

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2020**

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— *Matthew 18:19*



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A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today’s Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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MASS INTENTIONS	
Monday 8:00 am	September 7 † Jovito I. Cruz
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 8 † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	September 9 Communion Service † Amado Bituin
Thursday 8:00 am	September 10 † Belen Ramos
Friday 8:00 am	September 11 † Zoilo Ramos
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	September 12 † John Sant
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	September 13 † Vincent Gagliardo Sr, † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro † Delia Gemignani People of the Parish

† 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 30, 2020

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection \$ 2,703.00
Over / Under \$ 2,297.00

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.)

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, September 7th, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

**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

GOOD SHEPHERD GRACENTER

who are determined to break free of drug and/or alcohol addiction and create a better future for themselves and others.

Make a difference—from the comfort of your home!

Just register at GS2020.givesmart.com between September 1st and 20th

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