

**“Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39)**

**Part - 2**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

1 Corinthians 13: 1-2. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

Love is a powerful word. Love has no boundaries. St. Paul clearly said if a person speaks angelic languages and even if he has gift of prophecy if he does not have love, he is nothing. Such is the weight of love. Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. That is the reason church always loves her children because it is instituted by Christ himself. Which means we are all loved by our creator.

Therefore, it is our responsibility to love our neighbor and our self in spite of our imperfections and weaknesses because you are very precious to him. But, today the world is looking differently from the poor to the rich people are committing suicide, some of them are involved in murder, kidnap, cheating, misbehaving...etc. all this will be calm down when you try to understand yourself and try to love yourself truly. If you lose your job, if you are disappointed, if some sickness comes, if your problems occur, if hatred hammers around your family, do not lose your hope but encourage yourself. God is loving you, so what do you want more than the love of god.

Many people think the “cure” to a poor self-image is to learn to love yourself. In fact, some people think Jesus said you must love yourself before you can love others. They support this idea by pointing to Jesus’ command to “*love your neighbor as yourself*” (Matthew 22:39). They think “as yourself” means you cannot love others unless you first love yourself. As you will see, that’s not what Jesus was saying. This is looking for me as the words of Jesus. The Lord says, “... love one another, as I have loved you” (Jn 15: 12)...which means Jesus loved us before we love him. He died not because we are great but because he loved us, I think this is the meaning it is a sacrificial love. Jesus says that we must be able to love others as Jesus loved us means we should be able to sacrifice our life for the cause of others.

If we aren’t called to love ourselves, does that mean we should hate ourselves? No. God doesn’t want you to go through life saying, “I hate myself.” The alternative to loving yourself is not hating yourself. It is to fully grasp and enjoy God’s love for you.

**Loving your neighbor means loving ourselves as well:** To love your neighbor as yourself as commanded, you need to measure correctly. The measurement within this command is—as yourself. To love your neighbor as yourself you need to love yourself. This is something that is misunderstood in the body of Christ often. It gets mixed up with dying to self and denying self as if we need to destroy our self. This is not true. Jesus died for each and every one of us. If Jesus valued us enough to go through what He went through, we owe it to Him to value what He values. We need to love what He loves – us. The [Bible](#) even tells us that the Father loves us as much as He loves Jesus ([John 17:23](#)). How dare we not love what the Father loves. Learning to love ourselves prepares and helps us to love our neighbor. .... To make our lives happy and fruitful, first and foremost we need to thank God Almighty for creating you and me in His own image and likeness, we need to invite God in to our lives, when we accept ourselves as we are our lives becomes smooth and grace filled.

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Parish and Diocese Updates  
can be found on our Church website  
[www.stelizabethclarksdale.org](http://www.stelizabethclarksdale.org)

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Join us for “**40 Days with the Lord**”  
Our parish is offering a spiritual growth program for  
40 days.

We are in the third week so please spend one hour in prayer.  
**Prayer – Read the Bible – Listen to God**

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**The Month of May is dedicated to honor  
“Mother Mary”.**

"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart."...- **Pope Francis**

"Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the rosary." ...- **St. Padre Pio**



**MASSES: May 25-31**

Monday 12:10 pm  
 Tuesday 12:10 pm  
 Wednesday 5:00 pm Adoration  
 6:00 pm Mass  
 Thursday 12:10 pm  
 Friday 12:10 pm  
 Saturday 4:00 pm (Shelby)  
 Saturday 6:00 pm  
 Sunday 8:30 am (IC)  
 Sunday 10:30 am

**INTENTIONS:**

Fr. Al Camp †  
 Raymond and Yvonne Abraham †  
 In Honor of Freeman Family  
 Martha Farris †  
 Paul Canonici †  
 Debra Ann Mooney Francis †  
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**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:**

Weekend of May 16/17

St Elizabeth Offertory: \$6,596.00

IC Offertory: \$755.00

St. Elizabeth's Weekly Budget is \$7,775.00. Thank you for your generosity!

**NEWS AND UPDATES**

- 1) Good news to the faithful, we can resume public celebration of the Mass beginning Saturday, May 30th. **However, there are restrictions to follow.**
- 2) **Face masks are mandate for all assembly members over the age of two. If you do not comply to wear a face mask, you will be asked to leave.**
- 3) There will be **NO Eucharistic Ministers** until further notice.
- 4) There will be only **one proclaimer** needed. If you are a proclaimer, you will receive a new schedule to follow.
- 5) There will be **NO altar servers** needed until further notice.
- 6) Please continue to follow all daily Masses through livestream.
- 7) The church flat roof repair will begin in early June. Your donations are appreciated.
- 8) **Father Raju will be available for confession in the church library on Wednesdays from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Again, please wear a mask.**

**PLEASE READ THE BULLETIN INSERT FOR A LIST OF ALL THE CHURCH RETRICTIONS**

Please send your prayer and Mass requests to the church. If you have special intentions for our brothers and sisters (such as surgery or illness) let the church office know and we will specially pray for them during adoration on Wednesdays and at daily Mass.

***Happy Birthday!!!***

**Wednesday, May 27**

Kristin Orr

**Friday, May 29**

Henry "Tippy" Olivi  
Rocco Morris

**Sunday, May 24**

Christine McDaniel

**Monday, May 25**

Kevin Roach

**Saturday, May 30**

Ginger Coats  
Sarah Margaret Chicorelli

**Holy Rosary:** The Rosary is one of the most powerful, most comforting prayer rituals of the Catholic faith—a never-failing lifeline. Based on most of the historical research, the development of the practice of using beads in prayer has a very significant connection to the practice of the early monks in their Liturgy of the Hours, which began with the early Christian ascetics and hermits of the third and fourth centuries. These holy men desired to separate themselves completely from the vices and temptations of society as well as some of the corruption that was creeping into the church, and they developed strict disciplines to keep their minds and bodies focused on spiritual things.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul** of Robert Fava, Jr. May God grant him eternal rest and consolation to his family.

**We want to congratulate our St. Elizabeth School sixth grade graduates:** Griffin Allen, Brayden Antici, Mia Barr, Isabella Favi, Lillie Flautt, Steven Gibbons, Kevin Harris, Charles Johnson, Lucy Johnson, Ayden Lutts, Bailey Martin and Olivia Peyton.

**We would like to congratulate our senior graduates:** Shane Griffin, Allie Middleton, Victoria Meyers, Brooks Fyfe, Mack Davis, Joseph Curcio, and Mary Luisa Czamanske. **May God bless each of you in your future endeavors.**

**Please Pray for all who are sick.**

Carrie Belvedresi	Mary P. Cirilli
Rosalyn Hull	Geneva Correro
Frances Hanks	Wayne Morris
Stacy Groves	Janette Morris
Kevin Elias	Toni Morris Halle
Fred M. Nosef	Davey Lee Farris, Jr.
Robin Morris	Teresa Joseph
Hayley Hardy	Tony Balducci
Jack Campbell	Kim Westerfield
Fred Scruggs	Regina Swentkowski
Karen Peay	Ben Olivi
Diane Reed	Becky Smith
Mary Mitchell	Bailey Anne Cole
Betty Sue Flowers	Carolyn Reese
Penny Frazer	Betty Ann Cotton
Kathryn Tate	Harold Aldridge
Ann Meyers	Theodore Cosey
Alton Hitchcock	Porter Antici
Mimi Stroh	Lena Cash
Gene Arthur Hopkins	Gussie Farris
Kim Jones	Malcolm Mabry
Ginny Walker	Trip Malouf
Charlie Fowler	Cindy B. Cocilova
Michael Young	Donna Daves
Toni Nassar	Debra Ware
Susie Carr	Andy Carr
Twyla Gist	Diane Matthews
Evelyn Demilio	Doris Ceranti
Paul Fratesi	Clifton Dotson
Tommy Belvedresi	Dolores Morganti
Billy Palmer	Henry Espy
Joan Hamilton	Sybil Lucic
Charles Johnson, Jr.	Christine Wolfe
Vicki Hawes Jones	Tommy Agostinelli
Jill Balducci Pernel	Billy Lutts
Betty Olveria	Patricia Douglas
Rebekah Camponovo Jenkins	
Joey Baghdady	Barbara King
Nancy Ferracci	Jimmy Fermo
Anne Humber	Sr. Kay Burton
Primo Sbravati	Scott Carraway
Aubri Rybolt	

**All those who have the Corona Virus and their families and all those who are caring for them.**