

From the Administrator’s Blotter:

One of the great things about being Catholic is that our “disposable income” is absolutely at *our* disposal and no one else! God left us absolutely *free* regarding our money. In the Catholic Church, there are no tithing rules. None! The Catholic Church has no teaching about 5%, 2.5%, 1% or any other percent of your income going to the Church or to charity. “But Father Garcia...what about the sixth precept of the church...that we should contribute to its financial support?” Yes, that’s correct, *we should* contribute. But no Catechism, no Canon Law, not the Vatican, no bishop, no encyclical ever said *how much*. That’s the point of being *Catholic free!*

St Paul does say in 1 Cor 16:2 that “on the Lord’s day, every one of you should put something aside” for the needs of the community, but he NEVER stipulates any amount! His guiding principle is found in 2 Cor. 9:6, namely that “God loves a cheerful giver.” You can be a cheerful giver with 50 cents, 1 dollar, 20 dollars, whatever. If it is done, as Scripture says, “not reluctantly or under compulsion” (2 Cor. 9:5), then whatever you give qualifies as a true gift – no matter how little or how much you decide. So, “Go for it” people of St Elizabeth. Let whatever you give be done cheerfully and God will love you.

I knew a priest who was very wise about “disposable income.” He said that God never based his judgment of us on what percentage of money we give away. He said “You can’t buy your way into Heaven.” Mother Teresa once said: “It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.” She also said: “We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.” This is perfectly in accord with 2 Corinthians.

So, after all **the above**, what’s the point in this week’s column from “The Administrator’s Blotter”? Simple, I want to acknowledge everyone who has chosen to be a “cheerful giver” to St. Elizabeth parish. Borrowing the words of St. Paul himself: “God loves you!”

Second, taking the May 20/21 collection as an example, I want to salute the 174 persons/families who regularly use *the Sunday Envelopes*. The gifts from the envelope users generated 72% of the first collection revenue, i.e. \$2,583. The remaining \$972 came in the baskets un-identified but still gratefully received. So the parish received a total of \$3,555 from “cheerful givers.” (Hint: please sign up for parish envelopes and use them. They are one of the better ways of insuring a stable income for the parish.)

Third, I want to acknowledge the wonderful group who “straighten” all the bills, count and roll the coins, and otherwise prepare the collection for bank deposit every Monday. It’s 3 hours of tedious work and they too are “cheerful givers”. ☺ Thanks Emma, Sarah, Mary, Rosanne, Carmen, Emmanuel.

Fr. James Garcia



Our Archbishop has officially changed our Father John Chung to Star of the Sea Parish in San Francisco (Geary and 7th) July 1, 2017. The parish will be providing a farewell reception on June 11th after the 11:30 AM Mass. We thank him sincerely for his three years of service at St. Elizabeth and wish him God’s blessings.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

You are invited to a Pentecost celebration hosted by the Light of God Community this Sunday, June 4, starting with a Mass at 11:30 AM in Church. Officiated by: **Most Reverend Mylo Hubert Vergara, Bishop, Diocese of Pasig , Philippines.** Fellowship and Recollection by Bishop Mylo follow after mass at Cantwell Hall.

On Saturday June 17th Devotion to the Two Hearts - 1000 Hail Mary’s and Divine Mercy will be recited after the 8:00 am Mass until 3:30 pm in the Rectory Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend. (Your attendance for any length of time will be welcome.)

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Monday</u>	<u>June 5</u>
8:00 am	† Paul Gemignani
5:30 pm	† Paul and † Theresa Vella
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>June 6</u>
8:00 am	† Pierina Benedetti
5:30 pm	† Sergio (Little Man) Acosta
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>June 7</u>
8:00 am	† Tony Mitra
7:00 pm	† Amelia Fernandez
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>June 8</u>
8:00 am	† Val Myo Aung
5:30 pm	
<u>Friday</u>	<u>June 9</u>
8:00 am	† Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
5:30 pm	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>June 10</u>
8:00 am	
4:30 pm	† Mike Perata
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>June 11</u>
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	† John Maria and † Saveria Chetcuti
11:30 am	† Marietta B. Nacor
5:00 pm	

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection May 28, 2017

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,537.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,463.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 843.00

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.)**



**TIME TO REGISTER
YOUR CHILD /CHILDREN**

St. Elizabeth Religious Education Program (CCD) is now accepting registration for grades K through 8 for the 2017-2018 school years. Registration forms are now available online at www.stelizabethsf.org. After completing the form, please bring it to the Parish Office at 449 Holyoke Street along with your registration fee of \$45. Registration forms are also available at the Parish office. Classes begin September 9th. Please apply today. Thank You!

Volunteers Needed:

Do you love the Lord? Are you willing to share His message? Do you believe you can make a difference? Our Parish Family Needs You! School of Religious Education (English & Spanish) needs teachers / teacher’s aide for the 2017-2018 school years. If you have a love for your Catholic faith and children, please consider volunteering to be a teacher at our weekly Religious Education classes.

Classes are from the second week of September 2017 to the end of May 2018 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am (English) and 11:30 am to 1:00 pm (Spanish) every Saturday. Jesus needs you to share His love for His children! Our students need you. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (415) 468-0820, Tessie Alano at (415) 601-0310 (English) and Elisa Segura at 650-867-8423 (Spanish).

Religious Education Program

Registration information (English & Spanish) for 2017-2018 classes has been distributed to all families who were enrolled in the 2017-2018-year program. These families can register by mail using the mailed pre-printed forms or bring the forms into the office at 449 Holyoke Street, SF from 9:00 - 4:00pm Monday to Thursday beginning June 1st to fill out a registration form. You can download registration information and form at St. Elizabeth at our **Website:** www.stelizabethsf.org. Thank You!