

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018**

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.
— *Isaiah 50:7*



LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalms — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	September 17 † Manuel Scerri
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 18 † Valentina and † Anthony Agius
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	September 19 Communal Service † Charles Handy
Thursday 8:00 am	September 20 † Tessy Spiteri Lencioni
Friday 8:00 am	September 21 † Astrida D. Mendoza
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	September 22 † Elena Kikic † Maria Moretto
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	September 23 People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation † Bertha Cisneros

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection Sept 9, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,520.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,480.00
Archdiocesan Appeal	\$ 849.00

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.)**



This Sunday, (September 16th) is Catechetical Sunday.

Religious Education Class Enrollment is NOW! School **began** 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. 20 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.

Your Petitions Delivered to Mary's House!

Fr. Peri Moses will be leading a Pilgrimage to Mary's House, at Ephesus, Turkey. You are invited to write your intentions to Mary and leave them in front of Our Lady Of Fatima in Church, before September 19th. Fr. Peri will hand deliver them to Our Lady's House for you.

A Wonderful Service and Volunteer Opportunity at St. Mary's Cathedral

Catholic Charities is seeking a San Francisco parish group to host a Handicapped luncheon at St. Mary's Cathedral one Saturday a year from noon to 2:00 PM. Parish volunteers would provide the lunch at the Cathedral, and host the guests by welcoming and visiting with them. Catholic Charities helps manage the Handicapped program, which provides seniors and adults with disabilities the opportunity to gather once a month at St. Mary's Cathedral to socialize over lunch, celebrate Mass as an option, and enjoy each other's company. Sometimes entertainment and/or a speaker are provided. The San Francisco Fire Department currently provides escort assistance for the transportation vehicle to and from the lunch. We are hoping to get a total of 11 different parishes to each host one luncheon at the Cathedral during the year. If you are interested, please contact Diane Prell by email at: DPrell@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or by calling 415-452-3500.



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

Miriam Muscat

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