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Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 noon & 6:15 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Anticipated)

Weekday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 12:30 pm

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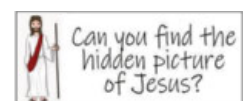
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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Recently, I was in Ghana for my father's funeral celebration. Actually, it was a bitter-sweet moment for me. Bitter in the sense that I will no longer see my dad again, and the vacuum that was created by his demise can never be filled. Then, sweet because there was a family reunion; the members of the family that I have not seen for ages were all present for the funeral. In fact, over 1000 people were at the funeral, with a bishop from the Central African Republic, 70 priests, some religious sisters and brothers, seminarians, pastors of other religious groups, chiefs and elders. Those who would like to watch the funeral can either watch it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/live/PSN5b1CfSwl?feature=share> or on Facebook: <https://fb.watch/mb7bEZ8Uhw/?mibextid=UVffzb>. Once again thank so much

for your prayers and support during our period of bereavement and mourning.

Last weekend, the readings dealt with the life God calls us to and the many ways of not living up to that calling. St. Matthew's Gospel tells us that suffering is an integral part of the earthly experience of God's life. Jesus forewarns his disciples of his coming clash with the elders and the chief priests, and of his death and resurrection. It is easily imaginable how disconcerted his disciples are; Peter rebukes Jesus - a suffering Messiah is beyond his comprehension. Jesus makes the condition for being Christian clear: to take up the cross every day. He then contrasts those who seek God's Kingdom with those who dedicate themselves to other purposes. He suggests that even possessing the whole world would pale in comparison to possessing the Kingdom.

The common experiences of life should convince us that we often have to lose something to gain something better. It is no different with our relationship with the Lord our God. Even though it entails suffering, we accept it, and Christ shows us how we gain peace, joy, fulfillment and satisfaction. So, "Whoever loses his/her life for my sake will find it." Through the cross, the central symbol of Christianity, will emerge the resurrection, new life, eternal life with God. Yes, good will triumph over evil; life over death.

We sometimes find ourselves stuck in a Good Friday situation – our problems sometimes batter and may even overwhelm us. In such moments, our faith challenges us to remember that good ultimately will conquer evil, that love transforms hate, that light shatters darkness. The story of Jesus did not end in the tragedy of the cross but in the triumph of the resurrection. Yes, hidden within the mystery of suffering is the glory of the resurrection to eternal life. Let us strive daily to carry our cross, to follow Jesus till the end of our journey of faith.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Francis

NEWS AND EVENTS



Would you like to join our Prayer Chain Ministry? It is easy to pray for ourselves and our families but can you take the time to pray for the needs of others? If you can, then our prayer chain is for you. If you believe that prayer can and does make a difference, perhaps you would like to join our Prayer Chain. All praying is done in private and is confidential. Once a month you will receive a list of people to pray for who needs our prayers. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, **present your requests to God.** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 Call the Parish Office to join the Prayer Chain or to add an intention, 201-891-1122 ext 212 or e-mail mmusto@saintelizabeths.org.

Altar servers needed: Serving God as an altar server is a wonderful way for a child to grown in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. Please contact Father Francis at frfrancis@saintelizabeths.org or speak with him after Mass.

The Collection for the week ending September 5
Offertory \$15,818 | Online \$8,370 | Total \$24,188

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9

9:00am Ronald Leone

5:00pm Mary Jane Sharpe

Sunday, September 10

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Douglas and Elizabeth Avella,
40th Wedding Anniversary

10:30am Howard & Cassie Welton

12:00pm Bruna and Narciso Morson

6:15pm Rosemarie Favara

Monday, September 11

7:00am Jill Russo

9:00am Richard Todisco 22nd Anniversary

Tuesday, September 12

7:00am Milan Sertic

9:00am Rosemarie Favara

Wednesday, September 13

7:00am Anne H. & Walter P. Humak
(Wedding Anniversary)

9:00am Ann Marie Lee

Thursday, September 14

7:00am Gargo Matesic

9:00am Salvatore Capalbo

Friday, September 15

7:00am Chris Binias

9:00am Joe Schuh, Pam Grosso, James R.

Rose, Joe Schuh, Irene DeGrazia, Theresa Reynolds,
Roger Turley, Jack Joseph Kayser, Joe Schuh, Arthur Ebner

Saturday, September 16

9:00am Larry Smith

5:00pm Frank, Teresa, and Sal Anello

Sunday, September 17

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Albina & Harry Hammond Sr.

10:30am Francis Rogalski Sr.

12:00pm - Stephen Hurtz

6:15pm Gaetano Acocella

NEWS AND EVENTS

Gather the Children: (Liturgy of the Word for Children in grades K-5) will resume on select Sundays during the 10:30 AM Mass. Children begin in the church with their families. After the Opening Prayer, they gather around the altar for a blessing and process to the chapel. There, they listen to scripture from a special lectionary adapted for children, hear a reflection, sing, and pray. They return to the church for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Join our team: Any adults who would like to help with Gather the Children may contact Donna Gormley at dgormley27@gmail.com. We especially could use someone to help to lead singing. (Music is available.) We will have a planning meeting on **Sunday October 1st at 10 AM** in the Elizabeth Room. You are welcome to bring your children.

2023-2024 Gather the Children Dates: October 8 & 22, November 5 & 26, December 10, January 7 & 21, February 4 & 25, March 10, April 7 & 28

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a yearlong ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non Christians), Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. IS RCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW? Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but have not yet received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include: Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church, baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church, adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so. Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more details contact Father Jae at FrJae@saintelizabeths.org.

The Adult Choir and ACES (Children's Choir) will begin on September 20. For the rehearsal schedule, please check out our website or contact Stacie at syao@saintelizabeths.org.

Bereavement Support Groups will begin in the morning on **Tuesday, September 12th** and in the evening on **Thursday, September 14th**. Both groups will run for eight consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call 201-891-1122 ext. 266 for more information and to register in advance. All participants are required to be fully vaccinated.

***"To everything there is a season and
a every purpose under heaven."***

Memorials for the week of September 10

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Thomas Hennessy
donated by Jane & Joe Mailly

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory of Laura Mendez
donated by the SES Class of 2027

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contest details

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MARY

with Deacon Andy

10 dates: 9/20 - 11/29
(no meeting: 10/11 and 11/8)

Wednesdays: Mornings 9:45-11am or Evenings 7-8:15 pm
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All are welcome!
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jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org

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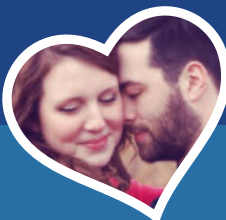
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