

From the Administrator's Blotter:

Friends,

There are severe, grave divisions in the Catholic Church these days. Am I telling you anything you don't already know? I doubt it.

- The Catholic bishops of Poland disagree with the Catholic Bishops of Germany on the question of whether *civily remarried Catholics may worthily receive Holy Communion*. Their opposed positions are based on Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Amoris Letitia*.
- The two Catholic Bishops of Malta interpret the Pope's *Amoris Letitia* encyclical one way, and the Catholic Archbishop of Philadelphia, Charles Chaput, interprets the same encyclical in a *contrary* direction! Can both sides be right if they are opposed?
- In view of these conflicting opinions nine months ago four Cardinals wrote to the Pope asking for an authoritative clarification, resolving *the ambiguities* of his encyclical. 275 days later, the Pope still has not responded to the Cardinals. The division continues.

If you don't know about these conflicts circulating around the Pope's *Amoris Letitia*, I hesitate to discuss them, especially in a parish bulletin. Besides, I'm no professional theologian. I am a "grunt priest" happily on the front lines at St. Elizabeth Church. Consequently, I had better stick to parish issues which correspond to my pay grade.

"So what do you think, Father Garcia, about people slipping into the communion line and asking for a *blessing* because they are *not* receiving the sacred Host?"

Friends, what I think is not important. Rather let us consult the Church's own "Driver Manual" which covers everything that happens at Mass. This is called *The General Instruction on the Roman Missal* (GIRM). Reading through GIRM it's clear to me that this practice is NOWHERE suggested and should NOT be encouraged! Why? Here's the principle: the time for *blessing* people is just before they are *dismissed* from the assembly. The blessing has a *logical connection* to the dismissal. The people are blessed, that is, fortified with God's Holy Name in view of their responsibility to carry the Gospel back home to their normal circumstances in society. The disciple is blessed *because* he/she formally carries the Good News back into the world. It is clear in GIRM that *the blessing* is paired with *the dismissal*. The Blessing goes with Being Sent.

Bottom line: Seeking a blessing at the time of communion is out of place, out of sequence. It is no substitute for Holy Communion. Anybody who encourages such a practice does not understand the structure of the Holy Mass.

Have a good Sunday! Fr. James Garcia.



2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal- our goal is \$48,470.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged **\$30,431.00** leaving a balance of **\$18,039.00**.

*Pray for our Beloved Deceased
In your prayers this week, please remember
the repose of the souls of our deceased
parishioners, especially
Ada DePaoli
Adolph "Coke" Vannucchi
Helen Cadelago*

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Pot Luck Luncheon on Friday, July 14th at 12:00 noon. Free if you bring food, \$12.00 if you do not bring food.

Please call:
Mary Perata at 415-239-5936
Florence Mangion at 415-468-1764

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday | June 26 |
| 8:00 am | † Manuel Muscat |
| 5:30 pm | † Joseph Sapiano |
| Tuesday | June 27 |
| 8:00 am | † Leonardo Montenegro |
| 5:30 pm | † Josephine Sorich |
| Wednesday | June 28 |
| 8:00 am | † "Coke" Vannucchi |
| 7:00 pm | † Natividad Reyes |
| Thursday | June 29 |
| 8:00 am | † Josefina Flandez |
| 5:30 pm | † Atilio Paoli |
| Friday | June 30 |
| 8:00 am | † Simeon Santos |
| 5:30 pm | |
| Saturday | July 1 |
| 8:00 am | † Adolph Vannucchi |
| 4:30 pm | † Josephine Zaragoza |
| Sunday | July 2 |
| 7:30 am | † Josephine Zaragoza |
| 9:30 am | † Froreino Gemignani |
| 11:30 am | People of the Parish |
| 5:00 pm | |

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection June 18, 2017

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| Weekly Need: | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Sunday Collection | \$ 3,571.00 |
| Over/Under | \$ 1,429.00 |
| Church Project | \$ 787.00 |

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.)**

Velma Enriquez' name was inadvertently omitted from last week's bulletin as a Liturgical Minister.



TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD /CHILDREN

St. Elizabeth Religious Education Program (CCD) is now accepting registration for grades K through 8 for the 2017-2018 school years. Registration forms are now available online at www.stelizabethsf.org. After completing the form, please bring it to the Parish Office at 449 Holyoke Street along with your registration fee of \$45. Registration forms are also available at the Parish office. Classes begin September 9th. Please apply today. Thank You!

Volunteers Needed:

Do you love the Lord? Are you willing to share His message? Do you believe you can make a difference? Our Parish Family Needs You! School of Religious Education (English & Spanish) needs teachers / teacher's aide for the 2017-2018 school years. If you have a love for your Catholic faith and children, please consider volunteering to be a teacher at our weekly Religious Education classes.

Classes are from the second week of September 2017 to the end of May 2018 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am (English) and 11:30 am to 1:00 pm (Spanish) every Saturday. Jesus needs you to share His love for His children! Our students need you. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (415) 468-0820, Tessie Alano at (415) 601-0310 (English) and Elisa Segura at 650-867-8423 (Spanish).

Religious Education Program

Registration information (English & Spanish) for 2017-2018 classes has been distributed to all families who were enrolled in the 2017-2018-year program. These families can register by mail using the mailed pre-printed forms or bring the forms into the office at 449 Holyoke Street, SF from 9:00 - 4:00pm Monday to Thursday beginning June 1st to fill out a registration form. You can download registration information and form at St. Elizabeth at our **Website:** www.stelizabethsf.org. Thank You!