

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 30, 2017**

All things work for good  
for those who love God.  
— Romans 8:28a



**LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS**

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).  
**Psalms** — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).  
**Second Reading** — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).  
**Gospel** — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday July 31**  
8:00 am Kimberly Fernandez (L)  
**Tuesday August 1**  
8:00 am † Sammy Santos  
**Wednesday August 2**  
8:00 am † Joseph DeLuca  
7:00 pm † Helen Cadelago  
Emma Francisco (L)  
† Jose Castro  
**Thursday August 3**  
8:00 am † Mary Zugar  
**Friday August 4**  
8:00 am † Joe and † Carmen Spiteri  
**Saturday August 5**  
8:00 am † Jovito I. Cruz  
4:30 pm † Josephine Zaragoza  
**Sunday August 6**  
7:30 am † Cenén J. Songco  
† Juanita D. Mendoza  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
† Lydia Monce  
11:30 am † Vivencio Fernandez  
5:00 pm

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Sunday Collection July 23, 2017**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,635.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,365.00</b>
<b>Church Project</b>	<b>\$ 755.00</b>

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.)**

**2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**- our goal is \$48,470.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged **\$34,225.00** leaving a balance of **\$14,245.00**.

**2018 Mass Intentions Now Available!  
Please follow the guidelines below  
when sending in your Mass requests.**

Due to the large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book policy as set by Father Charito Suan, Pastor:

Initially, each parishioner can request up to **12 Masses per year. Only 4 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability.** **When requesting Masses please note: There is no longer a 5:30 pm weekday Mass or Holy Hour on the First Monday.** **There will no longer be a 8:00 am Mass on Wednesdays beginning January 2018.**

**We are no longer accepting individual Mass Intentions for the following days : Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls, Thanksgiving , Christmas Eve and Christmas. The intentions will be for the entire St. Elizabeth Community.**

Due to the volume of requests, **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person.** Requests must be submitted in writing.

Not all dates are available for Mass Intentions,so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. Wednesdays at 7:00 pm are available for multiple intentions. Any requests not following these guidelines will be returned to you.

**Once you receive your confirmation letter with your schedule of Masses, please make your check payable to St. Elizabeth Church. Please do not send payment with your request. Please allow time for processing. The monetary gift that has been suggested by our Archdiocese is \$10.00 per mass. Thank you for your cooperation.**



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased  
In your prayers this week, please remember  
the repose of the souls of our deceased  
parishioners, especially:*

*Ronald Mirkovitch  
Jose Castro*

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Our parish program is for the religious instruction of children who attend public schools. Since religion is not allowed to be taught in public schools, where will these children go to learn about our Catholic faith? First and foremost, they are taught the Catholic faith by their parents. In partnership with parents, our program continues the mission of Jesus Christ, through faith formation of the students in the areas of prayer, scripture, sacraments, Church history, Church traditions, Church doctrines and ethical issues in a way that is understandable and meaningful to these young children.

The students are also prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our students participate in our monthly Family Masses, the Christmas children's Mass, the Feast of St. Elizabeth, the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, Flores de Mayo and Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations.

We have classes beginning in K all the way to 8th grade (English & Spanish) at which time they are ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Our classes are held every Saturday morning in Cantwell Hall beginning on September 9, 2017 until May 19, 2018. Our doors open at 8:30am to 10:30am (English) and 11:30am to 1:00pm (Spanish). Our fee is \$45.00/child which covers all books, all learning materials, sacrament receptions, sacrament gifts and many other things. Registration forms and Family Handbooks are available at [www.stelizabethsf.org](http://www.stelizabethsf.org) or you can pick up a form at the Parish Office at 449 Holyoke Street, SF from 9:00am to 3:30pm, Monday to Thursday (closed on Fridays.)

We the teachers, parents and students, would also, like to thank all of you for your continued support of our parish religious program through the first Sunday of the month 2nd collection. Your generosity has helped tremendously to purchase the necessities to educate these children who are the future of our parish.

Thank you,  
Tessie Alano  
Religious Education Director