

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2017**

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
— *Matthew 16:19*

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BE A ROCK

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalms — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake

Mass Intentions

Monday 8:00 am	August 28 † Helen Cadelago
Tuesday 8:00 am	August 29 † Ivka Skropanich
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	August 30 † Pierre Sciaroni † Giovanni Rebagliati † Rosendo Sumera † Lilly Dizon † Ariel Ramos Krista Budesa (L)
Thursday 8:00 am	August 31 † Leo Gerardo
Friday 8:00 am	September 1 † Joe and † Carmen Spiteri
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	September 2 † Thomas Conlon † Jack Aiello
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	September 3 People of the Parish † Lydia Monce † Vicente Gayaban † Reynaldo G. Gayaban

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection August 20, 2017

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,266.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,734.00
Church Project	\$ 926.00

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.)**

The Parish office will be closed on Monday September 4th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to address some of your concerns regarding St. Elizabeth Parish.

- Our parish is in no danger of closing. We are financially stable based on the Archdiocesan financial standards.
- Removal of the 5:30 pm Mass on weekdays (excluding the Wednesday 7:00 pm Mass) was already discussed before I left for my Sabbatical, with the understanding that without an Associate the possibility that these changes would have to be made.
- The leaders of the Latin American Community recommended the removal of the 5:00 pm Sunday Spanish Mass upon their meeting with Father James Garcia. Upon my return meetings were held to discuss their recommendation.

It was mutually agreed upon that effective in August of 2017 the Mass would be discontinued.

- The Archdiocese of San Francisco, with my knowledge decided not to send an associate to St. Elizabeth Parish. Their decision is based on several different reasons such as: we no longer have a Parochial school, there are less ordained priests and more retired priests. There are several parishes that have a pastor and no official associate.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly.

Father Swan

ICF ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Anniversary Luncheon, on Friday, September 22nd 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 Blue or Salmon with Champagne Sauce, Dessert/Coffee/Wine. The cost is \$35.00. Please call Mary Perata at 415-239-5936. Reservation deadline is September 20th.



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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.