



July 31, 2022

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Aug 3, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
 Aug 6, Annual Chicken BBQ 4pm
 Aug 17, Finance Committee meeting 4pm
 Aug 28, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
 Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ

Mass Intentions

Sat 4pm: For all parishioners
Sat 5pm: Michelle Carpio Solorzano
Sun 9:30 am:
 KC Bledsoe† requested by Greg McCaffrey
 Gene Murphy† requested by the Guild
Sun 11 am: For all parishioners

Readings

Eccl 1: 2; 2: 21-23
 Ps 90: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14. 17 (1)
 Col 3: 1-5. 9-11
 Lk 12: 13- 21

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Yolanda Vital, Chris Kollaja, Paige Newman

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Carol Boyle, KC Bledsoe

Parish Donations

July 23 - 24	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,171.00	\$536.00
St. Catherine	\$510.00	\$420.00
St. Colman	\$684.00	\$559.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$3,880.00

Pastor's Desk

That's today's story from the Lord Jesus ... simple ... direct ... straightforward. Traditionally, it has been called "The Parable of the Rich Fool," and since most of us are neither rich nor fools, we may think that it has nothing to do with us. Consequently, we need to remind ourselves that all of Jesus' parables are about the Kingdom of God, ultimately -- the Rule of God, the Reign of God -- and that has everything to do with us.

The God who loves us so much offers us the Good Life -- wholeness of life -- in and through Jesus Christ. And Jesus tells us that the only way to achieve it is through our acceptance of the Rule of God in our lives. And He makes it crystal clear that the only way to grow into the kind of beautifully fulfilled persons God created us to be is to give up on the notion that we are in control of events -- to give up on the idea that we are in charge -- to give up on the idea that we can do it our way instead of God's way.

Most people spend much energy scrambling to get what they want and little effort trying to discover why they want it. They never raise the question of whether they are consciously pursuing their true wants. *"If I get that high-paying job, then what? If I get that expensive new car, then what? If I get a better house, then what? Will these things, in themselves, help me to discover the true goal of my life?"*

It was said in a novel many years ago that "God is the first and the last thing and that until a person finds God and is found by God, he or she begins at no beginning and works to no end." -- [*Mr. Britting Sees It Through,* by H.G. Wells.]

This is a word we need to hear and heed. But the word many people are hearing and heeding these days carries a different meaning. It says that money is the first and the last thing and that until a person finds money and is found by money, they begin at no beginning and work to no end.

A British short-story writer has written a modern-day version of the parable in today's Gospel Lesson:

A mysterious figure visits a prominent English lawyer on New Year's Eve and grants him the choice of one wish for the New Year.

"I wish for a complete set of the 'London Times' for the coming year," said the man. And immediately, his wish was granted. There before him was a neat stack of three hundred sixty-five future newspapers. He quickly understood the power he now possessed, and he began planning how to use it. He would know horse race results before the races were run, and every bet he made would be a guaranteed money maker. He also began making plans on how he would profit from his foreknowledge of stock market prices. With his strategy in hand, he took the 'London Times' for the second of January from the stack. As he turned to the Financial Section, the headline on the Obituaries caught his eye: "Prominent Lawyer Dies Suddenly on New Year's Day." Then he read the name of the deceased. It was, of course, his own.

In today's Gospel Lesson, God uses the word "fool" to address the self-centered, short-sighted, wealthy man who planned a long life of ease with no thought of his human condition of mortality.

In planning the answer to the question of your mortality, don't be a fool! Jesus tells us that now is the time to transform our ego-centered existence into a God-centered life. Now is the time to recognize and embrace God's infinite love as life's greatest treasure.

Peace and blessings!
 Fr. Luis

Announcements

Special Collection

The Second collection at the 9:30 am Mass will benefit St Vincent de Paul.

Annual Chicken BBQ

Saturday, August 6, 4pm - 7pm at St Hubert's field. Tickets are \$40.00/person. BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Caesar Salad, Corn Bread and Apple Pie and Watermelon for dessert! Raffle tickets for amazing prizes are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Call or email Linda Payne to reserve a spot or donate a raffle basket. Email: ccomokidd@aol.com Cell: (707) 953-9166.

Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ

Sunday, Sept 18, 2022 at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville.

Sign up to host Hospitality

A special thanks to the St. Elizabeth Guild for hosting Hospitality this weekend!

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

How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily donate online by using the donate button at stelizabeth.churchtrac.com. Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577 to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

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 Anne Osdieck, St. Louis University

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Is there more of "toil and anxiety" than you want in your life? Would an increase in faith serve the same purpose as a pill for curing anxiety?

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

1. Many would determine their worth as a person by the greatness of their house or portfolio or the make of their car. What about you? How do you estimate a person's worth? Is it possible for a person to have much and still give much?

2. What are some qualities that "matter to God"? On the other hand, what might be the source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, and war? What, according to Pope Francis is the source of true happiness?

It is understood that this does not mean estranging oneself from reality, but rather seeking the things that have true value: justice, solidarity, welcome, fraternity, peace, all things that make up the true dignity of mankind. It is a case of leading a life that is fulfilled not according to a worldly manner, but rather according to the style of the Gospel: to love God with all one's being, and love one's neighbor as Jesus loved him, that is, in service and in giving oneself. Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger! Covetousness is like those tasty candies: you take one and say: "Ah! It is so good," and then you take another; and one follows the other. Such is covetousness: it never satisfies. Be careful! Love that is understood and lived in [the style of the Gospel] is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.

*Rich man with a bountiful harvest
 Pope Francis, Angelus, 8/4/2019*

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