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August 23, 2026

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

THREE WORDS. ONE IDENTITY IN CHRIST.



In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20), Jesus asks His disciples two important questions. First, He asks, "*Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*" The disciples answer with what others think: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

Then Jesus asks a much deeper question:

"But who do you say that I am?"

Peter responds with one of the greatest professions of faith in Scripture:

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus isn't asking what He does. He is asking about His identity.

We often introduce ourselves by describing what we do: "I'm a teacher," "I'm an engineer," "I'm retired," "I'm a parent." Those answers are fine, but they don't reach the heart of who we are.

Recently, Nike launched a campaign asking not simply, "*Just Do It*," but "*Why Do It?*" The campaign encourages young people to look beyond actions and discover the deeper purpose behind them. In a similar way, Jesus invites us to look beneath our titles, accomplishments, and responsibilities to ask a more important question:

Who am I?

Our deepest identity has already been given to us. We are *beloved sons and daughters of God*, created in His image and likeness. Everything we do should flow from that identity.

The next question becomes: *What values define that identity?*

For me, three words guide my life and ministry:

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| Integrity | | – striving to be honest and faithful in every situation. |
| Humility | | – putting others first, following Jesus who washed His disciples' feet. |
| Empathy | | – seeing each person with the compassion and love of Christ. |

These are not just qualities to admire; they are values I hope others experience through my life.

HOMEWORK FOR THIS WEEK: *Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." As a beloved child of God, what three values define your identity? Choose three words to live by and ask yourself each day: "Do these values help me become more like Jesus?"*

— Fr. Steve Kim, Pastor —

Sat - Aug 22
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. SK

Healing: Jean Dessel **Thx:** Cora Abuan
Deceased: Bonifacio Merin, Purification Gomez, Amador Gomez, Amador Gomez, Martiniano Gomez, Lucia Dunga, Jimmy John Lladoc, Andres, Sr. & Josefina Belvis Bunuan, Joseph Nguyen Kim Thanh, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Randy Anthony Herrera, Salvacion Hudson

Sat - Aug 22
4:00 PM_EN
Fr. SK

Thx: Corazon Abuan, Daisy Garcia
W.A: Regie & Larissa Cabael
Deceased: Lucy Tam Nguyen, Maria Kim Anh Tran, Nabih Abuapara Jalilie, Ester James, Carolina Josefina Misa, Francisco Antonio Misa

Sat - Aug 22
6:00 PM_Fr.TH

Vietnamese Mass Intention

Sun - Aug 23
8:00 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Healing: Katharina Kang, Thomas Kang, Tess Costales
Bday: Helen Golos, Belle Golos
Deceased: Stanley Golos, Randy Anthony Herrera, Mary Golos, Andres, Sr. & Josefina Belvis Bunuan, Pedro Nguyen

Sun - Aug 23
9:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

S.I: Deven Gomez, Maria Teresa Gomez
Bday: Jerwin Ronald Garlit Monje, Venecia Boydon
Thx: Natalie Marie Boydon
Healing: Jean Dessel, Jessica V. Hernandez
Deceased: Bonifacio Merin, Jimmy John Lladoc, Cesario Simon, Rudy & Emerita Estacion, Joehl Garlit, Maria Pham Thi Man, Maria Thi Thanh Huong, Giuse Mai Ty, Giuse Mai Tuyen, John Fernando Gomez, Susie Contreras, Teresita Algoes, Maria Kim Anh Tran, Soledad O. Castro, Bapang Dinong & Federico Mercado, Valentin Dones

Sun - Aug 23
11:00 AM_EN
Fr. SK

Healing: Monica Bugaoan-Abakan **Thx:** Maria auline De Villa
W.A: Edna & Jaime Gamab (43rd WA)
Deceased: Salvacion Hudson, Teresa Vuông Trần, Joseph Cừ Ngọc Nguyễn, Peter Chin Ngọc Nguyễn, Mary Rung Thị Trịnh, Peter Hiệp Ngọc Nguyễn, Martin Duy Khiêm Ngọc Nguyễn, Dalisay Parondo, Joseph Nguyen Kim Thanh, Ma. Nieves & Daniel Briones, Gertrudes Briones,

Sun - Aug 23
12:30 PM_SP

Bday: Anya Lorena Fuentes, Lorena Reyes
Deceased: Ofelia Pereyra

Sun - Aug 23
3:30 PM_VN

Fr. TH_Vietnamese mass Intention

Sun - Aug 23
5:30 PM_EN

S.I: Erwin & Maan Villanueva Family **Healing:** Jean Dessel
Deceased: Prudencio Calica, Jovita Calica

Mon - Aug 24
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Healing: Jean Dessel **Thx:** Mason Boydon
Deceased: Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Randy Anthony Herrera, Salvacion Hudson, Ofelia Pereyra, Andres, Sr. & Josefina Belvis Bunuan, Bonifacio Merin, Jimmy John Lladoc

Tue - Aug 25
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Healing: Jean Dessel **Thx:** Luong Nhan Family
Bday/Thx: Zaldy Tabi
Deceased: Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Randy Anthony Herrera, Salvacion Hudson, Daniel Nhan, Giuse Trinh Kim Long, Alfredo Veluya, Angelita Rogel Veluya, Segundino & Rosalia Cabanban, Ofelia Pereyra, Andres, Sr. & Josefina Belvis Bunuan, Bonifacio Merin, Jimmy John Lladoc

Wed - Aug 26
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. SK

Healing: Jean Dessel
Deceased: Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Randy Anthony Herrera, Salvacion Hudson, John Fernando Gomez, Susie Contreras, Michael De Jesus, Giuse Trinh Kim Long, Ofelia Pereyra, Andres, Sr. & Josefina Belvis Bunuan, Bonifacio Merin, Jimmy John Lladoc

Thu - Aug 27
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. SK

Healing: Jean Dessel **Bday:** Bond Yee
Thx: Ryan Alducente
Deceased: Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Randy Anthony Herrera, Salvacion Hudson, Josefina Belvis Bunuan, Ofelia Pereyra

Fri - Aug 28
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. SK

Healing: Jean Dessel **Thx:** Luong Nhan & Family
Thx/Bday: Dennis Bilog
Deceased: Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Randy Anthony Herrera, Salvacion Hudson, Dr. Grant Moy, Sr., Daniel Nhan, Giuse Trinh Kim Long, Ofelia Pereyra

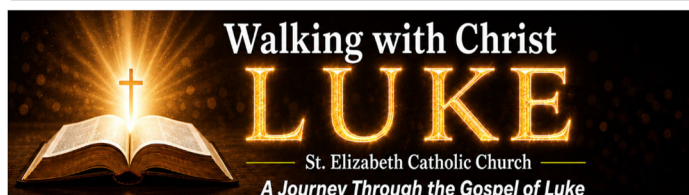


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August 15th & 16th

20th Sunday In OT

Sunday Offering	\$9,238.74
Online Giving	\$1,886.35
Donation Thru VENMO	\$2,082.00
Total Donation	\$13,207.09
Our lady of Fatima (08/13)	\$997.00
Assumption of Mother Mary (08/15)	\$1,237.00



Bible Study
by
Dec. Sam Milan

STARTING SEPTEMBER 3RD!

8 weeks Session

TIME: 6:00PM – 7:30PM

WHERE: In St. Dominic and St. Monica Room in the Parish Ministry Center (PMC)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED

NEEDED

JOIN US

September 5, 2026

THE HELP WE NEED:

- Water Bottles
- Ziploc bags
- Sandwich Bread
- Ham
- Mayonnaise
- Granola Bars
- Volunteers

8:30am Mass

9am Assemble food in St Christopher room

10:30am drive to the library

Honoring Michael & Barbara Donnelly

With Gratitude & Best Wishes

Mike and Barbara Donnelly, along with their children, served St. Elizabeth community for 37 years, when Mass was still being celebrated in the Savers store on Dempsey Road while the church was under construction. During their many years at St. Elizabeth, Mike and Barbara became deeply involved in parish life, generously sharing their time, talents, and faith with the community.



Mike served the Knights of Columbus in numerous leadership roles, including Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, District Deputy, and Chapter President. He also brought plenty of joy to parish celebrations as “Santa Claus” at the Ladies’ Boutique, with his grandchildren joining in the fun as his “elves.” Mike and Barbara also shared their love of music and worship by singing together in the 11:00 a.m. choir.



Mike and Barbara were especially dedicated to supporting families and young people in the parish. When the priest was unavailable, they took responsibility for leading Baptism classes. Committed to preparing themselves well for this ministry, they even attended the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to learn all they could about conducting the classes. Their care for newly baptized families extended beyond the Baptism itself: three months afterward, they hosted potlucks to reconnect with parents and their children and continue building a sense of community.

For 10 years Michael and Barbara worked with the teens, taking them on overnight trip- busload of 80 teens to the mountains where they had Mass in the snow and trips to the Santa Cruz where they had Mass on the beach. Among their most enjoyable trips were the Weekends in the Santa Cruz mountains - for the Confirmation Preparation Retreat. Mike and Barbara facilitated the R.C.I.A program, being a Scoutmaster was another reflection of his commitment to mentoring and guiding young people.

Barbara was an active member of the Roses of St. Elizabeth and served as its president. Through the Roses, she organized basket sales that helped support charitable projects undertaken by both the Roses and the Knights of Columbus. She also helped organize book sales to raise funds to assist women in prison.

Barbara and the Roses sponsored Lenten retreats for the women of the parish, with members of the Knights of Columbus preparing and serving lunch. They also hosted an annual “Handicapables” event, welcoming members of an organization established more than 50 years ago under the umbrella of Catholic Charities in Santa Clara. The name reflected its uplifting message: “handicaps, but still capable.” During the gathering, the parish priest celebrated a special Mass for the guests, followed by lunch and a lively game of Bingo with prizes—a day devoted to faith, fellowship, and joy.

Barbara’s ministry was also especially evident during times of loss. When a member of the St. Elizabeth community passed away, Barbara and the Roses often supported grieving families by providing meals and assisting with funeral receptions in the parish rooms.

Through their many ministries and years of service, Mike and Barbara Donnelly touched nearly every aspect of parish life. From Baptisms and Confirmation retreats to music, charitable outreach, fellowship, and care for grieving families, their dedication helped strengthen the St. Elizabeth community and left an ever-lasting legacy of faith, service, and love.

God bless you, Michael & Barbara—you will always be part of the St. Elizabeth family.



BA TỪ. MỘT CĂN TÍNH TRONG ĐỨC KITÔ.



Trong bài Tin Mừng Chúa Nhật này (Mát-thêu 16,13-20), Chúa Giêsu đặt cho các môn đệ hai câu hỏi *quan trọng*. Trước hết, Ngài hỏi: “*Người ta nói Con Người là ai?*” Các môn đệ trả lời dựa trên những gì người khác nghĩ: là Gioan Tẩy Giả, Êlia, Giêrêmia, hay một trong các ngôn sứ.

Sau đó, Chúa Giêsu đặt ra một câu hỏi sâu sa hơn nhiều: “*Còn anh em, anh em nói Thầy là ai?*” Phêrô đáp lại bằng một trong những lời tuyên xưng đức tin vĩ đại nhất trong Kinh Thánh:

“Thầy là Đức Kitô, Con Thiên Chúa hằng sống.”

Chúa Giêsu không hỏi về những việc Ngài làm. Ngài đang hỏi các môn đệ về căn tính của chính mình.

Chúng ta thường giới thiệu bản thân bằng cách mô tả công việc mình làm: “*Tôi là giáo viên,*” “*Tôi là kỹ sư,*” “*Tôi đã nghỉ hưu,*” hay “*Tôi là cha mẹ,*” Những câu trả lời đó không sai, nhưng chúng chưa chạm đến cốt lõi con người thật của chúng ta.

Gần đây, Nike đã triển khai một chiến dịch không chỉ đặt câu hỏi “*Just Do It*” (Cứ làm đi), mà còn là “*Why Do It?*” (Tại sao lại làm điều đó?). Chiến dịch này khuyến khích người trẻ nhìn xa hơn những hành động bề ngoài để khám phá mục đích sâu xa ẩn sau đó. Tương tự như vậy, Chúa Giêsu mời gọi chúng ta nhìn sâu sa hơn những danh xưng, thành tựu và trách nhiệm của mình để đặt ra một câu hỏi quan trọng hơn:

Tôi là ai?

Bản sắc (bản chất) sâu xa nhất của chúng ta đã được ban tặng từ trước. *Chúng ta là những người con yêu dấu của Thiên Chúa*, được tạo dựng theo hình ảnh và giống như Ngài. Mọi hành động của chúng ta đều nên bắt nguồn từ chính bản sắc ấy.

Câu hỏi tiếp theo đặt ra là: *Những giá trị nào định hình nên bản sắc (bản chất) đó?*

Đối với tôi, có ba từ ngữ là kim chỉ nam cho cuộc đời và sứ vụ của mình:

1. **Sự chính trực** – nỗ lực sống trung thực và trung tín trong mọi hoàn cảnh.
2. **Sự khiêm nhường** – đặt người khác lên trên hết, noi gương Chúa Giê-su, Đấng đã rửa chân cho các môn đệ.
3. **Sự thương cảm** – nhìn nhận mỗi người bằng lòng trắc ẩn và tình yêu thương của Đức Kitô.



Đây không chỉ là những phẩm chất đáng ngưỡng mộ; đó còn là những giá trị mà tôi hy vọng người khác sẽ cảm nhận được qua cuộc đời mình.

THỰC HÀNH: Thánh Phêrô thưa với Chúa Giê-su rằng: “*Ngài là Đấng Kitô, Con Thiên Chúa hằng sống.*” Là một người con yêu dấu của Thiên Chúa, đâu là ba giá trị định hình nên con người ông bà anh chị em?

Hãy chọn 3 phương châm để sống theo và tự hỏi bản thân mỗi ngày:

“Liệu những giá trị này có giúp mình trở nên giống Chúa Giêsu hơn không?”

Cha sở Steve Kim

TRES PALABRAS. UNA IDENTIDAD EN CRISTO.



En el Evangelio de este domingo (Mateo 16:13-20), Jesús hace a sus discípulos dos preguntas muy importantes. Primero les pregunta: *¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del Hombre?*

Los discípulos responden lo que otros piensan: Juan el Bautista, Elías, Jeremías o alguno de los profetas. Luego Jesús hace una pregunta mucho más profunda: *Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?* Pedro responde con una de las más grandes profesiones de fe de toda la Sagrada Escritura: *“Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios vivo.”*

Jesús no está preguntando qué hace; está preguntando quién es. Está hablando de su identidad. Con frecuencia nos presentamos diciendo lo que hacemos: “Soy maestro”, “Soy ingeniero”, “Estoy jubilado”, “Soy padre o madre de familia”. Esas respuestas son válidas, pero no llegan al corazón de quienes somos.

Recientemente, Nike lanzó una campaña que, en lugar de decir simplemente *“Just Do It”* (*Simplemente hazlo*), plantea la pregunta: *“Why Do It?”* (*¿Por qué hacerlo?*). La campaña invita a los jóvenes a mirar más allá de sus acciones para descubrir el propósito que las inspira. De manera semejante, Jesús nos invita a mirar más allá de nuestros títulos, logros y responsabilidades para hacernos una pregunta mucho más importante:

¿Quién soy yo?

Nuestra identidad más profunda ya nos ha sido dada. Somos hijos e hijas amados de Dios, creados a su imagen y semejanza. Todo lo que hacemos debe brotar de esa identidad.

La siguiente pregunta es:

¿Qué valores definen esa identidad?

En mi caso, hay tres palabras que guían mi vida y mi ministerio:

- **Integridad:** procurar vivir con honestidad, coherencia y fidelidad en toda circunstancia.
- **Humildad:** poner a los demás en primer lugar, siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, que lavó los pies de sus discípulos.
- **Empatía:** mirar a cada persona con la compasión y el amor de Cristo.

Estas no son solo cualidades admirables; son los valores que deseo que los demás experimenten a través de mi vida.

TAREA PARA ESTA SEMANA:

Como hijo o hija amado(a) de Dios, ¿qué tres valores definen tu identidad? Elige tres palabras por las que quieras vivir y pregúntate cada día: *¿Estos valores me ayudan a acercarme más a Jesús?*

Padre Eteban Kim, Párroco



Parish Festival

Save the date !!!

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

Saturday: 2PM - 8PM / Sunday: 9AM - 5PM

Raffle Drawing



Grand Prize \$5,000

**2nd Prize: \$2,500 Value
(Condo Vacation + \$1K Cash)**

3rd Prize: \$1,000 . 4th Prize: \$500

5th Prize: \$200

Many Consolation Prizes!!

All are Welcome !

• Winners will be kept informed



Parish Festival

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27



Congratulations to Mr. Thomas Warney!

St. Elizabeth Church is delighted to congratulate Mr. Thomas Warney, the lucky winner of \$1,000 Early-bird drawing on August 13th, 2026 after Our lady of Fatima Mass & Procession.

This is an especially joyful occasion because Mr. & Mrs. Warney has been a devoted member of our St. Elizabeth parish family for an amazing 55 years. His many years of faithfulness and connection to our church community make this celebration even more meaningful.

We sincerely thank Mr. Warney for being a longtime part of our parish family and are very happy to celebrate this special moment with him.

Congratulations, Mr. Thomas Warney! May God continue to bless you and your family.



Mila Garcia & Family



Cabanban & Family



Holy Family Group

PARISH FESTIVAL



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*"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them;
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

— Matthew 19:14