



# February 23, 2020 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

## UPCOMING DATES

Tues Feb 25, 12pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting  
**Wed Feb 26, 9am & 5pm: Ash Wednesday Mass**  
 Wed March 4, 1pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting  
 Wed March 18, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 4 pm:** Lee Tor IV<sup>+</sup> req by Lucy & Missy Peterson.  
 Willy Wilson (health) req by Fr. Luis.  
**Sat 5 pm:** Frank Danzart<sup>+</sup> req by Alice Puccio  
**Sun 9 am:** Bart Strady<sup>+</sup> req by Nina & Tony Madrid  
**Sun 11 am:** Dianne Endebrook<sup>+</sup>

## 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

## READINGS

Lv 19: 1-2. 17-18  
 Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8. 10. 12-13  
 1 Cor 3: 16-23  
 Mt 5: 38-48

## LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

*“O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me. (Entrance 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 103: The Lord is kind and merciful,  
 the Lord is kind and merciful.  
 Slow to anger, rich in kindness, the Lord is kind and merciful.  
 Preparation of the Gifts:  
 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) BB # 561  
 Communion Song: Ubi Caritas BB # 479  
 Recessional Song: Ps.145: I Will Lift Up Your Name ss  
*BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet*

## 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.

## PARISH DONATIONS

| Feb 15 - Feb 16                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection |
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| St. Elizabeth                         | \$1,321.00                 | \$501.00                   |
| St. Catherine                         | \$252.00                   | \$205.00                   |
| St. Colman                            | \$111.23                   | \$731.00                   |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> |                            | \$3,121.23                 |

## PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings! Fr. Mike Culligan will be presiding at the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday mass. I will be going to San Francisco to do the 40 day rosary for my uncle who passed away two weeks ago. May you all have a wonderful weekend. **Ash Wednesday is on February 26<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be said at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.**

In the famous novel, *"The Diary of a Country Priest,"* there is a moving scene in which the priest encounters a woman who is completely turned in on herself. She has been abandoned by her daughter and betrayed by her husband. Death has claimed her young son. And her heart has hardened. Beseeking her to unlock her hardened heart, the priest says, *"Hell is not to love anymore."*

*A well-known psychologist asserts that the business of loving another human being is the most challenging of all human enterprises because of the demands it makes on us.* Because of these demands, many of us never have loved another person deeply. Or perhaps we have loved one or two deeply and have been hurt by it, and so we have retreated. One of the greatest needs today is the strength to be able to move in and love another person at a profound level. We know the tragedy of so many husbands and wives who live together for years and never really get to know each other as persons. We know how commonplace it is for men and women to miss the fantastic opportunity which marriage and family life and good friendship present: to move down to deep levels of sharing this life.

For many of us, the boundaries of our love are narrow and very exclusive. Perhaps we love the members of our family to some degree, and maybe a few other people. Maybe we talk about loving the poor and the lonely and the disadvantaged, but not with a great deal of conviction. And probably we never talk about loving our enemies. For many of us, it is as though there is a large paper clip around our life, which prevents us from growing and expanding.

Consequently, our life is closed to "outsiders," "foreigners," people who are "different." It is easier to categorize them than to love them. For some of us, the only area of growth in life is our "Enemies List."

But God, in His great Love, keeps on working on us. God wants to liberate us from this narrowness. God wants us to be free to live life in its fullness. And Jesus is telling us in today's Gospel Lesson that there can be no peace on earth and no peace in our hearts until those giant paper clips are removed.

Peace and Blessings!  
 Fr. Luis

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection:** general expenses, maintenance & diocese. **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** parish restoration & repair and approximately once a month, this is a special diocese collection. On 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

1. "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." Does the Lord tell us what holiness is? What does this reading prescribe for us to be holy? Is holiness related to how we interact with others?

2. If we all "loved our neighbors as ourselves" do you think there would be wars, prisons, hunger and poverty? One way the Lord says to love your neighbor is "you shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. ... Cherish no grudge against any of your people." Is this an easy thing to do? Have you tried it? Will you try again?

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

1. St. Paul says that "the Spirit of God dwells in you." Do you remember this often? How about when you have important decisions to make? Or when you are in serious trouble? When good things happen? Or is it not very often? Will this reading cause you to make changes regarding this issue?

2. He also says "... for the temple of God, which is you, is holy." And is your neighbor holy too? If this is so, do you treat all the people in your life as though they are holy temples?

### **Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**

1. Why would Jesus tell you to "Love your enemies?" Who loves like that? Did Jesus show us a new revolutionary kind of acting when he showed us how to love our enemies? How far was he willing to go for them with his radical self-emptying? How far was the Father willing to go for his children?

2. What are the two things that praying for our enemies does—according to Pope Francis?

*In Jesus' explanations of the commandments, especially in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a journey of healing. Every heart wounded by sin—as each one of us has—must undertake this journey of healing in order to be more like our "heavenly Father (who) is perfect."*

*... The power of prayer will do two things: it will change that person for the better and it will make us become more like children of our heavenly Father.*

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

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| <b>St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting</b> | <b>1st Wednesday at 1 pm</b> |
| <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>   | <b>3rd Wednesday at 4 pm</b> |
| <b>St. Colman Guild Meeting</b>    | <b>4th Tuesday at 12 pm</b>  |