



July 26, 2020

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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UPCOMING DATES

August 19, Finance Committee meeting 4pm
August 23, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm

READINGS

1 Kgs 3: 5. 7-12
Ps 119: 57. 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130 (97a)
Rom 8: 28-30
Mt 13: 44-52 or Mt 13: 44-46

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Rose Rodenberger, 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 4 pm: Diana Glomb, Steve Arcia [health & healing], Pat Pallari⁺ req by Michele McDonell
Sun 9 am: K.C. Bledsoe⁺ req by Greg McCaffrey
Sun 11 am: Victims of the pandemic
Tues 9 am: K.C. Bledsoe⁺
Wed 9 am: Ministers in our church
Thurs 9 am: Peace and Justice
Fri 9 am: Those who need healing

PASTOR'S DESK

In an honest bit of self-awareness, a man consumed with a constant level of anxiety confronts his struggle head-on during a life-changing moment of clarity. He explains:

"I used to complain a lot. I used to worry a lot. I used to feel frustrated a lot. I used to question my worthwhileness a lot. I used to agonize over my unrealized dreams a lot. But all that began to change through my neighbor's dog, of all things.

"That puppy was neglected, left tied outside to a leash all the time. Enslaved by a collar at the end of a rope, the frustrated animal cried day and night. Then one day, I saw that the dog was loose. Somehow the leash had broken, but the poor thing just lollygagged around as though it were still tied.

"I thought, 'This animal gets an opportunity to be free and doesn't take it. Then it doesn't deserve to be free.' Then an inner-voice spoke to me: 'That's you. You're looking at yourself.'

"This humbling revelation was the beginning of real freedom for me. My anxiety had taken me to a point in my life where I simply had to surrender the unrecoverable past and the unpredictable future to Divine Providence.

Another story how people have coup to handled anxiety in their life ---- Several years ago, a man died,

leaving his wife with six children to raise. The widow reflected seriously on her talents and what she would do for the rest of her life. She realized how much she loved children. Consequently, she decided to take in several foster children -- in addition to her own six. For years she ran a beautiful, loving home for all those children. From time-to-time, she needed and received help, mostly from persons in her Church Community. As the years went by and the children were turning out beautifully, a newspaper reporter came to interview her for a feature story. The reporter asked her how in the world she had managed to raise so many children so gracefully. The woman replied, with a smile, "Well, it was the partnership." "What partnership?" asked the reporter. Still smiling, the woman answered, *"My partnership with God. A few days after my husband died, I looked at my situation, and I said to God, 'From now on, Lord, I'll do the work if you'll do the worrying!'* And all through the years, I have upheld my end of the bargain." Then with great joy in her voice, she said, "And He has upheld His!"

Even when it seems as though all the world's anxieties will come crashing down on you, trust in your deliverance by a gracious God who will never abandon you. Uphold your end of the bargain and, God will uphold His. Apply for membership in the partnership of Love, and, in Jesus' words, you will "shine like the sun in the Kingdom of your Heavenly Father."

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

PARISH DONATIONS

July 19	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$921.00	\$1,466.00
St. Catherine	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Colman	\$325.00	\$171.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,883.00

1st Collection: general expenses, maintenance & diocese.
2nd Collection: parish restoration & repair. Approximately once a month, this is a special diocese collection. On 5th Sunday of the month, this benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

How can I help during these hard times?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

1. "Understanding" or "shema" in Hebrew means listening or obedience. How would it change race relations, immigration problems, climate crises, if leaders in the world earnestly prayed Solomon's prayer: "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart"? What impact might "listening" have on good leadership?

2. Would anyone's life change for the better if you had more of an understanding heart? How do you think you might improve your skills in this area?

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

1. The New American Bible translation is "all things work together for those who love God." In what ways have you seen examples of this in the pandemic? People figuring out new ways to solve problems? People stepping up to serve others in hospitals and food delivery? Have you experienced it in your own life, that everything works out when you love God?

2. How have you experienced "all things work together for those who love God" in your own life?

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 or 44-46

1. Did the pearl-finder and the merchant have to be shrewd about obtaining their treasures? What about you? Are you shrewd about recognizing the "treasure" of the kingdom of God in your life? Do you find, or at least look for God in all things in your life? Do you notice when God is "whispering," or just when God is "shouting" in your life?

2. What does Pope Francis say is the "Pearl of great price?" How would you rank as treasures the graces that come from this "pearl": truth, mercy and joy?

The good news is the precious pearl of which we read in the Gospel. It is not a thing but a mission. This is evident to anyone who has experienced the "delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing" (Evangelii Gaudium, 10).

Good news. A single word—gospel—that, even as it is spoken, becomes truth, brimming with joy and mercy. We should never attempt to separate these three graces of the Gospel: its truth, which is non-negotiable; its mercy, which is unconditional and offered to all sinners; and its joy, which is personal and open to everyone. Truth, mercy and joy: these three go together.

"The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" (ibid., 1)

*Holy Chrism Mass Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis
April 13, 2017*

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 st Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall	Canceled until further notice
Finance Committee Meeting	3 rd Wednesday, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall	August 19 th
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 th Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman	August 23 rd