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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.



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November 10, 2024 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday Helena Hadley†
11:00 am requested by Theresa Salazar

Readings

1 Kgs 17: 10-16
Ps 146: 7. 8-9. 9-10 (1b)
Heb 9: 24-28
Mk 12: 38-44 or Mk 12: 41-44

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

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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	\$1,508.00
November 2-3	2 nd Collection	\$549.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,057.00

Second Collection Schedule

Nov 17 Communications & Catholic University
Dec 8 Religious Retirement Fund

Announcements

See's Candy Holiday Fundraiser

Time to order all your Holiday treats - See's Candy, a traditional favorite!

Just in time for Thanksgiving or Christmas, Michele and the St Elizabeth's See's Candy team will have a selection of candy available for sale at November 23/24 weekend Masses. Our storefront is also available to order with the link below or this QR code.



If anyone has questions, would like help ordering online, or may have a special request, please text or call Michele at 707-486-1739.

[See's Candies Yum-Raising - St. Elizabeth Catholic Church - Christmas 2024](#)

St Colman's Guild Meetings

St Colman's Guild meetings are being suspended for the winter months of November, December, and January and will resume to their regular meetings in February 2025.

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

Peace be with you all, the election is over, and it is time for us to really work together to unite our country and to move forward. Now is the time for healing and unity in our country.

Here is an article from National Catholic Reporter November 6th, 2024, to think about and reflect what it means how should we move forward.

The Vatican secretary of state said his prayer for Donald J. Trump is that God would grant him wisdom "because that is the main virtue of those who govern according to the Bible."

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the secretary of state, spoke briefly to reporters Nov. 7 outside Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University.

Asked about Trump's victory Nov. 5 and looking toward his second term as president, Parolin said, "I think he has to work above all to be president of the whole country and therefore overcome the polarization that has occurred and is very evident."

"We also hope he can be a factor for détente and pacification in the current conflicts that are bloodying the world," the cardinal said. "He said he will end the wars. Let's hope so. But, of course, he doesn't have a magic wand either."

As for Trump's repeated vow to "launch the largest deportation program in American history" and to severely limit all immigration,

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St. Colman Guild Meeting 4th Sunday, 12 pm St. Colman Meetings will resume February 2025

Parolin said the Vatican supports a comprehensive and "wise policy toward migrants so that it does not go to these extremes."

Pope Francis has recognized the right of nations to regulate immigration but also has insisted those policies promote an attitude of welcoming people seeking safety and a better life, accompanying them as they settle in and helping them integrate. Parolin told reporters, "I think this is the only way to deal with the problem and to solve it in a humane way."

The cardinal said he is not worried that U.S.-Vatican relations will suffer under Trump's leadership. "We maintained relations with the president during his previous term and will continue to do so."

"As always," he said, "there are elements that bring us closer and elements that differentiate and distance us, and this will be an opportunity to exercise dialogue and to try to find more points of consensus for the benefit of the common good and world peace."

Opposition to abortion is one common position, and Parolin said he hoped Trump would work on a broader understanding of the defense of human life and do so in a way that will bring people together "and not let it again become a policy of polarization and division."

Parolin was at the Gregorian University to address a conference marking the 75th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions, looking specifically at the impact of artificial intelligence on international humanitarian law, particularly in conflict situations.

The development of artificial intelligence shows just how creative human beings can be, but technology must always be under human control, he said.

Machines cannot make moral decisions, and those decisions are critical in situations of war and violence, Parolin told the conference, which is why the Holy See strongly supports an international treaty governing the use of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems.

"We cannot allow life and the future of anyone to be determined by an algorithm," he said.

Praying for our country and for our elected President

Peace and Blessings!
Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Hungry?

God had sent the prophet Elijah to deal with a starving widow. The trouble was that she dwelt in a foreign land instead of with the many Jewish widows in his own country.

Jesus rubs this fact in.

Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon (Lk 4:25-26).

Jesus was referring to the story we have in our First Reading. There, Elijah sets out not to help the Zarephath widow and her tiny son but to demand food for himself!

The widow says that she has in her jar "only a handful of flour" and "a little oil." She had been collecting wood to cook the very last meal she and her young son would ever eat before they would die of starvation and thirst. In effect, Elijah was demanding their last meal for himself.*

But he was following God's own instructions in issuing this imperative. God had told him to go to a certain town in Sidon where God had designated a widow to provide for Elijah in the famine and drought (See I Kings 17:1-9)!

So, Elijah got everything he wanted?

He asked first—politely, we hope—for water. The widow turned on her heel to get the last little bit of water she had saved. She must have been a great spirit. As she went, Elijah shouted after her to bring him bread too!

In a famine!

But the widow went to do his will. Did God have a trick up his sleeve?

Elijah called out again, almost as an afterthought, "the God of Israel says, 'the jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" Wasn't God saying that he would keep the vessels full until the drought was over?

Maybe, but the widow had only those puzzling words to rely on. Rely on them she did. She baked her tiny scraps of bread, in front of the wide eyes of her son, and took all of it, every bit of it, plus the water, to Elijah.

Does this story make sense? No.

Is there an explanation? Yes.

This widow knew God so well that she trusted in his goodness even in the face of impending death. Her last act would be one of trust.

And this is the real meaning of trust, to release our own control of things. When the chips are down, to let go and let God. Even in one's last extremity. God had sent Elijah to help the widow, not rob her. But she first had to trust. So she did.

In the Gospel, another widow illustrates the same kind of trust, putting the last two pennies that she has in the world into the collection box. Jesus sees this happen and understands the depth of her faith.

I guess the question then turns to you and me. How much trust do we have? Do we do it in fear?

Alternately, how much do we trust God?

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.



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