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St. Elizabeth, Guerneville

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Tue - Fri. 9:00 a.m.

Outdoor church July 4th weekend through
Labor Day weekend.



St. Colman, Cazadero

Mass Schedule

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

*Outdoor church
Memorial Day
through Labor Day*

St. Catherine of Siena, Monte Rio

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.



WELCOME to the communities of St. Elizabeth, St. Catherine of Siena & St. Colman! If you would like to become a member of one of our churches, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail to St. Elizabeth,

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December 22-25, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Nativity of The Lord

Upcoming Dates

Sunday Dec 22	Help Decorate St Elizabeth's <i>after the 9:30 am Mass</i>
	Parish Christmas Dinner <i>at the Highland Dell Lodge</i> <i>cocktails at 5:00 pm</i> <i>dinner at 6:00 pm</i>
Tuesday Dec 24	Christmas Vigil Mass at St Elizabeth <i>Carols at 4:00 pm, Mass at 4:30 pm</i>
Wednesday Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass <i>9:30 am at St Elizabeth</i> <i>11:00 am at St Colman</i>

Mass Intentions

Sunday Dec 22 9:30 am	Grace Schermerhorn and Rose Chromy <i>requested by Gilda & Gary Andreacchi,</i> <i>Tina Anson, Mike & Nancy Herbert,</i> <i>Robert (Jeff) & Doris Herbert,</i> <i>Thomas & Jamie Herbert,</i> <i>Kim & David Monasterio,</i> <i>Terry & John Neill.</i>
Wednesday Dec 25 9:30 am	Grace Schermerhorn and Rose Chromy <i>requested by Gilda & Gary Andreacchi,</i> <i>Tina Anson, Mike & Nancy Herbert,</i> <i>Robert (Jeff) & Doris Herbert,</i> <i>Thomas & Jamie Herbert,</i> <i>Kim & David Monasterio,</i> <i>Terry & John Neill.</i>
Saturday Dec 28 4:00 pm	Joan Brown[†] <i>[2nd anniversary of her passing]</i> <i>requested by Elizabeth Cheatham</i>

Readings

Dec 22 Sunday 4th Sun. of Advent	Dec 24 Tuesday Christmas Vigil	Dec 25 Wednesday Christmas Day
Mi 5: 1-4a Ps 80: 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4) Heb 10: 5-10 Lk 1: 39-45	Is 62: 1-5 Ps 89: 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2a) Acts 13: 16-17. 22- 25 Mt 1: 1-25	Is 52: 7-10 Ps 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3c) Heb 1: 1-6 Jn 1: 1-18

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those called to Eternal Life:
Allen Mitchell

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	\$5,666.00
November 1-30	2 nd Collection	\$1,104.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$6,770.00

Parish Expenses

November 1-30	\$15,058.00
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Second Collection Schedule

On these dates, 10% of the 2nd collection will benefit...

Dec 29 St Vincent de Paul (from St. Elizabeth only)

Announcements

See's Candy - Still selling inventory after Masses!

Thank you for the generous response to our Christmas holiday fundraiser. Our online store is closed but we have many items available after Masses until all is sold out. If you have any questions contact Michele McDonell phone/text: (707) 486-1739.

Help Decorate St. Elizabeth Church

Immediately following the 9:30am Mass on December 22, we invite everyone to stay and lend a hand to help put up our Christmas decorations.

Christmas office hours and daily Mass

Our office will be closed Wednesday December 25 and Thursday December 26. There will be no daily Mass on Thursday December 26 or Friday December 27.

Children's Mass Library

Do you have young children with you at Mass? Feel free to borrow a book from our new Children's Mass Library located in the vestibule! Please remember to return any books after Mass. The books are intended to help children learn more about the Mass, connect with familiar bible stories, and enrich their faith.

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

St. Colman Guild Meeting 4th Sunday, 12 pm

St. Colman

Resuming February 2025

Connecting Hearts - SR Diocese Survey

To help us improve communication across the Diocese, we invite you to complete a brief survey. Your feedback will guide us in enhancing our communication strategies to better serve everyone. The survey is available on our website <https://srdiocese.org/>

Parish Council

Our church has a Parish/Pastoral council. It consists of 8 members -Linda Payne, Barbara and Otto Kobler, Maryanne Gustafson, Susan Poirier, Patrick McDonell, Ana Maria Padilla and 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.

Pastor's Desk

What a wonderful gathering with our Hispanic community at our celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe. It was appropriate that we celebrate it on Sunday which is Gaudete Sunday to remind us to "Rejoice," and surely it was a joyous event as we all gathered at the Hall, many thanks for Anna Maria, Jose and Josephina Robles, Carlos Gonzales, Maricruz, Marti Lownes, Sherry, Michele and everyone that served and made the event very special for our Hispanic community.

And yes, there were not a pleasant news about the possibility of five lots that might be sold due to the consequence of the Bankruptcy and clergy abuse settlement. We pray that the people who were victims of the abuse heal from their trauma and may we as a church move forward as well.

This Weekend is the fourth Sunday of Advent, so I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas party December 22nd, especially as a community of faith let us gather and celebrate our community who have struggled with all the challenges that we have faced in recent years and for the coming years.

I always say that it is a privilege to be your Pastor and deeply love to preside in our Eucharistic celebration every weekend and to me it is a precious moment that we all share the intimacy of God's love as a community of faith. May this coming year be a time of metanoia, and inspiration to one another in our relationship with God and with one another. Pray for one another and encourage one another with the grace of God in our community.

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

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.

Glancing Thoughts

Courtesy of Eleonore Stump, Saint Louis University

In Dark of Night and Winter Cold

The Christmas story has been told so often.

Mary giving birth in the dark of night and cold of winter; the newborn baby, vulnerable, fragile; the birth in the stable, because no one would give the mother any better room.

It is a study in contrasts, isn't it? There is darkness in the night, and yet the radiance of God's love is in the child. The winter is cold, but the baby brings the fire of God's love to earth. The baby is so small and helpless; and yet he is The Word, who in the beginning is God and was with God.

The humble animals surround the child, but the angels of God sing his birth. The child is poor and lowly in origin, and yet all the power of God is his. The stable is lowly, but it is the king of kings who is born into it.

Why is the story like this? Why did the Messiah come as a baby? Why didn't he come as an adult? Why did the Word of God become incarnate as so poor and humble a person? Why wasn't he incarnate as the Emperor of Rome? For that matter, why was he born in winter? And at night?

Why wasn't the Messiah born on a mild May morning?

The answer lies in us, I think. We ourselves are a study in contrasts. We are dark and cold. The darkness in our lives, the coldness in our hearts, makes us a winter to ourselves. And yet there is a longing in each one of us that will not be still. We hunger for light and warmth—in others, in ourselves, in God. We yearn for love, but we also resist it.

We yearn, and we wrap ourselves in coldness again, so that we will not be seduced by the lure of love. We fear that for us the reality is only winter and night.

But who could feel threatened by a newborn in a stable? Whose cold heart is proof against a helpless child? And so, in the dark of the night that we are and in the winter of our hearts, the baby is born. The light shines in our darkness. We can let it in.



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