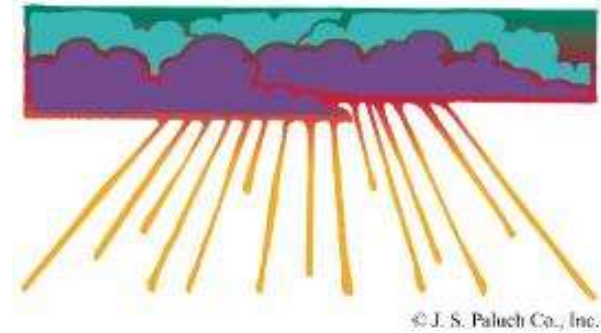


**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 2020**

Turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.  
— *Isaiah 55:7b*



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**DIRECTION**

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Gospel** — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 21</b> † Astrida Mendoza
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 22</b> † Jeanne Walsh
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 23</b> Communion Service
7:00 pm	† Lois Avalon
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 24</b> † John Sant
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 25</b> † Oriana Simonetti
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 26</b> † Bernard Kikic
4:30 pm	† Maria Moretto
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am	<b>September 27</b> People of the Parish
9:30 am	† Maria Dolores Oropeza
11:30 am	Italian Catholic Federation San Lorenzo Ruiz

† 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 13, 2020**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,700.00</b>
<b>Over / Under</b>	<b>\$ 2,300.00</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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email: [Sr.Marguerite@gsgracenter.org](mailto:Sr.Marguerite@gsgracenter.org)

[www.gsgracenter.org](http://www.gsgracenter.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.

**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. If a visit is necessary, we will be asking that all visitors to the office wear face coverings while in the building and maintain social distancing protocols – as will our parish staff members. We will take your temperature before entry and we will have hand sanitizer available for your use. If you are feeling ill, please call the office rather than come in person.