

From the Administrators Desk

In May there will be an "in-service" for those who are lectors and extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist at the parish. This 3 hour update is now required by the Archdiocese every three years for those who want to maintain their authorization or "mandatum". New people have also inquired about attending the workshop and offering their time and talent in this way to the parish.

It's good to recall what the Pope Paul VI wrote in 1973 when he established for the laity this ministry to distribute the Holy Body of the Lord, in certain circumstances. The Pope wrote that the lay person selected should be 1) *idoneus* (meaning in Latin: *fit, apt, well suited*) and 2) be designated for a set period of time.

Regarding the word *idoneus* the Pope adds: "special ministers of communion must be persons whose good qualities of Christian life, faith, and morals recommend them. Let them strive to be worthy of this great office...No one is to be chosen whose appointment the faithful might find disquieting."

Now the question comes up: Can a Catholic who has entered a second marriage, without any dispensation from the Church, serve in this ministry? The short answer is No. Since Catholics who have entered into a second civil marriage no longer live in conformity with our Lord's teaching on marriage, they do not receive sacramental Communion. So it is only logical that they are not *idoneus* to distribute Holy Communion to others. On the other hand, if the first marriage was declared "null" by the Church Tribunal, and the second marriage regularized by the Church, the question of suitability for ministry is open.

Notice the Pope's last sentence. "No one is to be chosen whose appointment the faithful might find disquieting." You ask: "What's that all about?" The sacred liturgy is not intended to be a place for controversy or shock. For example, it may not be wise to select for ministry at St Elizabeth an otherwise *idoneus* volunteer who is also running for local dog catcher! The liturgical ministers should be relatively "baggage free" so as not to call attention to themselves but rather allow Christ to shine forth.

--- Rev. Garcia ---

Sunday Collection April 9, 2017

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection \$ 5,382.00
Over/Under \$ 382.00
Archdiocesan Appeal \$ 399.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, April 17th in observance of the Easter Holiday. There will not be an evening Mass that day.

New Altar Server Training will be on Saturday, April 29th at 10:30 to 11:30am. Please meet in the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Monday</u>	<u>April 17</u>
8:00 am	† Joseph, † Frank, and † John DeLuca
5:30 pm	No Evening Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>April 18</u>
8:00 am	† Giovanni Rossi
5:30 pm	† John and † Mary Camilleri
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>April 19</u>
8:00 am	† Manuel Scerri
7:00 pm	Joven Caesar Fernandez (L)
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>April 20</u>
8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
5:30 pm	† Siu Chun Louie
<u>Friday</u>	<u>April 21</u>
8:00 am	† Val and † Megan Myo Aung
5:30 pm	† Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 22</u>
8:00 am	† Leo Gerardo
4:30 pm	† Jerry Sapiano
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 23</u>
7:30 am	† Emilia J. Songco
9:30 am	People of the Parish
	† Lydia Monce
11:30 am	Maltese Society
5:00 pm	

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Choral Concert
Voices of Silicon Valley
Saturday May 13th 7:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Tickets: \$20 in advance or \$30 at the door;
\$15 for seniors and students
Advance tickets will be available after 9:30 Mass on Easter Sunday and may also be purchased at <http://stimmung.brownpapertickets.com/>
More info about tickets and Voices of Silicon Valley may be found at our website at www.voices-sv.org

Vocation Events for the Archdiocese

The Archbishop invites men 18 – 25 years old (who have completed high school, and who receive a recommendation from their parish priest) to join him and seminarians for dinner. The purpose is to share some stories of vocation and to discuss the diocesan priesthood. Sign up at Office of Vocations 415-614-5684.

vocations@sfarch.org

[facebook.com/sfvocations](https://www.facebook.com/sfvocations)

More information on the Church Bulletin Board.

Quo Vadis Camp June 26-28, 2017 at St. Patrick's Seminary. This camp is for high school age students who want to learn about priesthood and religious life.

Talks, sports, prayer, good food. Camp Application is available on Parish Website or vocations@sfach.org

Deadline: June 16, 2017



All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Champagne Bingo on Sunday, April 23rd in Cantwell Hall at 12:30 pm. Menu will consist of Salad, Half Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll & Butter, Dessert/Coffee/Tea. The cost is \$25.00.

For reservations please call:

Mary Perata 415-239-5936

Florence Mangion 415-468-1764

Deadline for reservations is April 20th.