

# ST. ELIZABETH, Guerneville

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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.



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October 13, 2024  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Special Events**

Oct 27  
12:00 pm St Colman Guild Meeting

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday Jenny Shipley<sup>†</sup>  
4:00 pm *requested by Margaret McKattee*

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Sunday Robert Corridan  
9:30 am *requested by Fr. Luis*

### **Readings**

Wis 7: 7-11  
Ps 90: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)  
Heb 4: 12-13  
Mk 10: 17-30

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

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

Annie E

### **Parish Donations**

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give)

Collection Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$2,214.00
October 5-6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$538.00
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### **Second Collection Schedule**

Oct 19-20	World Mission Sunday
Nov 16-17	Communications & Catholic University
Dec 7-8	Religious Retirement Fund

### **Announcements**

#### ***No Daily Mass This Week***

There will be no 9am Mass this week because Fr. Luis will be attending a clergy retreat.

#### ***See's Candy Holiday Fundraiser***

Start thinking about a sweet way to enjoy the holidays! St Elizabeth Parish will be offering a selection of See's Candy traditional boxes and novelties beginning a couple

weeks prior to Thanksgiving. Our list of available candies will be posted in another week or two in the bulletin and our online storefront will be set up, too. Prices vary but range from about \$13 to \$30.

If you have a special request or are not comfortable placing an order online, please contact Michele either via text at 707-486-1739 or email [mmmcdonell@gmail.com](mailto:mmmcdonell@gmail.com).

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

#### **Pastor's Desk**

Good morning, all!

We are back in our indoor church. I am glad to be back inside. The outdoor church requires additional help for set up and clean up. A special thanks to Carlos, Larry and Chris for their efforts at the outdoor church. We couldn't do it without them.

Last Saturday wasn't easy because it was so hot! Most of our parishioners are greatly affected by extreme heat. I decided that next year we will cancel the 4:00 pm Mass because of the heat and the concern of the added cost for air conditioning.

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

Last Sunday was a bit chaotic. First thing was unlocking the gate to bring the sound system down to the altar. Setting up the rest of the items for Mass which were in the shed but the containers aren't labeled so you must know exactly what goes where and what is necessary for Mass.

As we are moving forward to the coming year, just a reminder for everyone that we need to have a new roof in the indoor church of St. Elizabeth as well as fixing the exterior face of the church. There is obvious dry rot on the walls and the church needs new paint. I am sure those who own a house understand the longer we wait, the more it costs to repair.

I am attending the yearly clergy week retreat starting Monday. I look forward to having quiet time and able to read the book I am planning to review. There is no daily Mass all week while I'm gone. I will see you Sunday.

May you all have a wonderful peaceful and blessed week!

Peace and blessings,  
Fr. Luis

## **Spirituality Of The Readings**

*Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University*

### ***For the Love of God***

Besides being a very interesting story, this Sunday's Gospel gives rich spiritual advice for us. To put it simply, God is worth more than anything else in our lives. Look at it.

Our story is about a rich young man in the Gospel. Whoever he was, "he had many possessions." He does seem to have had a good heart, some humility, and a positive opinion about Jesus.

Without warning he runs up to Jesus, actually runs, kneels down before him, and asks this question: "good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

He must have impressed Jesus. Yet Jesus gives the man a seemingly incongruous reply. "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone."

How in the world does this answer fit the question? Of course, one interpretation would be that it does not, that it is the result of an odd editing of the story at a later time. But I want to suggest a much simpler explanation.

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### ***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.

Since Jesus already saw the seeds of faith in this man, he was trying to grow that faith. Following would be the logic of Jesus' response: (1) only God is (fully) good. (2) yet you have called me good. (3) Maybe you are sensing the Godliness in me.

We are not told of a response from the man, but we see Jesus going on to take him through the essentials.

Look, he says, you know about the commandments, don't you, and he names six of them. He expects that the man will say yes, at which point he can lead him further in the love of God.

The man gives a wonderful answer: "teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." We know that Jesus' heart was warmed by this answer because of the next remarkable line of the Gospel:

Jesus, looking at him, loved him.

Keep in mind that Mark's is the most terse of the four Gospels, so this startling sentence reveals much about the scene. Jesus is not just announcing truths to someone or other, he is carefully building faith in someone he has come to love.

So he tells the rich young man, with care, what the next step is.

You are lacking in one thing.

Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.  
(Gospel)

But, perhaps like you and me, the rich young man was not ready to go so far. "At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions."

So much for this Gospel incident. We presume that Jesus watched the poor rich man's exit, and hoped for another chance at mending him.

Ditto about you and me!



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