

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017**

Those who are just must be kind.
— *Wisdom 12:19*



THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalms — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	July 24
8:00 am	† Fernando Camba
Tuesday	July 25
8:00 am	† Anna Cairns
Wednesday	July 26
8:00 am	† Aniceta Gandeza
7:00 pm	† Helen Cadelago
	† Steven Bellina
	Emanuela Palazzo (L)
Thursday	July 27
8:00 am	† Pablo B. Martin
Friday	July 28
8:00 am	† Cenon Vega
Saturday	July 29
8:00 am	† Mary Zugar
4:30 pm	† Teresa Perata
Sunday	July 30
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	† Joseph I. Bosso
11:30 am	† Cenon Vega
5:00 pm	

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection July 16, 2017

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,430.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,570.00
Church Project	\$ 920.00

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.)**

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.

Bethlehem Art Works

Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale this weekend July 22nd and 23rd after all Masses.

www.bethlehemartworks.com

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 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