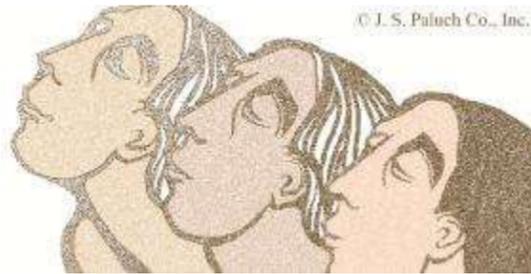


**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2020**

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.
— *Romans 12:2*



THE CROSS OF JESUS

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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MASS INTENTIONS	
Monday 8:00 am	August 31 † John Sant
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 1 † Giovanni Rebagliati
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	September 2 Communion Service † Leo Gerardo
Thursday 8:00 am	September 3 † Thomas Conlon
Friday 8:00 am	September 4 † Paul, † Theresa and † Joseph Vella
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	September 5 † Annie Cruz † Bob Magarrell
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	September 6 People of the Parish † Remo Pierinelli

†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 23, 2020

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection \$ 2,214.00
Over / Under \$ 2,786.00

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.)

**WE CONTINUE WITH
NO PUBLIC MASSES- AS IN NEIGHBORING PARISHES**

San Mateo County has different restrictions. Any questions, please call the parish office. Do not post any notices on the Church property. Camera surveillance is on! Your Mass intentions are still being prayed for.

**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

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.

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).

THE SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

invite you to our **on-line**

Imaginative Luncheon

"2020 VISION - Focusing on Recovery"

in support of the brave women at

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Make a difference—from the comfort of your home!

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For more info, call Sr. Marguerite (628) 224-2050 or email: Sr.Marguerite@gsgracenter.org
www.gsgracenter.org

Faith Formation

(Faith Formation formerly known as Religious Education/CCD)

Registrations are now open for grades Pre k through 8th grade. Forms are available online at www.stelizabethsf.org or at the parish office. For more information, call Lily Codd Director of Religious Education at 650-771-3176.

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.