

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 13, 2020**

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.  
— *Sirach 28:2*



**FORGIVENESS**

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

**Psalms** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 14</b> † Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri, † Tessy Spiteri-Lencioni
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 15</b> † Joseph and † Dolor Micallef and Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>September 16</b> Communion Service Victoria Calderon (L)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 17</b> † Valentina and † Anthony Agius
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 18</b> † Joseph I. and † Michelina Bosso
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>September 19</b> † Marc Valledor † Josephine Zaragoza
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>September 20</b> People of the Parish † Maria & † Ignacio Carino † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri 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 6, 2020**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,536.00</b>
<b>Over / Under</b>	<b>\$ 3,464.00</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.)**

**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.**

**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).

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[www.gsgcenter.org](http://www.gsgcenter.org)

**Faith Formation**

(Faith Formation formerly known as Religious Education/CCD)

Registrations are now open for grades Pre k through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Forms are available online at [www.stelizabethsf.org](http://www.stelizabethsf.org) or at the parish office. For more information, call Lily Codd Director of Religious Education at 650-771-3176.



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased  
In your prayers this week, please remember  
the repose of the souls of our deceased  
parishioners, especially:*

*Art Fontanilla*

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."*