



# July 24, 2022

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

July 24, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm  
 July 28, The 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show  
 Aug 3, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm  
 Aug 6, Annual Chicken BBQ  
 Aug 17, Finance Committee meeting 4pm  
 Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ

### Mass Intentions

**Sat 4pm:** Chris & Meghan as they prepare their wedding  
**Sat 5pm:** Yolanda Flores  
**Sun 9:30 am:** KC Bledsoe† requested by Greg McCaffey  
**Sun 11 am:** For all parishioners  
**Tues-Fri:** KC Bledsoe† requested by Greg Mcaffery

### 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:** Alicia Bicoy, Carol Boyle, KC Bledsoe

### Readings

Gn 18: 20-32  
 Ps 138: 1-2. 2-3. 6-7. 7-8 (3a)  
 Col 2: 12-14  
 Lk 11: 1-13

### Pastor's Desk

Everyone knows the Lord's Prayer. Without a doubt, it is the best-known passage in the Bible. One problem we have with the Lord's Prayer is that it is so familiar we often repeat it mechanically. We say the prayer, but it has no real meaning for us. We don't tie it into the level of our hoping and dreaming, laughing, and crying, living, and dying.

Do you realize that the words "I," "my," and "me" do not occur once in the Lord's Prayer? Yet while saying "Our Father," it is easy to mean only "my Father"; to utter the words "give us this day our daily bread" and still think only in terms of "give me my daily bread"; or to make a mental substitution of "forgive me my trespasses" for the actual words "forgive us our trespasses." These lines of Charles Thompson may help you avoid the tendency to be self-centered while praying:

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer, and even once say "I."  
 You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer, and even once say "my."  
 Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer, and not pray for another,  
 For when you ask for daily bread, you must include your  
 brother and sisters.*

*For others are included, in each and every plea:*

*From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say "me."*

*[-Keller, J.M. "The Best of Three Minutes a Day."]*

In today's Gospel episode, having just taught the disciples the "Our Father," Jesus says to them, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Lk. 11:9). But we would be wrong to imagine that Jesus was glorifying our petty, selfish "I, Me, My" prayers. Indeed, in the Sermon on the Mount, He had advised us to the contrary:

I tell you, do not "worry about your life, and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Think of the flowers growing in the field; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will He not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry. Set your hearts on his Kingdom first and all these things will be given you as well" (Mt. 6:25, 28-31,33).

A clergy member once said to Abraham Lincoln, "Mr. President, let us have faith that the Lord is on our side in the struggle." Lincoln replied, "It is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation may be on the Lord's side."

As a people, we pray incessantly in times of great tragedy or impending disaster. For example, if the terror of war threatens us, we storm the Heavens with our peace petitions: "Lord, give us peace." But such prayers may have a hollow ring when the question is raised: Where were we as a people when Jesus was reminding us, repeatedly, "Blessed are the peacemakers?" Where are we as a people when reminded daily of the senseless acts of violence that pervade our troubled land? Do we respond by tuning into God and listening for direction on how we, as a people, should work for peace?

On the individual level, if, for example, you are faced with the problem of a broken family, you can get down on your knees and ask God to heal the relationship. But you would do well to "pause a while" and listen in your innermost being for Divine guidance in that situation: "Lord, what would You have me do to make my family whole again?"

Peace and Blessings!  
 Fr. Luis

### Announcements

#### Confessions

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays, and he is available 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. Alternately, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory.

#### Hosting Hospitality after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass

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.

*This Sunday, the Kobler Family is hosting Hospitality!*

#### Monte Rio Variety Show - July 28th, 2022

Location: Monte Rio Amphitheatre  
 Time: 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Our show is a benefit for St Catherine's, an annual tradition dating back to 1911. Since 2004 the Monte Rio Fire Services Foundation and the Monte Rio School Foundation were added as beneficiaries. Working together and collaborating with our neighbors in the Bohemian Club, we are pleased to host a legacy event with extraordinary entertainment.

If you have not purchased your ticket from our vendors or online, do not delay! We are sold out online but have a few left at Bartlett's Market in Monte Rio.

A few updates for our show:

**Online Auction:** We will be keeping our newer tradition of an online auction, which will feature several art, dining and vacation experiences. The link to our auction is <https://mrvs2022.ggo.bid> which will be live as of July 20th.

**Raffle:** Our legacy raffle will be *epic*, bringing back a hand-painted Fender Guitar (with amplifier) along with golfing, dining, and our favorite Taste of Monte Rio package featuring local merchants and contributors. These tickets are sold after Masses and throughout the day of the event at the Amphitheatre. Tickets can be purchased for 3 for \$10 or 8 for \$20. Raffle will be drawn during the show and you do not need to be present to win.

**Entertainment:** Conan O'Brien will be our Emcee for the evening and Carlos Reyes will be playing along with other stellar entertainers that offer the best of their talents for the show.

Special thanks to all who have purchased show tickets, raffle tickets and /or donated to our event directly or with an in-kind gift. We appreciate all of you and as a result are on track to have the most successful event ever.

#### How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily donate online by using the donate button at [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577) to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

### Our 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: [cocomokidd@aol.com](mailto:cocomokidd@aol.com) Cell: (707) 953-9166.

**Our Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ** will be on Sunday, Sept 18, 2022 at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville.

### Discussion Questions

#### Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

In giving us the "Lord's Prayer," does Jesus include us with him as brothers and sisters with God as our father? Why does Pope Francis say that this might be the most precious gift Jesus gave us during his earthly mission?

He delivers the "Lord's Prayer" to them, perhaps the most precious gift left to us by the Divine Master during his earthly mission. After revealing to us his mystery as Son and brother, with that prayer Jesus allows us to enter into God's paternity. I want to underscore this: when Jesus teaches us the "Our Father," he allows us to enter into God's paternity and he points the way to enter into a prayerful and direct dialogue with him, through the path of filial intimacy. It is a dialogue between a father and his son, of a son with his father.

What we ask in the "Our Father" is already fulfilled for us in his Only-begotten Son: the sanctification of the Name, the advent of the Kingdom, the gift of bread, of forgiveness and of delivery from evil. As we ask, we open our hand to receive. To receive the gifts that the Father has shown us in his Son, ... always in communion with our brothers and sisters. ... We often feel the need to stop at the first word, "Father," and feel that paternity in our heart.

Angelus for 17th Sun  
 Pope Francis, 2019

### Parish Donations

July 16 - 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,041.00	\$399.00
St. Catherine	\$409.00	\$262.00
St. Colman		
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,111.00

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection:** general expenses, maintenance & diocese.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** parish restoration & repair.

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

\* of February, May, August and November