

September 2, 2018 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.
— James 1:21b



THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	September 3 † Francis Williams
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 4 † Paul and † Theresa Vella
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	September 5 Communal Service †Luigi and † Maria Casazza †Jovito I. Cruz
Thursday 8:00 am	September 6 † Sam Koscica
Friday 8:00 am	September 7 † Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri, † Tessy Spiteri Lencioni
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	September 8 † Frank Strazzarino † Joseph I. Bosso
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	September 9 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri † Robert Nava People of the Parish †Perfecto † Gertrude and † Teodora Vinluan

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Sunday Collection August 26, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,500.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,500.00
Church Project	\$ 465.00

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.)**

First Friday Healing Mass

You are all invited to celebrate with us the SF Archdiocesan First Friday Healing Mass on September 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church to be officiated by Rev. Fr. Ray. The healing service follows after Mass in Church. Hospitality will follow at Cantwell Hall.

Italian Catholic Federation

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Anniversary Luncheon on Friday, September 14th at the Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco. 12:00 Noon No Host Cocktails, 12:30 Lunch. Menu will consist of House Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon with Champagne Sauce, Dessert/Coffee/Wine. The cost is \$35. Please call Mary Perata for reservations at 415-239-5936. Reservation deadline is September 6th.



Religious Education Class Enrollment is NOW! School starts on September 8th. Registration forms are now available in the Church vestibule and at the parish office. Registration forms are also available online.

For more information please see the website www.stelizabethsf.org or call Mrs. Tessie Alano at 415-601-0310.

Office of Worship

The Archdiocese Office of Worship will be conducting training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Contact the St. Elizabeth parish office to pre-register for the training. Fees are \$20.00 if pre-registered and \$25.00 for same day registrants.

Dates and Times

St. Stephens	Oct. 29 th	10-3
	Oct. 27 th	10-12
St. Timothy	Nov. 3 rd	10-3
	Nov. 10 th	10-12

In order to receive a certificate of completion, ministers must attend **BOTH** Saturdays and will focus on one ministry at the training.

Annual Gala Luncheon, **Free to Fly**, to benefit Good Shepherd Gracenter, whose Mission is to help women without resources break free from drug and alcohol addiction to create a hopeful future for themselves and others. The fundraising event is Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018 at Patio Espanol, with a DJ, photo booth, silent auction, raffle, and *live auction*. Gracenter will honor Martha Ryan, from the Homeless Prenatal Program as well as an outstanding graduate, Pali Boucher, the founder of Rocket Dog Rescue. For ticketing/sponsorship info, please go to <http://GSG18.givesmart.com>. Or contact Sr. Marguerite at sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org or call (628) 224-2050.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday September 3rd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.