



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Our Lady of Lourdes

Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thursday from 8:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm ~ 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday ~ 7:30 am

Tuesday ~ 12:00 pm

Saturday Vigil at St. Elizabeth ~ 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes ~ 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth ~ 7:30 and 10:30 am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Flach.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr. Flach for registration and information.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Call the Parish Center for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment.

Sunday, June 28, 2020 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ Story found in Matthew 10:37-42

The Conditions of Discipleship

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, & whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; & whoever does not take up his cross & follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, & whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10: 37-39

Mass Intentions

June 27	4:30 pm	Fr. Flach-Long & Healthy Retirement by Jane Howard
June 28	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach All deceased Wilson Family by Wilson Brothers Special Intentions
June 29	7:30 am	NO MASS
June 30	12:00 pm	NO MASS
July 1	7:30 am	Jeanette Loy Kraemer (Birth) by Ann Loy
July 2	7:30 am	Favorable Weather by Jane Howard
July 3	7:30 am	Henrietta Stein (Death) by George & Jane Bohman
First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL	5:00 pm	Gerry Davis & Juozapo Aidt by Frank & Ann Schalasky
July 4	4:30 pm	Jan Riker by Terry & Lynne Roche
July 5	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Suresh Ron Dhom (Death) by Ethel Dhom Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 4 ~ Sunday, July 5, 2020

Sat. July 4, 2020 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Celeste White

USHERS:

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS:

GIFTS:

Sun. July 5, 2020 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS:

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS:

GIFTS:

Sun. July 5, 2020 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS:

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS:

GIFTS:

Sun. July 5, 2020 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS:

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS:

GIFTS:

July Collection Counters: Carol Bergbower, Karen Reinoehl, Rhonda Stone

Welcome Fr. Suresh



We welcome Fr. Suresh to St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr. Suresh will be here to do Mass for the first time on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 7:30 am at St. Elizabeth. God bless you, Fr. Suresh.

For The Twelve Fruits Of The Spirit

How the Spirit Works In and Through Believers

The Fruit of the Spirit



LOVE
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL

Holy Spirit, eternal

Love of The Father and the Son, kindly bestow on us the fruit of *charity*, that we may be united to You by divine love; the fruit of *joy*, that we may be filled with holy consolation; the fruit of *peace*, that we may enjoy tranquility of soul; and the fruit of *patience*, that we may endure humbly everything that may be opposed to our own desires. Divine Spirit, be pleased to infuse in us the fruit of *benignity*, that we may willingly relieve our neighbor's necessities; the fruit of *goodness*, that we may be benevolent toward all; the fruit of *longanimity*, that we may not be discouraged by delay but may preserve in prayer; and the fruit of *mildness*, that we may subdue every rising of ill temper, stifle every murmur, and repress the susceptibilities of our nature in all our dealings with our neighbor. Creator Spirit, grandiosely impart to us the fruit of *fidelity*, that we may rely with assumed confidence on the word of God; the fruit of *modesty*, that we may act becomingly; and the fruits of *continence* and *chastity*, that we may keep our bodies in such holiness as befits Your temple, so that, having by Your assistance preserved our hearts pure on earth, we may merit in Jesus Christ, according to the words of the Gospel, to see God eternally in the glory of His Kingdom.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers, Phil Burger (Ellen Rees), Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Paul Deters (Ken Deters), Mark Dillon (Holscher Families), Mike Dorn, Eileen Fabris, Randy Hatten, Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Maylee Parkhurst, Jan Riker, Linda Sparks (Robb Sparks), Linda Stewart (Nolan Stewart), Mary Lou Tuttle, Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, Brian Wirey, & the men & women in the armed forces.

Today's first reading is a perfect example of why preachers need to be highly disciplined, especially when it comes to exegeting biblical texts. To ignore the larger context of the Elisha cycle, his mission and the passage's larger biblical context ignores a crucial emergence of the word of God for this Sunday. With the embarrassment of riches in the Bible, the Lectionary can only include so much. But a fuller story begins to enfold the experience of the hearer. Preachers fill in the blanks. The Shunemite woman put her trust and hope in God's promise through the prophet Elisha, but things go south very quickly. She did indeed have a son, but some years later, if we read on in the Book of Kings, the child died. The anguished mother calls upon Elisha in her despair, and he raises her son to life in one of the most dramatic restorations in the Hebrew Scriptures. God's promises never really collapse. "The promises of the Lord I will sing forever," says the verses of the responsorial psalm. But it takes a big faith risk to trust that future reality. Our baptism is the biggest gamble of our lives, because we make a covenant with God in the saving death of Jesus Christ. The question that underlies the life of the baptized is a perpetual one: Am I Living in accordance with the new life given by Christ and dead to sin and its empty promises? When "we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." But how will we live with him? If we are troubled by life's discouragements, indeed by desolations where God is seemingly absent and forgetful of us, then we might remember this important episode in the life of the Shunemite woman, who, despite being "a woman of influence," was powerless to get for herself what she really needed. But the prophetic word comes to promise, fulfill and heal us in times of emptiness, disappointment and loneliness. No wonder Jesus underlines the importance of receiving, probably the most neglected virtue in our modern times. Yes, receiving the word of God is a grace; receiving the prophet who brings that word is grace; and receiving the Word is grace itself. Think of how different our lives would be if we lived by the word of God as if it were food we were given, devouring that word like the prophets. In response, we could give a cup of water to God's little ones so that new life in Christ might come from our hands. Then we are truly alive in Christ Jesus forever.

Why Do We "Have To" Go To Mass?

"Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God!" Luke 14:15. Whether you're eight years old or in your eighties, at some point in your life, you've probably struggled with the question, "Why do we have to go to Mass?" You just may not feel like going at times. You may not like the music or the homilies in your parish. You may think Mass is boring. You may feel as if the parish is not welcoming. You may try to convince yourself that you can pray just as well outdoors or in the comfort of your own home. **THE POWER OF NEGATIVE THINKING.** Even though you know that going to Mass is a good thing, you can talk yourself out of going by focusing on the negatives. At first; you may feel a little guilty, but eventually, you can justify your decision by convincing yourself that you are too busy, too tired, too bored, or too frustrated. When that happens, you miss the great gift that God gives to us in the Eucharist. **THINKING POSITIVELY.** What if you changed your attitude about going to Mass? What if you began to think of Mass as the time in the day when you can connect with God and with other people in a special way? What if you concentrated on the things you like about your parish instead of what you don't like?

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What if you made Mass a priority? The effect of these kinds of positive attitudes may surprise you. Research studies show that people who go to church every week are: less likely to suffer from depression, less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol, more likely to have a solid sense of right and wrong & more likely to live a longer and a happier life. **HERE ARE TEN GOOD REASONS TO GO TO MASS:** 1. God asks us to make one day holy. God asks us to set aside one day to refocus physically, mentally, and spiritually. We live in a secular world. Going to Mass helps us to see everything from a different perspective. We begin to see in the depths of our being that God is in charge. We can let go of our own agenda because we know that God will inspire us, guide us, and strengthen us for the week ahead. 2. Jesus gives us the gift of himself. When we go to Mass, we are doing what Jesus commanded his followers to do. It is a command to love and to be loved by God. Jesus offers himself to us in the Word of God that we hear and in his Real Presence, offered to us in the Blessed Sacrament at Communion. 3. We need to be part of a community. When we come together at Mass to pray and worship God, we fulfill a deep need inside of us to be in communion with other people. The other parishioners - even if we don't know all of them give us support, affirmation, and encouragement in our attempt to live the Gospel message. They help us to see that we are not alone. They remind us that we are all part of the Body of Christ. 4. God has a special message for us. When we listen to the readings, the homily, and the prayers of the Mass, God speaks to us in a special way. We should come away from each Mass with at least one inspiration that will impact our lives in some way. We just have to pay attention and be open to what the Lord is trying to tell us. 5. We need to talk to God. When we go to Mass, we speak to God through our singing, our communal responses and prayers, and our personal prayers, from the depths of our hearts. During the Mass, we have the opportunity to ask God for what we need, promise God that we will do what He wants us to do, and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. 6. People need our prayers. We can pray for other people anytime, but when we pray for others during Mass, we pray in a special way. It doesn't matter if the other people are separated from us by distance or death. The Mass brings us together in the Body of Christ, and we become the communion of saints. It is part of the cosmic dimension of the Mass that unites heaven and earth by reaching across time and space. 7. We need to stand up for what we believe. Being a follower of Jesus is counter-cultural. At every Mass, we have the opportunity to stand up and proclaim what we believe publicly. We admit that we believe in God, in Jesus, the Holy Spirit, in the Catholic Church, in the communion of saints, in the forgiveness of sins, and in life after death. It is a powerful statement of allegiance and' an opportunity to recommit ourselves. 8. We need to acknowledge that we made mistakes. At every Mass, we have the opportunity to review the past week. We admit that we have sinned in thought, in word, in deed, in what we have done and what-we have failed to do. We seek forgiveness, and we are assured that God still loves us. Before we receive Communion, we admit that we are not worthy and ask God to heal us. Going to Mass helps us to strengthen our commitment to live moral lives. 9. We need ritual in our lives. Mass is a ritual, which means that through the repetition of prayers, movements, and the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, we are formed, disciplined, and consoled. The "sameness" of the Mass carries us along the spiritual journey - even when we don't "feel" like praying. The "sameness" of the ritual allows us to be transformed on a soul level, even if we are unaware of what is happening. 10. We need to experience something bigger than ourselves. When we go to Mass, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. When we

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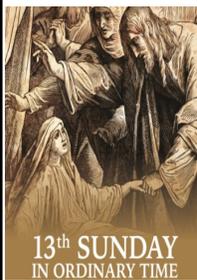
offer our ordinary lives to God through Jesus, we enter into God's great plan for the world. We are strengthened by the Eucharist and sent out into the world to bring the Gospel message to all people. The Mass gives meaning and purpose to our lives. It gives us a sense of destiny and offers the kind of peace that the world cannot give. It helps us develop a sense of wonder and awe. It helps us to see that there is something bigger than ourselves. **WHY PRAYING AT HOME IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.** It's good to pray at home, but private prayer doesn't take the place of coming to Mass. When you pray at home, your prayer is personal and one-dimensional. But when you come to Mass, you pray with your whole being. You use all of your senses. You see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. You use your body by genuflect-ing sitting, kneeling, standing, walking, and singing. The Mass also gives you the opportunity to: Seek forgiveness for your sins. Learn how God's word impacts your life in the homily. Offer yourself to the Lord. Experience the miracle of bread and wine changing into the Body and Blood of Christ. Reach out to others with the Peace of Christ. Admit that you are not worthy, and then come forward to receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. Receive a special blessing. Be commissioned to go out and make the world a better place. **TAKING CHILDREN TO MASS.** According to Canon Law, by age seven, children should be attending Mass every Sunday. Here are some simple strategies for making Mass more pleasant with children: Decide ahead of time what Mass to attend. Set out everyone's clothes so getting ready is not a hassle. Bring along a picture book about the Mass. Make sure everyone has something to put into the collection basket Sit in front so children can see. Bring children into the communion line, even if they are too young to receive. Praise children for good behavior. Celebrate good behavior by doing something special after Mass. **GETTING INVOLVED.** One of the best ways to get more out of the Mass is to volunteer for one of the liturgical, music, or hospitality ministries. Even if just one family member is involved, that person represents the whole family in the celebration. If you haven't introduced yourself to your pastor yet, make it a point to say hello after Mass. He will appreciate meeting you and the members of your family, and you will feel a closer connection to the parish. **TIPS FOR PARENTS OF TEENS.** Talk to your teens about Mass. If your teen loves to go to Mass, use this opportunity for faith sharing that strengthens your teen's relationship with you and with God. If your teen is indifferent or doesn't like going to Mass, explain that there are some things in life that we do because they are good for us - whether we feel like doing those things or not. Mass is not about feelings. It is about discovering what purpose God has for our lives. The best way to help your teen is by the witness of your own faith. If they see that the Mass gives meaning to your life, they will begin to search for that meaning in their own lives. **MORE THAN ENTERTAINMENT.** When entertainment is the model for church worship services, the leaders try to induce particular feelings in the audience. The Mass, however, is just the opposite. The whole point is to go beyond feelings into authentic prayer, which is the offering of oneself to God in Jesus Christ.



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Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Spiritual Reading for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward." This happens literally to the "woman of influence" who furnishes "a little room on the roof" for the Prophet Elisha to stay in. Elisha promises,, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." We beg for the grace to be able to face the sacrifices and sufferings of daily existence fortified with the desire to endure all for Jesus' sake. Then, as Saint Paul promises, "We too might live in newness of life."

Scriptural Reading

Don't fear the cross. God is our Father and he always matches it to our strength; from it oozes the divine Blood which regenerates us and is the fount of all the joys reserved for us above. Ah, do you see that it's true that misfortunes and crosses bring us ever closer to God? Pain draws us to him in such a way that compared to divine consolation, the comfort and help of creatures is eclipsed and all their words, as good, charitable, and kind as they are, are almost useless and cold to us and leave an emptiness in our soul. We need God alone, he alone knows the secret for comforting our battered heart, and in him alone will we always find the true comfort for our ills. Sometimes prayer will seem difficult to you; but now that your heart is wounded, you feel the need for this gentle balm which alone can stop the blood that flows from it; isn't it really like this? Then abandon yourself trustingly to Jesus; suffering, bathed with tears, has great power over that tender and most loving Heart. The Heart of Jesus will be with you, no doubt, and someday he will repay a hundredfold what you have suffered for him. Be cheerful then and know that every new opportunity to suffer is money with which you can buy a little peace and comfort and special graces for your own soul, in the trials and struggles which will accompany you until death.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

Week ending Sunday, June 21, 2020

Envelopes \$2,480.00 Loose \$94.00

Building Fund \$60.00 Peter's Pence \$10.00

5 online @ \$500.00

Deposit: \$3,144.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

Envelopes \$565.00 Loose \$2.00

Building Fund \$10.00 Votive Candles \$86.00

Deposit: \$663.00



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. June 29, 2020 Acts 12:1-11 Reading 2 2 Tm. 4:6-8, 17-18
Gospel Mt. 16:13-19

Tues. June 30, 2020 Am. 3:1-8; 4:11-12
Gospel Mt. 8:23-27

Wed. July 1, 2020 Am 5:14-15, 21-24
Gospel Mt. 8:28-34

Thurs. July 2, 2020 Am 7:10-17
Gospel Mt. 9:1-8

Fri. July 3, 2020 Eph. 2:19-22
Gospel Jn. 20:24-29