



August 21, 2022

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Aug 28, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
 Sept 7, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
 Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ
 Sept 21, Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 4pm:
 For all parishioners,
 Jose M. Penaloza III for his birthday
Sat 5pm:
 For the soul of Daniel Domingo Madera requested by Doris
Sun 9:30 am:
 Margaret Maher†, requested by Mary Helt
Sun 11 am:
 Susan Barich, Bod and Linda Dedominic.
 Hernandez Family for healing

Readings

Is 66: 18-21
 Ps 117: 1. 2
 Heb 12: 5-7. 11-13
 Lk 13: 22-30

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain:
 Paige Newman, Sharilyn Parmeter

Who have been called to Eternal Life:
 KC Bledsoe

Parish Donations

August 13 - 14	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$808.00	\$779.00
St. Catherine	\$240.00	\$223.00
St. Colman	\$393.00	\$236.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,679.00

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 st Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3 rd Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 th Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman

* of February, May, August and November

Pastor's Desk

With a seemingly profound sense of humility, the great saxophonist, John Coltrane, wrote the following in the liner notes of his breakthrough album entitled, "*A Love Supreme*."

"During the year 1957, I experienced, by the grace of God, a spiritual awakening which has led me to a richer, fuller, more productive life. At that time, in gratitude, I asked to be given the means and privilege to make others happy through music... to inspire them to realize more and more of their capacities for living meaningful lives because there certainly is meaning to life. I feel like this has been granted through His grace."

Note that Coltrane emphasized his ability to make others happy through music -- his ability to impress people with his music. He thought about it and asked for it. And while these are wonderful abilities to aspire to, **there is a difference between impressing others and simply expressing yourself -- in spirit and truth.**

Christian **author C.S. Lewis observed**, "*You will never make a good impression on other people until you stop thinking about what sort of impression you are making. Even in literature and art, no man who bothers about originality will ever be original: whereas if you simply try to tell the truth, without caring one bit how often it has been told before, you will, nine times out of ten, become original without ever having noticed it. Give up yourself, and you will find your real self.*"

After the release of Coltrane's album, something happened to him that would, in a sense, reveal his true self. One night after an exceptionally brilliant performance of the title piece, "*A Love Supreme*" -- a thirty-two-minute outpouring of praise to God -- he stepped off the stage and was heard to say, "Nunc dimittis," which translates roughly to "I could die happy now." Coltrane said that he had experienced God's love in a way that liberated him from his need to make a good impression. He said he "stopped making the music for his own sake, and instead did it for the music's sake, the listeners' sake, and for God's sake." When your life is open to God's love, a new integrity of being comes to you -- a new sense of wholeness and a new concern for honesty. You realize that life doesn't have to be dishonest. You realize that you don't have to conceal your true self out of fear or anxiety because God loves you, and you find your strength in God as the Source of all truth. This is extremely important for us to pursue in today's world, where there is so much dishonesty, concealment, and

evasiveness. You can experience God's love in a way that makes it possible for you to be honest-to-God, honest with yourself. Perhaps for the first time, you will be able to come alive in the glorious freedom of really being yourself. Probably for the first time, you will have discovered that being honest with yourself is a necessary precondition for having genuine relationships with others. Perhaps for the first time in years, you will experience that glorious feeling of being able to look into the eyes of those close to you and communicate the truth in love.

As Christians, we recognize that we are given what we need to know. We acknowledge that we don't have to know all there is to know because God is in control. Life is a Love Supreme, and that's God's plan. And that's all we need to know!

Peace and blessings!
 Fr. Luis

PS May you have a wonderful week and blessings to all going back to school the students as well as the teachers. May everyone have a wonderful school year!

Announcements

No daily Mass this week

Fr Luis will be taking time off Monday August 22 through Monday August 29 but will preside in all the weekend masses Saturday August 27 and Sunday August 28.

Monte Rio Variety Show Update

We are still processing income and expenses from our great event, but can let everyone know it was a combined record attendance and gross income. Once we have all the income and expenses processed, we will place the note in the bulletin. Until then, please accept our thanks to all of you who supported us in so many ways. We have never had such a diverse set of talents helping out on the event - all were needed and filled gaps that, in some cases, we did not anticipate until the last minute. Please know that the committee appreciates all who bought a ticket, promoted the event to family and friends, and/or provided talents leading up to, during and after the event.

Even while we await the final financial outcome, we are planning for next year. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, July 27th, 2023!

With gratitude,
 Michele and the Variety Show Committee Team

Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ

Sunday, Sept 18, 2022 at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville.

Sign up to host Hospitality

We are inviting families to sign up for Hospitality. To prepare and pick up the donuts and coffee at Safeway for our fellowship after the 9:30 am mass. The items are already paid

How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily donate online by using the donate button at stelizabeth.churchtrac.com. Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577 to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

for. It gives family a chance to participate and know our community and it gives us chance to get to know your family.

Confessions

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays and before weekend Masses. Please call the rectory at 707-869-2107 to confirm with him, so that he knows to arrive early on the weekend, or stay late on Friday. Alternatively, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory.

Glancing Thoughts

Courtesy of Eleonore Stump, St. Louis University

In the Gospel Reading Jesus says that some people will come to him confidently, but he will say to them, "I don't know where you are from. Go away, you evildoers!"

This must be one of the most frightening passages in the gospels.

But if we get fearful and ask, "OK, then, what do I have to do in order not to be sent away," we are on the wrong track entirely.

God does not hate anything that he has made; he loves it." (John 3:16). So you don't have to rush out to bring sandwiches to the poor or do anything else whose purpose is to work your way into God's love and forgiveness. The gift of God's love and forgiveness are already there for you.

But then why are those people in the Gospel passage sent away? If the gift is already there, then why don't these people get it?

Well, no gift can be given unilaterally. Successful gift-giving takes two: one to offer the gift, and one to receive it. If you refuse the gift God offers you, the gift cannot be successfully given, can it?

So maybe the whole problem with these people who are sent away is their determination to do the right stuff in order to be part of the in-group. If you want to achieve for yourself what God is offering as a gift, you are in effect refusing the gift, aren't you?

And maybe that's why Jesus says to these people, "I don't know where you are from." If you accept God's gift of his forgiving love, then you are in Christ; and the spirit of Christ is in you. You don't have to come from anywhere to him. You are your beloved's, and he is yours, as the Song of Songs says (Song 6:3).

So what you have to do in order not to get sent away is nothing. Just receive the gift, open to the Lord, let the Holy Spirit of Christ in. Then you might bring food to the poor, or write a book, or compose a symphony. But however you share your gifts, you will do so by first having opened to God's love, which is his gift to you.