

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days.
— Psalm 90:14



POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	September 9 † Manuel Muscat
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 10 † Belen Ramos
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	September 11 Communal Service † Zoilo Ramos
Thursday 8:00 am	September 12 † Maria & † Jakov Cukar
Friday 8:00 am	September 13 † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria & † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	September 14 † Krista Budesa † Delia Gemignani
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	September 15 † Joseph & † Dolor Micallef and Family People of the Parish Victoria Calderon (L) The 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 September 1, 2019

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,412.50
Over/Under	\$ 587.50
Religious Education	\$ 916.00

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.)



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 or call (628) 224-2050.

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.

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.

The Maltese Society meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm in Cantwell Hall meeting room number one.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes have begun. We are still accepting registration forms. If you need a registration form to enroll, they can be found online at: www.stelizabethsf.org under the heading Ministries and Groups

ROSARY

On Saturday, September 21st 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.

