



June 26, 2022

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

June 26, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
 July 6, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
 July 28, The 111th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show
 August 17, Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 4pm: Karen Umscheid† requested by Sue Harkness
Sat 5pm: For the parish
Sun 9:30 am: Larry & Susan Poirier [wedding anniversary]
Sun 11 am: For all parishioners

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Rose Rodenberger, Jill Laufenberg, Father Andrew Metcalf, Herman Hernandez, Lyle Karnath, Jack Montague, Bruce Harvey, Carlos Lopez, Rey Rodriguez, Diane Alvarez, Larry, Gary Carver, Rose Rodenberger, Francine Korn, Sonja Falero, Carolyn Falero Young, Bill Hatch, Cathy Olsen, Kim Warburton, Bill Harmon, Mike Hogan, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Dorothy Maceira, Jack Burger, Charlotte & Neil Berry, Raul & Iris Bisbal, Frank Falero, Guillermina Hernandez, Gabe Snodgrass, Nini Johnston, Don Schaffert, Ed Copeland, Andrew Cebalo, Nina Cantacessi, Posie, William Donnellan, Ernest Souder, Robert Cebalo, Kathleen Sheridan, Sister Gabrielle, David Cross, Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Lorelie Fulwider, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, JoAnn Coules, Dinah Smith, Lorna Marie Hastings, Laverne Jones, Linda Schmidt, Michell Jackson, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Stella Dunne, Nina Cantacessi, John Hoffman, Mary Tamargo, Sarah & David, Jesus Chavez Torres.

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Carol Boyle, Alicia Bicoy, Nilda Falero, Bill Rodgers, Vicki Gonzalez, John Bowman, Mary Jane Poirier, Mary Smith, Kevin O'Shea, Jim Hoppis, Maggie Nelson, Magda Gonzalez, Aline Harris, Helen Prielipp, Ed Fulwider, Virginia Loosli, Steve Arcia, Renee Snodgrass, Ruben Montano, Robert D. Goudy, Bart Strady, Frank Danzart, Nettie Herbert.

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Readings

1 Kgs 19: 16b, 19-21
 Ps 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
 Gal 5: 1, 13-18
 Lk 9: 51-62

Pastor's Desk

A famous preacher received a letter from a church member, which began as follows: "I listened to your sermon on suffering last Sunday. I just wanted you to know that I didn't know what suffering was until I heard you preach." On a more serious note, he received a letter from another member -- a mother -- who wrote that she didn't know what love was until she really heard the Gospel preached.

The preacher explained that this mother was always very active in the Church, always ready to help. And she believed she was a Christian. But there was one big problem. One of her children, it seems, had given her a lot of trouble. The mother complained that her child learned how to say 'No' at an early age -- and then just kept saying it. This disrupted the mother's comfortable life, and she began to resent her daughter for it. And her resentment became more and more evident to the daughter until, finally, the thirteen-year-old girl ran away from home. The note she left read, "It's obvious, mother, that you don't love me, and it would be better for both of us if I go away."

The mother's world collapsed, and a deep sense of hopelessness and despair set in until she finally became honest enough to say, 'I don't love my daughter. I don't even love myself.' At that moment, she went down on her knees to begin the whole business of being a Christian all over again -- from scratch. And the words she'd been hearing all her life about God's love and forgiveness and reconciliation suddenly grasped her as they never had before. The Grace of God she had heard about and talked about became real to her for the first time -- and her whole life changed from the inside out. And when she found her daughter, a miraculous reconciliation began.

This is what Paul was so concerned about when he wrote his letter to the Galatians. They had heard the Gospel preached, but it was apparent that it was not making a real difference in their lives. They were "keeping the faith" on a very superficial level in their Church-going and show of allegiance to the Law. But they had not been grasped by the Grace of God's love at a level deep enough to make a real difference in their lives and

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* of February, May, August and November

relationships. Paul, therefore, says to them: "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service. The whole law has found its fulfillment in this one saying: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' If you bite and tear one another to pieces, take care! You will end up in mutual destruction!" (Gal.5:13-15).

Immerse yourself in this love of God. Know that it is in your being, and at this very moment, a miracle can occur. Those who have been hearing this all your lives at one level will hear it now at a deep level and new level. Because God is present, God's Grace is in you.

Peace and blessings!
 Fr. Luis

Announcements

Summer Mass Times and Locations

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Catherine.
 Saturday 5:00 pm at St. Elizabeth.
 Sunday 9:30 am at St. Elizabeth outdoor church.
 Sunday 11:00 am at St. Colman outdoor church.

Confessions

Reminder that Fr Luis will hear Confessions before weekend Masses and by appointment if a different time is needed. Please call the rectory office at 707-869-2107 to schedule an appointment.

The 111th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show

Save the Date, Thursday, July 28th 2022! The 111th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show is returning to a live performance in the Monte Rio Amphitheater. This is a St Catherine's legacy event since 1911. Visit our website at monterioshow.org to get the link to purchase your online tickets or go direct via:

<https://rrchurches.ejoinme.org/MRVS2022-TicketSales>

Tickets are also be available for purchase at Masses beginning June 4th or at the following local businesses:

Bartlett's Market in Monte Rio
 Lark's Drugs in Guerneville
 Hernandez Realty in Guerneville

For general questions, history of our show and contact information go to: monterioshow.org. More details about entertainers are anticipated to be updated soon. We are looking forward to seeing you in July!

Discussion Questions

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

1. What was Elisha doing when he was called? Does God call other people in the bible in the same way? Does God call you to make changes in your everyday life?

2. Were the people whom God called to be prophets highly educated or socially elite? Does God have prerequisites for

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prophets? What would your issues be if you were called as a prophet today?

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

1. "For you were called for freedom." What is the source of such freedom? Is "going out of yourself" a freeing experience? What about the act of loving your neighbor?

2. St Paul says "if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law." Under the direction and guidance of the Spirit, could some Church laws change?

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

1. The man said, "Lord, let me first go bury my father." This would be a good thing, but is there reason for urgency in proclaiming the kingdom? Where do you see such a need today? Ecojustice? Immigration? Incarceration? Changing the gun laws?

2. Why does Pope Francis say that Jesus was homeless or itinerant? Why does the Church need to be itinerant or in motion and "not sedentary within her enclosure"?

The first character promises him: "I will follow you wherever you go" (Lk 9:57). Generous! But Jesus replies that the Son of man, unlike foxes that have holes, and birds that have nests, "has nowhere to lay his head" (Lk 9:58). The absolute poverty of Jesus. Indeed, Jesus left his paternal home and gave up all security in order to proclaim the Kingdom of God to the lost sheep of his people. In this way Jesus pointed out to us, his disciples, that our mission in the world cannot be static, but is itinerant. The Christian is itinerant.

The Church by her very nature is in motion; she does not stay sedentary and calm within her enclosure. She is open to the broadest horizons, sent forth—the Church is sent forth—to bring the Gospel through the streets and to reach the human and existential peripheries.

*Pope Francis, Angelus for 13 Ord C
 June 30, 2019*

Parish Donations

| June 18 - 19 | 1 st Collection | 2 nd Collection |
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| St. Elizabeth | \$818.00 | \$404.00 |
| St. Catherine | \$116.00 | \$132.00 |
| St. Colman | \$225.00 | \$135.00 |
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1st Collection: general expenses, maintenance & diocese.

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