



March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

UPCOMING DATES

Tues March 10, No daily Mass
 Wed March 18, 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting
 Tues March 24, 12pm: St. Colman Guild Meeting
 Wed April 1, 1pm: St. Elizabeth 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Mar 7, 4 pm: Frank Danzart⁺ req by Alice Puccio.
Sat Mar 7, 5 pm: Frank Danzart⁺ req by Alice Puccio.
Sun Mar 8, 9 am: Helen Mik⁺ req by Susan Poirier.
Sun Mar 8, 11 am: Max & Connie Bischoff [health] req by Mark Van Doren.
Fri Mar 13, 9am: Phil & Sue Van Doren [health] req by Mark Van Doren.

READINGS

Gn 12: 1-4a
 Ps 33: 4-5. 18-19. 20. 22
 2 Tm 1: 8b-10
 Mt 17: 1-9

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Communion Antiphon)

Processional Hymn: Return to God ss
 Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!*
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!
 Psalm 33: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

Preparation of the Gifts: Here I am to Worship ss
 Communion Song: Strength For the Journey ss
 Recessional Song: Save Your People BB # 130
BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song sheet

PARISH DONATIONS

Feb 29 - March 1	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,055.00	\$611.00
St. Catherine	\$308.00	\$340.00
St. Colman	\$65.00	\$165.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,544.00

PASTOR'S DESK

Again, I just want to thank Linda, Larry, Jim, Otto and Barbara, and Carlos the Team Crab for a fantastic job fundraising. They have raised \$7,000.00 this year for St. Elizabeth, St. Catherine, and St. Coleman! I would also like to thank those who have supported the event through your participation. I think everyone had a wonderful time and experienced the blessings of a great community.

The Lord Jesus Christ is most precious to God. We Christians have no trouble at all accepting that reality. But we do seem to have difficulty accepting the fact that we are precious to God. You and I, and the members of our families, and all our friends, and all our neighbors -- all whom we consider to be our enemies, and every passing stranger -- all are precious to God.

When God looks out upon His earthly creation, He sees the whole thing. And the variety that He sees is precious to Him. So valuable that He allows His glory to shine through it, making it possible for us to say, in every human encounter, "I worship the God I see in you."

C.S. Lewis recalled the time when he first started going to Church. "I disliked the hymns," he said. "I considered them to be fifth-rate poems set to sixth-rate music. But then I realized that the hymns were, nevertheless, being sung with great devotion by an old saint in rough boots in the opposite pew. It was the kind of moment in which you realize that you aren't fit to clean his boots, and it gets you out of your solitary conceit."

Every human person God chooses to create is precious to Him. And God is always on our side. That's awesome! That's beyond our ability to comprehend fully. But by the Grace of God, we do have the ability to say from the heart, in every human encounter, "I worship the God I see in you!"

In one of the chapels in London's Westminster Cathedral, there is a beautiful mosaic depicting the miracle at Cana, where Jesus changed water into wine. Set in the tiles is depicted a man pouring water from one jug into another. The water flowing out of the first jug is a radiant ocean blue. But as it nears the mouth of the second jug it becomes a deep shade of purple. As you look at the mosaic, you get the feeling that water is turning into wine right before your very eyes. Author Jim Forest has written that until he had seen the mosaic, it had never occurred to him that this first miraculous sign of Jesus -- a miracle of transformation -- is a key to understanding everything in the Gospel. "Jesus is constantly involved in transformation: water into wine, blind eyes to seeing eyes, withered limbs to working limbs, guilt into forgiveness, sorrow into joy, crucifixion into resurrection, death into life."

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>

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Remember, in terms of our relationship with God it is we who are in constant need of transformation. God is constant. God is changeless. God is always on our side and that's awesome!

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Retreat: The Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa will be leading a weekend Women's Retreat on March 20-22 at St Anthony's in Mendocino for info concerning accommodations and other matters please call Stephen Morris at 707-566-3343.

Men's Retreat: Cord Dorsey and his Brothers from Zion Mission House in LA will be leading a weekend Men's Retreat on April 3-5 at St Anthony's in Mendocino. Cord has been active in NET Ministries and has led events in the Diocese. For more info contact Stephen Morris at 707-566-3343.

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.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

What was Abram's response to God's request? Does this incident relate to your Lenten experience in any way? How? God called Abram out of his homeland to start something new. Does God sometimes call you out of your comfort zone or your favorite chair to start something new?

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

We all need to go up the mountain to a place of silence so we can better hear the voice of God. At least so says Pope Francis. Why can't we just stay there praying?

But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to "descend the mountain" and return to the plain where we meet many brothers weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers [and sisters] in difficulty we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received. And this is curious. When we hear the Word of Jesus ... and carry it in our heart, this Word grows. Do you know how it grows? By giving it to the other!

*Pope Francis, Angelus
 March 16, 2014*

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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