

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 23, 2020**

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

— *Matthew 16:19*



**TRUST**

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalm** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 24</b> † Krista Budesa
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 25</b> † Margaret Garibaldi † Ruth Garibaldi-Lembi
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>August 26</b> Communion Service † Marcelo Ramos
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 27</b> † Lou Masino
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 28</b> † John Sant
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>August 29</b> † Ratko Vidak † Paul, † Theresa and † Joseph Vella
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>August 30</b> People of the Parish † Ariel Ramos † Joseph Macias Sr.

†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 16, 2020**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,257.00</b>
<b>Over / Under</b>	<b>\$ 3,743.00</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.)**

**As directed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the City and County of San Francisco: No public Masses until further notice including all weekend and weekday Masses. Your intentions are still being prayed for.**

**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](http://sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath).

**Catholic Charities Trusted Messenger for Census 2020: Now is the Time to be Counted!**

Now is the time to complete the Census if you haven't already. There's only a month and a half left to stand up and be counted. Taking just 10 minutes of your time to answer 9 questions yields 10 years of public benefits to our families and our community. Catholic Charities is a trusted messenger to our vulnerable populations as well as the wider parish community to complete the 2020 Census. The deadline to complete the Census has been shortened by 4 weeks to Sept 30 to allow enough time for the Census Bureau to report the results by Dec 31, the Bureau's statutory deadline. A complete count for Census is at risk with the shortened deadline. If there is an undercount, it will mean fewer resources for our clients, our families, our communities - and we risk losing seats in Congress.

What can you do?

- **Please complete the Census if you haven't already, and invite your friends and neighbors to do so as well!**
- **Volunteer from home to help with Census: Catholic Charities is recruiting volunteers to call individuals to encourage them to complete the Census. Contact Carol at [CLaughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:CLaughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org) for more information.**
- **Learn more about Census 2020 at [catholiccharitiessf.org/census2020/](http://catholiccharitiessf.org/census2020/)**

**2021 Mass Intentions Now Available! Please follow the guidelines below when sending in your Mass requests.**

Due to the large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book policy as set by Father Charles Puthota, Pastor:

Initially, each parishioner can request up to

**12 Masses per year. Only 4 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability.**

**We are no longer accepting individual Mass Intentions for the following days : Ash Wednesday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. The intentions will be for the entire St. Elizabeth Community.**

Due to the volume of requests, **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person.** Requests must be submitted in writing or by email: [stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com)

Not all dates are available for Mass Intentions, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. Wednesdays at **8:00 am** are available for multiple intentions. If your requested date is not available an alternate date will be chosen for you.

**Once you receive your confirmation letter with your schedule of Masses, please make your check payable to St. Elizabeth Church. Please do not send payment with your request. Please allow time for processing. The monetary gift that has been suggested by our Archdiocese is \$10.00 per mass.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Parish Office**

Our parish office is reopened with **VERY limited contact** with the public. We ask you to please first call the parish office at 415-468-0820 as we can handle most requests over the telephone. If a visit is necessary, we will be asking that all visitors to the office wear face coverings while in the building and maintain social distancing protocols – as will our parish staff members. We will take your temperature before entry and we will have hand sanitizer available for your use. If you are feeling ill, please call the office rather than come in person.