

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor.
— *Jeremiah 20:13*



ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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This Week's Mass Intentions:

Monday 8:00 am	June 22 † Fernando Camba
Tuesday 8:00 am	June 23 † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
Wednesday 7:00 pm	June 24 † Pablo B. Martin
Thursday 8:00 am	June 25 † Joe Sapiano
Friday 8:00 am	June 26 † Helen Giuntu
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	June 27 † Leonardo L. Montenegro † Josephine Sorich
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	June 28 People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will (Psalm 40:7-11).

What have we done for God's children lately? It's now your opportunity to serve. Our Parish needs Catechists (Religious Teachers). We have Catechists who have been serving our Parish for over 20 years. We are now seeking additional Catechists to experience the joy of serving our Parish.

For additional information, please contact Lily Codd, Director of Religious Education, at 650-771-3176.

WELCOME BACK!

WE'VE MISSED YOU ALL!

To comply and enforce existing SF Health Orders and help flatten the curve, the maximum capacity will be no more than 25% occupancy = 80 people.

What to expect in the new normal

- We will have limited services on weekends only. SAT 4:30p SUN 7:30a/ 9:30a/ 11:30a
- Parishioners will need to register to secure their spot *SUBJECT TO CHANGE
- Arrive 15- 30 mins early to check in prior
- Waivers will need to be signed prior to attending services
- Temperature checks will be performed on all who enter
- Face Masks are mandatory
- Sanitizer stations will be available throughout
- Let our Hospitality Ministry to seat you
- Keep 6 feet apart at all times. Follow the markings on the pews, floors and one way entry/ exit signs. Social distancing applies unless you share a household.
- Stay home if you feel ill or show any symptoms

For the latest information and updates, please visit: stelizabethsf.org. You can also call/ leave us a message/ text us at 415-468-0820 or email us at stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com.

Dispensation from the Archbishop

The dispensation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in place, and so those who fear becoming infected may remain at home in good conscience. The usual advisories also remain in place for those who should remain at home and avoid exposure to any public gathering, including

worship: the elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions making them especially vulnerable to infection, those who have recently had contact with someone tested to be COVID-19 positive, etc. Sunday, of course, is still the Christian Sabbath and so must be kept holy, even if in-person attendance at Mass is not possible. You may attend any livestreamed Mass in the Archdiocese remotely via the Archdiocesan website. You will also find there an Act of Spiritual Communion and other resources - sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be opening it's doors back up to the public effective this coming Monday, June 22nd.

Although the voice message is still indicating the Shelter in Place Order, you can get to each of us directly by pressing the following extensions to skip the prompts when dialing 415-468-0820.

PASTOR: Fr. Suan - extension 107 or his cellphone
SECRETARY: Sandy - extension 103
OPERATIONS: Genevieve - extension 101

We kindly ask you to please call the parish office prior (415-468-0820) and confirm availability as we can handle most of your requests and answer questions over the phone.

If a visit is necessary, everyone is required to wear a face covering and stay at least 6 feet apart at all times while in the building. Social distancing protocols apply, no exceptions – this goes for the Parish Office Team as well. Your temperature will be checked before entry, soles of shoes sanitized and you will be asked to use hand sanitizer and avoid contact for your own safety and ours. We're in this together. If you are feeling ill, stay home. Call / Email/ Text us, we're here for you and if you decide to come in, please call first, we'd be very appreciative. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you all again!

Spiritual Resources

www.sfarchdiocese.org
catholic-sf.org www.ewtn.com