

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018**

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.
— James 3:18



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HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	September 24 † Eva Boggeri
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 25 † Oriana Simonetti
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	September 26 Communal Service † Esiquel Hitalia † Joe Macias
Thursday 8:00 am	September 27 † Rufino and † Carmen Lazo
Friday 8:00 am	September 28 † Jim Perata
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	September 29 † Garibaldi Family † Giovanni Rebagliati
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	September 30 People of the Parish † Froreino and † Delia Gemignani San Lorenzo Ruiz

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection Sept 16, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,174.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,826.00
Church Project	\$ 943.00

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.)**

PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

Please join us in thanking the Archdiocese of San Francisco's retired clergy with a gift to the Priests Retirement Fund Collection at the Masses this weekend (September 22 and 23.) Support of the Fund helps alleviate the financial burden of living, healthcare, and extended care expenses, and ensures that clergy and religious can spend retirement in continued engagement with their communities. The Priests Retirement Fund is an expression of gratitude to these men for their lifetime of ministry and service to others.

Religious Education Class Enrollment is NOW! School **began** 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. 20 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.

**A Wonderful Service
and Volunteer Opportunity
at St. Mary's Cathedral**

Catholic Charities is seeking a San Francisco parish group to host a Handicapables luncheon at St. Mary's Cathedral one Saturday a year from noon to 2:00 PM. Parish volunteers would provide the lunch at the Cathedral, and host the guests by welcoming and visiting with them. Catholic Charities helps manage the Handicapables program, which provides seniors and adults with disabilities the opportunity to gather once a month at St. Mary's Cathedral to socialize over lunch, celebrate Mass as an option, and enjoy each other's company. Sometimes entertainment and/or a speaker are provided. The San Francisco Fire Department currently provides escort assistance for the transportation vehicle to and from the lunch. We are hoping to get a total of 11 different parishes to each host one luncheon at the Cathedral during the year. If you are interested, please contact Diane Prell by email at: DPrell@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or by calling 415-452-3500.



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

Mariamamma Paulose

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