



October 16, 2022

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Oct 23, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
 Nov 2, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
 Nov 16, Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 4pm: For all parishioners
Sun 9:30 am: For all Guild members, living and deceased.
Sun 11 am: Paul & Sheila Juiley

Readings

Ex 17: 8-13
 Ps 121: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8
 2 Tm 3: 14 4: 2
 Lk 18: 1-8

Parish Donations

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October 8 - 9	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$595.00	\$277.00
St. Catherine	\$331.00	\$188.00
St. Colman	\$97.00	\$160.00
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Pastor's Desk

One of the things that were uppermost in the Apostle Paul's mind during his early ministry was the idea of praying without ceasing. In First Thessalonians, the New Testament book that takes us closest to Jesus chronologically, Paul writes, "Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God's Will for you in Jesus Christ" (1 Thes. 5:16-18).

What did Paul mean when he wrote, "never cease praying"? He cannot have meant that you are to spend all your time praying in a formal sense. It

seems obvious, first, that Paul's instruction assumes that you already are engaged in regular, formal prayer; that you set aside a particular time (or times) each day to experience God's Presence in an attitude of prayer. Jesus Himself is your Model for this. There are many episodes in the Gospels in which He withdraws to a quiet place to pray. If taking time out to pray is something you want to do, something that is important to you, something you have gotten into, then you have taken the first step toward "praying without ceasing." Out of your regular, formal prayer time, you will experience more and more the Power and Presence of God spilling over into the rest of your life. This means you will begin to take God's Living Presence more and more seriously in everything you do. This means, in short, that you are opening yourself up on the Godward side and that God's Presence will be real to you in every life situation. It's as simple as that, and as difficult as that.

Pray without ceasing in this way, and you will remain in contact with the very Source of life so that the power to live effectively will be continuously released in you. And it will begin to make a difference -- in your marriage and other relationships -- in your work, your attitude, and your approach to the world around you. Spiritual writers through the ages have tried to help us understand that although this takes effort at first (perhaps always), nevertheless, it seems to have a cumulative power. Once you get into the development of this lifestyle, you become more eager to do it -- and more able to do it.

Peace and blessings!
 Fr. Luis

Announcements

No daily Mass this week

This week there is no daily Mass as Fr. Luis will be attending a retreat in Palo Alto (Monday October 17 through Friday October 21) for priests of the diocese. **Please pray for the priests of our diocese on retreat.**

Blessing of the Animals

This Sunday is the blessing of the animals with the intercession of St. Francis, during the prayer of the animals everyone stay in your pews with your pets and during the blessing of the holy water, just stay in your pews and I will go to your place and sprinkle the animals with Holy Water.

St. Phillip's Catholic Church - Women's Retreat

St. Phillip's Catholic Church in Occidental is having a women's retreat on October 21. They're inviting us to join them at 9am for mass then a speaker and reflection until noon. If you would like to attend but need a ride, call MaryAnne at 707 869-0323.

Sign up to host Hospitality

We are inviting families to sign up for Hospitality. To prepare and pick up the donuts and coffee at Safeway for our fellowship after the 9:30 am mass. The items are already paid for. It gives family a chance to participate and know our community and it gives us chance to get to know your family.

Confessions

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays and before weekend Masses. Please call the rectory at 707-869-2107 to confirm with him, so that he knows to arrive early on the weekend, or stay late on Friday. Alternatively, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory.

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Annie Osdieck, St. Louis University

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

1. Could Moses have kept his hands raised (or "prayed constantly") without the help of his companions? Can you relate to this story in any

way? Can you let friends help you when you can't manage it by yourself? And whom do you support spiritually?

2. In this reading some people were at battle and some—Moses, Aaron and Hur—were at intercessory prayer and action. The outcome of the battle was determined by the prayer. How important do you think prayer is to the success of your ministry? How important is prayer to anything you do?

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

1. What task does Paul lay on you in this reading? What instruction book does he give you to carry out the task? Is it "inconvenient" sometimes to proclaim the word of God by being patient and encouraging?

2. Is proclaiming the Word of God central to all the activities of the Church? To your parish? To your life? How do you proclaim the Word of God in your work? In your life?

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

1. What does Jesus' injunction, "Pray always ..." mean to you? Do you think Jesus means only prayers of petition? What does Jesus want to make clear to you about petitioning God? Discuss this statement: "When you pray for rain, take an umbrella."

2. In his address for the "Angelus," Pope Francis asks, "Why does God want us 'to cry out day and night' to the Lord? Doesn't he already know our needs?"

And this is a good question, that leads us to deepen a very important aspect of the Faith: God invites us to pray with insistence, not because he doesn't know what we need, or because he doesn't listen to us. On the contrary, he always hears and knows all of us, with love. In our daily journey, especially in difficulties, in the fight against evil outside of ourselves and within us, the Lord is not far away, he is at our side; we fight, with him beside us, and our weapon is prayer, which makes us feel his presence alongside of us, his mercy, even his help.

Pope Francis, Angelus, October 20, 2013

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 st Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3 rd Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 th Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman

* of February, May, August and November

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