

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018**

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.
— *Joshua 24:15b*



HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD'S SERVICE

In the ancient world, "household" was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn't think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the "households" of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many "strangers" every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are "next door" to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a "household" that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalms — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	August 27 † Joseph I. Bosso
Tuesday 8:00 am	August 28 † Greta Gustafson
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	August 29 Communal Service
Thursday 8:00 am	August 30 † Tessy Spiteri Lencioni
Friday 8:00 am	August 31 † Eva Boggeri
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	September 1 † Anna Skropanich † Leo Gerardo
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am	September 2 † Thomas Conlon People of the Parish † Frank Strazzarino † Mary, † Joan and † Andrew Murphy
11:30 am	

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection August 19, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,330.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,670.00
Church Project	\$ 928.00

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.)**

First Friday Healing Mass

You are all invited to celebrate with us the SF Archdiocesan First Friday Healing Mass on September 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church to be officiated by Rev. Fr. Ray. The healing service follows after Mass in Church. Hospitality will follow at Cantwell Hall.

Italian Catholic Federation

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Anniversary Luncheon on Friday, September 14th at the Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco. 12:00 Noon No Host Cocktails, 12:30 Lunch. Menu will consist of House Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon with Champagne Sauce, Dessert/Coffee/Wine. The cost is \$35. Please call Mary Perata for reservations at 415-239-5936. Reservation deadline is September 6th.



Religious Education Class Enrollment is NOW! School starts on September 8th. Registration forms are now available in the Church vestibule and at the parish office. Registration forms are also available online.

For more information please see the website www.stelizabethsf.org or call Mrs. Tessie Alano at 415-601-0310.

Office of Worship

The Archdiocese Office of Worship will be conducting training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Contact the St. Elizabeth parish office to pre-register for the training. Fees are \$20.00 if pre-registered and \$25.00 for same day registrants.

Dates and Times

St. Stephens	Oct. 29 th	10-3
	Oct. 27 th	10-12
St. Timothy	Nov. 3 rd	10-3
	Nov. 10 th	10-12

In order to receive a certificate of completion, ministers must attend **BOTH** Saturdays and will focus on one ministry at the training.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

DID YOU KNOW... that St. Elizabeth Parish has an active outreach ministry to the homebound, sick, elderly, and disabled who are unable to attend weekly Mass? Legion of Mary members are prepared to make regular visits to bring Communion and to share the news of our parish community.

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to arrange for regular Communion visits or anointing of the sick, please call the parish office at 415-468-0820.



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

Eusebio Masangcay

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