

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2017**

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.
— *Isaiah 56:1*



CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today’s psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus’ followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	August 21 †Tessie, †Joseph, and †Saviour Schembri
Tuesday 8:00 am	August 22 †Megan Myo Aung
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	August 23 †Jeremias Zeuli †Ron Mirkovich †Marcelo Ramos Krista Budesa (L)
Thursday 8:00 am	August 24 †Coke Vannucchi
Friday 8:00 am	August 25 †Margaret Garibaldi † Ruth Garibaldi-Lembi
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	August 26 †Ada De Paoli † Manuel Marquez
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	August 27 †Angela and † Giuseppe Tardio People of the Parish † Monico B. and † <i>Juliana C. Ramil</i>

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection August 13, 2017

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,393.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,607.00
Archdiocesan Appeal	\$ 909.00

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.)**



Our parish program is for the religious instruction of children who attend public schools. Since religion is not allowed to be taught in public schools, where will these children go to learn about our Catholic faith? First and foremost, they are taught the Catholic faith by their parents. In partnership with parents, our program continues the mission of Jesus Christ, through faith formation of the students in the areas of prayer, scripture, sacraments, Church history, Church traditions, Church doctrines and ethical issues in a way that is understandable and meaningful to these young children.

The students are also prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our students participate in our monthly Family Masses, the Christmas children’s Mass, the Feast of St. Elizabeth, the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, Flores de Mayo and Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations.

We have classes beginning in K all the way to 8th grade (English & Spanish) at which time they are ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Our classes are held every Saturday morning in Cantwell Hall beginning on September 9, 2017 until May 19, 2018. Our doors open at 8:30am to 10:30am (English) and 11:30am to 1:00pm (Spanish). Our fee is \$45.00/child which covers all books, all learning materials, sacrament receptions, sacrament gifts and many other things. Registration forms and Family Handbooks are available at www.stelizabethsf.org or you can pick up a form at the Parish Office at 449 Holyoke Street, SF from 9:00am to 3:30pm, Monday to Thursday (closed on Fridays.)

We the teachers, parents and students, would also, like to thank all of you for your continued support of our parish religious program through the first Sunday of the month 2nd collection. Your generosity has helped tremendously to purchase the necessities to educate these children who are the future of our parish.

Thank you,
Tessie Alano
Religious Education Director

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Elizabeth Religious Education program is in need of a new Spanish teacher and teacher’s aide for the 2017-2018 school year.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Tessie Alano

at: t_alano@yahoo.com or 415-601-0310.

Thank You!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Tessie Alano and Jeanne Walsh for organizing my birthday celebration. I would also like to thank the different organizations, ministries, families and individuals who helped to make my birthday a memorable one. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Rev. Charito Suan

Women of the Bible

St. Paul of the Shipwreck will be hosting a Two-Day Bible Study Retreat on Friday September 15th from 6PM to 9PM and Saturday, September 16th from 9AM to 5PM.

The retreat leader is Sister Toinette Eugene, PhD. The cost is \$30, which includes evening snacks, course materials and lunch on Saturday.

Pre-registration is required.

For full details contact Shipwreck’s Church Office 415-468-3434

2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal- our goal is \$48,470.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged **\$43,043.00** leaving a balance of **\$5,377.00**



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

Rosendo Sumera

“Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...”