



March 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent

UPCOMING DATES

Wed March 4, 1pm: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting
 Wed March 18, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting
 Tues March 24, 12pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting

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

Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7
 Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 17
 Rom 5: 12-19 or 5: 12. 17-19
 Mt 4:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

(Feb 23 bulletin omission corrections in italics)
 Tues Feb 25: Bill & Pat Hatch req by Michele McDonell
 Wed Feb 26: Bill & Pat Hatch req by Michele McDonell
 Thu Feb 27: Bill & Pat Hatch req by Michele McDonell
 Fri Feb 28: Bart Strady req by Eleanor Gerigk
 Sat Feb 29, 4 pm: Frank Danzart⁺ req by Guild
 Sat Feb 29, 5 pm: Frank Danzart⁺ req by Alice Puccio
 Sun Mar 1, 9 am: Frank Danzart⁺ req by Guild
 Sun Mar 1, 11 am: Bill & Pat Hatch req by Michele McDonell

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 22 - Feb 23	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,025.00	\$387.00
St. Catherine	\$169.00	\$127.00
St. Colman	\$96.00	\$106.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$1,910.00

PASTOR'S DESK

Ash Wednesday starts our Lenten season, and liturgically, the color is purple and no flowers on the altar, very stark and simplicity is stressed in the liturgy, not much instruments or music. We will be reciting the *Sanctus*, *memorial acclamation* and the *great amen*, and *Agnus Dei* just to remind us of the season of Lent.

I just hope that during this stark, simplistic liturgy you will find the beauty of the Eucharist is all we need.

On the opening of the Lenten season we are invited and encourage practicing the three traditional spiritual exercises of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Pope Francis recently said fasting do not necessary mean fasting from food but he wrote...

fast from hurting words and say kind words
fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
fast from anger and be filled with patience
fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
fast from worries and have trust in god
fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
fast from pressures and be prayerful
fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
fast from selfishness and be compassionate with others.
fast from grudges and be reconciled.
fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

I just wanted to thank 'Team' for their vigilant work preparing for our Crab Feast (Feb 29th, 5pm). Last Wednesday afternoon, the kitchen was cleaned by a professional kitchen crew and the floor of St. Hubert's were steamed and washed. Team donated the expense, it is part of their dedication in raising financial support for our churches. If you are attending the Feb 29th Crab Feast, please consider participating in the raffle as proceeds will benefit all three of our churches in the Russian River area.

Peace and Blessings!
 Fr. Luis

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: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

1. In the creation story, what establishes a bond between humans and all other creatures of earth? What does this between humans and God? Would it be a better world if humans did not have the freedom to choose? Knowing that people would not always resist choosing evil, why would God ever give them free will?

2. After their sin Adam and Eve desired to cover their bodies. They did not want to be seen as they really were. Is it easy to be honest about faults? If you do become honest about your failings, what is the next step?

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

1. St. Paul says in today's reading, "but the gift is not like the transgression." It is like killing a roach with a nuclear weapon! Why do you think God would go to this extreme to save us?

2. Pope Francis said,
Sometimes we are saddened by the weight of our sins. May we not be discouraged. Christ has come to lift this burden and give us peace.

Twitter, February 1, 2014

What explains Pope Francis' statement that Christ represents all of us before God and that his obedience outweighs our sins and disobedience? What does this mean to you?

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

1. Immediately after Jesus was baptized, the Father's voice spoke of him as "My Beloved Son" (Mt 3:17), and the Spirit led him to the desert. Jesus might have wanted to think about what those words meant, and to pray about his ministry. The Spirit wanted him to be tested. How does it make you feel to think he had to fight temptation the same way we do?

2. What desert images hold Lenten meanings for you? Do you ever sense the Spirit calling you to pray when you feel you are in the wilderness? What part did the Spirit play in this Gospel story? What part will you let the Spirit play in your Lent this year?

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