

# ST. ELIZABETH, Guerneville

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, Monte Rio • ST. COLMAN, Cazadero

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Office Hours: Tue - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Father Luis Peñaloza, PASTOR**

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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August 18, 2024  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Special Events**

Aug 25	Pancake Breakfast <i>at St Hubert Hall</i>
Aug 25 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
Sept 21	Annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress
Sept 28	Eucharistic Retreat <i>more info to come</i>
Oct 6 9:30 am	Blessing of the Animals <i>at the St Elizabeth outdoor church</i>

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday Kevin O'Shea<sup>†</sup>  
4:00 pm *requested by Francine Korn*

### **Readings**

Prv 9: 1-6  
Ps 34: 2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)  
Eph 5: 15-20  
Jn 6: 51-58

### **Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters**

#### **Those in need of prayers:**

Rose Linehan, Carolyn, Annie E

#### **Those called to Eternal Life:**

Mike Miller

### **Parish Donations**

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Collection Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$1,887.00
August 10-11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$506.00
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### **Announcements**

#### ***Pancake Breakfast***

Join us for our summer ending pancake breakfast on Sunday, Aug 25, at the St Hubert Hall after Sunday morning Mass.

### ***The Annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress***

The Diocese of Santa Rosa invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, September 21, 2024. This event is free. This year's theme is "Prayer, Our Relationship with God". Workshops are in English and Spanish. Come hear great speakers. For more information check out the diocesan website [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org)

### ***Eucharistic Retreat***

Eucharistic Retreat will be hold on Saturday, September 28th. Further details will be coming soon!

### ***Outdoor Mass Schedule & Blessing of the Animals***

Outdoor Mass will be extended this year through Sunday, October 6th (weather permitting) which we will have the Blessing of the Animals.

### ***Annual Ministry Appeal 2024***

The work of the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA) is at heart your work, the work to which you are oriented by your Baptism: the service of God through service of your brothers and sisters in Christ. By making a gift to the Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission, you are able to touch souls and change lives throughout our diocese. Thank you to all who have already pledged, moving us closer to our goal as a parish community. Every gift is sincerely appreciated!

### ***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

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

St. Colman Guild Meeting      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm      St. Colman

needed. Please feel free to reach out to any council member with questions or concerns about our parish.

### ***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.

### **Pastor's Desk**

What a wonderful summer we are having the weather is warmer and more of our summer parishioners can be with us in our celebration of the Eucharist.

The American physician and writer Ira Byock claimed that years ago Margaret Mead was asked by a Student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture.

“The student expected Mead to talk about fishhooks or clay pots or grinding stones. But no. Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur [thighbone] that had been broken and then healed.

Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you died. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal. A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, had carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilizations starts, Mead said.”

Dr. Byock concludes: “We are at our best when we serve others. Be civilized” The Best Care Possible.

These are good words for us to ponder, and this is a part of cultural history that needs more reflection.

### ***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.

The moment in time highlighted by Mead represents a departure from the animal world and the beginning of human empathy. This awakening, Mead says, was the birth of civilization. What a tremendous insight on the part of this incredible mind!

She sees the heart of civil behavior as one human being feeling empathy for another. It may have been a confusing moment for all those involved. Where did that emotion come from?

This is the very point of our human story that interests Jesus the most because it is in our empathy that we reflect the goodness of our created being most genuinely. It is how the one who sent Jesus means for us to act: with deep love for one another that puts others needs before our own. In Mead’s scenario, they had to put their own interests on hold while they tended to their wounded tribe member.

They could not hunt or gather as long as they were making sure that the broken bone was mending. This could be the kind of distinction Paul makes in his letter to the Ephesians when he says, “The days are evil. Therefore...be filled with the Spirit.”

He begs them and urges them to “[address] one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. This is what Jesus envisions when he shares with them the bread of life. He is sharing himself: the way he lives, the way he makes sacrifices for them, the way he refuses to back away from his message even when it threatens his very life. His way is the most genuine way of living.

In this Eucharist, may we find that same courage and strength----to make the life of Jesus our very own model.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

Reminder: The Parish Eucharistic Retreat on Saturday September 28th starts at the St. Hubert Hall 10:00 am to 3:30 pm and Mass to follow at 4 pm. There will be no Mass at St Catherine that day.



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