righteousness" of the scribes and Pharisees?

Taking his cue from Jesus' warning to his disciples that unless their righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees they will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, Pope Francis stressed the importance of Christian realism. Jesus, he said, asks us to go beyond the laws and love God and neighbor; stressing that whoever is angry with their brother will be liable to judgement.

Pope Francis urged his listeners to recall how Jesus's request for generosity and holiness is all about going forward and always looking out beyond ourselves. This, he explained, frees us from the rigidity of the laws and from an idealism that harms us.

*Mass at Santa Marta
June 9, 2016*