



March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

Upcoming Dates

Mar 10 9:30 am	St Elizabeth Guild Farewell Mass
Mar 16 10:00 am	St Elizabeth Retreat at St Hubert Hall
Mar 24 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
May 15, 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Scrutiny:	Otherwise:
Ex 17: 3-7	Ex 20: 1-17
Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9	Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11
Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8	1 Cor 1: 22-25
Jn 4: 5-42.	Jn 2: 13-25

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Doug Hollis

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Bernadette Gersh

Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give

Collection Period	1 st Collection	\$1,242.00
February 24-25	2 nd Collection	\$858.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,100.00

Announcements

St Elizabeth's Guild Farewell Mass

St Elizabeth's Guild will be attending our last mass together on Sunday March 10, 2024 at 9:30. We are hoping that you will come and share the mass with us. Fr Luis will also be blessing our final gift to the church and a thank you to all of the

For questions about future parish events, please contact Linda Payne at: (707) 953-9166 or cocomokidd@aol.com

Finance Committee Meeting	3 rd Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall	* of February, May, August and November
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 th Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman	

parishioners that have supported us over the years. Hope to see you there.

Blessings,
Francine/President

2024 St Elizabeth Retreat, March 16

Topic: Prayer and Renewal During the Lenten Season
Location: St Hubert Hall
Saturday, March 16, 2024 10 am to 2 pm

Retreat to be given by: Rev Donal Godfrey, S.J. University Chaplain and Associate Director for Faculty and Staff Spirituality at UCSF. Come deepen your faith during this Lenten season. This is a free event offered to all by St Elizabeth Parish. Coffee available in the morning, and meat sandwiches with drinks will be served for our 30 minute lunch. For those with dietary restrictions, please bring a sack lunch. So that we know how many will be attending, please sign up on the clipboard in the back of the churches, or call 707-869-2107 or email us at churchelizabeth@comcast.net.

Parish Council

Our church has a Parish/Pastoral council. It consists of 9 members -Linda Payne, Barbara and Otto Kobler, Maryanne Gustafson, Susan Poirier, Patrick McDonell, Chris Kollaja, Mary Helt and Martha "Marti" Lownes. The committee meets monthly with Fr Luis, to discuss current and future projects and plans for the parish, and we advise Father on agenda items as needed. Please feel free to reach out to any council member with questions or concerns about our parish.

Annual Ministry Appeal 2024

The Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission, has begun. Our parish target this year is \$10,167. Our parish receives 100% of what we raise over this goal. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese each year; the Catholic education of our children and Seminarians, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, ongoing formation of our clergy, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Funds donated to the AMA are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law and restricted funds for the ministries only. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: www.srdiocese.org.

Monthly Collection Report

The Parish Council has decided to publish the collections on a monthly basis beginning January of 2023. This collection report will show both the collections at Mass but also our online collections. It also shows the estimated expenses that are required to operate our Parish and Mission Churches. We hope to update this on or after the 15th of the following month.

January	Collection	Online	Total
St Elizabeth	\$6,844.00	\$2,564.00	\$9,408.00
St Catherine	\$2,762.00	\$1,480.00	\$4,242.00
St Colman	\$2,104.00	\$363.00	\$2,467.00
<i>Monthly Total</i>			\$16,117.00
<i>Est. Monthly Expenses*</i>			\$22,000.00

February	Collection	Online	Total
St Elizabeth	\$4,969.00	\$1,798.00	\$6,767.00
St Catherine	\$1,532.00	\$1,272.00	\$2,804.00
St Colman	\$1,099.00	\$290.00	\$1,389.00
<i>Monthly Total</i>			\$10,960.00
<i>Est. Monthly Expenses*</i>			\$22,000.00

* *monthly expenses are based upon last year's annual operating expenses on a monthly basis with an estimated amount included for building repairs and replacements.*

St. Vincent High School

St. Vincent high school is open and plans on being open for another 100+ years under a new Independent School Board. Contact the admissions office and join the rush of public school transfers. (Kerry Pedersen - kpetersen@svhs-pet.org).

Want more information on the importance of a Catholic School education visit www.srdiocese.org/catholic-schools AND support St. Vincent high by contacting their development office (Gina Jacquez - gjacquez@svhs-pet.org), you can also support them through their Go Fund Me to help the current St. Vincent de Paul parish administration by donating at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-st-vincent-de-paul-high-school>.

Summer Youth & Young Adults

June 23rd - 29th Summer 2024: Eureka Mission Trip, Little Flowers Girls Camp, and other Youth Summer retreats, camps, conferences registration will open after Easter. To volunteer or find out more details - email Stephen Morris - dsryouth@srdiocese.org

Confessions

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays and before weekend Masses. Please call the rectory to confirm with him, so that he knows to stay late on Friday or arrive early on the weekend. Alternatively, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory at (707) 869-2107.

Pastor's Desk

Greetings, to all as we celebrate the third Sunday of Lent, our beloved Most Reverend Bishop Robert Vasa will be visiting us and will preside at the 9:30 am Mass. Please join us and show our support and to introduce yourself to him. We will have a reception at the Rectory and take this opportunity to see the rectory as well.

In this Sunday's scripture the first reading Moses gives the ten Commandments to the Israelites. The Commandments offer a way of life rooted in fidelity to God. This singular focus leads to right relationship with all others, without distortion or distraction.

However, the Israelites' impatience quickly leads them astray, but God does not give up. He calls them back again. God also knows our impatience, our fixations, and our longing. In the midst of a world competing for our attention, God calls us back.

Sometimes our distractions can become so ingrained that we come to believe they are our ultimate path to holiness. When this happens God's intervention can seem intrusive and chaotic, disrupting our clear boundaries and established methods and invented rules. But disruption is exactly what is needed. In today's gospel, Jesus overturns the tables of the money-changers. Changing money into temple coin and buying animals for sacrifice was a normal practice that was overseen and encouraged by the religious authorities and understood as an enshrined practice aligned with the worship of God. Jesus has to take extreme action to disrupt this ingrained distraction. People are so fixated on turning a profit and following the prescriptions that they cannot see that all of it is a distraction from what they say they are about: the true worship of God.

On our Lenten journey, God invites us to recognize our distractions and our holy longing. What enshrined practices in our own lives might be distracting us from what truly matters?

What are the tables in our lives that we might think are essential but really need to be overturned? How does God disrupt us every day from the distractions that vie for our attention? God implores us to return to the source of our longing and not settle for any imitation.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Luis

