

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 25, 2019**

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.  
— Hebrews 12:12-13



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**WELCOME THE STRANGER**

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

**Second Reading** — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 26</b> † Marcelo Ramos
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 27</b> † Arneil Guevarra
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 28</b> Communal Service
7:00 pm	† Patricia Valentin
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 29</b> † Krista Budesá
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 30</b> † Ariel Ramos
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 31</b> † Joseph Vella
4:30 pm	† Eva Castro
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am	<b>September 1</b> † Leo Gerardo
9:30 am	People of the Parish † Tessie, † Joseph † Saviour Schembri
11:30 am	† Noemi B. and † Wilter A. Nacor, † Santiago, † Rosita G., † Vicente G., and † Reynaldo Gayaban

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

**Sunday Collection August 18, 2019**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,886.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 2,114.00</b>
<b>Church Project</b>	<b>\$ 1,167.00</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.)**



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many organizations, ministries, families and individuals who helped to make my birthday a memorable one. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity. Please remember to keep my mother in your prayers. She just was released from the hospital waiting for my visit. Please note that in my absence the priests from The Church of the Epiphany will be filling in for me.

*Rev. Charito Suan*

**Legion of Mary**



Legion of Mary meets every **Monday** at 5:30pm at the Rectory Office, 449 Holyoke Street, SF for Prayer and spiritual formation. The members of the Legion make a weekly visit to parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes and other good works for the parish and community.

Please prayerfully consider joining us. If you need more information, please call Elizabeth Pasco at 415-724-8601

**Website:** <http://www.stelizabethsf.org>.

Thank you!

**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION LUNCHEON**

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Anniversary Luncheon on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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 \$35.00. Please call Mary Perata for reservations at 415-239-5936. Reservation deadline is September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**GOOD SHEPHERD GRACENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:**

The Good Shepherd Sisters, who run Gracenter, invite you to the annual fundraiser for Good Shepherd Gracenter, whose Mission is to help women without resources to break free of drug and alcohol addiction and create a hopeful future for themselves and others. This fabulous event will be **Sunday, September 15, 2019, noon to 3 pm, at Patio Espanol** and will include a wonderful lunch, DJ, photo booth, silent auction, raffle and live auction! The theme this year is *Stepping Stones to Success* as Gracenter will be honoring the board of Stepping Stone—San Francisco Women's Rehabilitation Foundation—for their amazing support.

For ticketing/sponsorship info, please go to <http://GSG19.givesmart.com>. Or contact Sr. Marguerite at [sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org](mailto:sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org) or call (628) 224-2050.

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.** The **deadline** to order a tile will be **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. Any orders received after that date **cannot** be processed.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the Labor Day Holiday