

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 14, 2019**

Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body, the church.

— *Colossians 1:15, 18*



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**GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN**

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalm** — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** — The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>July 15</b> Tessie Vinluan (L)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>July 16</b> † John and † Carmela Budesa
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>July 17</b> Communal Service † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro Aleja Mandani (L) † Loreta Rodrigo
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>July 18</b> † Dr. Patrick Tekeli
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>July 19</b> † Paul and † Theresa Vella † Joseph Vella
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>July 20</b> † Anna Skropanich † Adolph Vannucchi
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>July 21</b> People of the Parish † Bob Magarrell Maltese Society

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living  
For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

**Sunday Collection July 7, 2019**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,399.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 601.00</b>
<b>Religious Ed</b>	<b>\$ 895.00</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.)**



Thank you to Teresita Alano for her dedicated service as Religious Education Director for the past five years. Her dedicated commitment has made a lasting impact on the Religious Education Program, the parish staff, students, parents and the catechists at St. Elizabeth Parish who have worked with her over the years. Thank you for everything you have done for our Parish. Please enjoy your retirement. We wish you many blessings and happiness. You will be greatly missed!

**Grotto Project**

I would like to update you on our current grotto project. This project is funded by the generous donations of our parishioners through the Church Project Sunday Collection and parishioners' bequests. The plans were submitted to the Archdiocese of San Francisco for approval and once approval was granted, we proceeded with the project. The cost of the grotto is estimated at \$180,000.00. Please be assured that this project does not interfere with any upcoming improvements that are in need of attention. Commemorative tiles are available for purchase.

If you would like an order form for the St. Elizabeth Commemorative Grotto to order a tile please stop by the parish office during business hours. **Please note that the placement of your tile will be random.**

Rev. Charito Suan

**Attention: Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

There will be a get-together on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> in Cantwell Hall after the 11:30 am Mass. Refreshments will be provided.

**Volunteers Needed**

Do you love the Lord and are you willing to share His message? Do you believe you can make a difference? Our Parish Family Needs You! School of Religious Education needs teachers/teacher aides for the 2019-2020 school year. Please consider volunteering to be a teacher at our weekly Religious Education classes.

Classes are from September 7, 2019 to the end of May 2020. Jesus needs you to share His love for his children! Our students need you. For more information, please call the rectory.

**ROSARY**

On Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> after the 8 am Mass until 3:30 pm, there will be a day of **Prayer**, (1000 Hail Mary's). **Adoration and Benediction** in the rectory.

**Position Available:**

St. Elizabeth Parish is in need of a Director of Religious Education. The school year begins on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> and is held every Saturday until May of 2020. If you are interested and are a practicing Catholic, have teaching experience, loves to work with children and catechists and is committed to manage the religious program please call the parish office or Father Suan for more details.