



# August 13, 2023

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

- Aug 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 16 Finance Committee meeting 4pm
- Aug 27 St Colman 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
BBQ after the 11am Mass
- Aug 27 St Colman Guild meeting 12pm
- Sept 6 St Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
- Sept 17 Parish Picnic 1pm

### Mass Intentions

Sun 9:30 am Kevin O'Shea† requested by Francine Korn

### Readings

1 Kgs 19: 9a. 11-13a  
Ps 85: 9. 10. 11-12. 13-14  
Rom 9: 1-5  
Mt 14: 22-33

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Barbara Kobler, Gena Helt, Sue Moeckel

### 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	\$2,852.00
August 5-6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$898.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$3,750.00

### Announcements

#### Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Fr. Luis will be celebrating Mass at St Elizabeth at 9am and 5pm.

#### St Colman 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Come celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Colman on Sunday August 27, 2023. Mass at 11 am, followed by a BBQ. This

event is located at St Colman Outdoor Church--5695 Cazadero Hwy, Cazadero, CA. Hope to see everyone there!

#### Parish Picnic September 17

It's soon going to be that time again for our Parish Picnic. The date for this year is Sunday September 17, 2023 and the time is 1pm. Place Guerneville PeeWee Golf. Tickets are \$10 for adults and kids 10 and up, under 10 \$5 and 5 and under free. If you paid last year and told us to keep it as a donation we thank you. If you would like that money to go towards this years ticket please call Francine at 707 869-9341 so we have you in the count. Come and join us for another fun afternoon of golf, Tim's delicious barbeque and sides, sweet treats, a great raffle and a Summertime celebration with friends. You can call Francine for reservations or see a Guild member at our masses. See you there!

#### Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress

The Diocese of Santa Rosa invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, September 23, 2023. This event is free. This year's theme is "Liturgy, Devotion, and the Most Holy Eucharist". 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)

#### Capital Campaign

The renovation of our Parish rectory and its foundation repair has been progressing for the past few months. It is our hope that this beautiful building, which has been part of our Parish and community history for over a century, will regain some of its former luster. As we repair it, not only structurally, but also visually, with new bathrooms, flooring, some new windows and paint, we hope to restore it and add the safety needed to carry this lovely Parish home into the next 100 years. It is not difficult to realize that the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches, Hall and Rectory is an expense. Large projects can not be paid for by weekly collections alone. Therefore, the Finance Committee and the Parish Council, along with Fr. Luis, have decided to embark upon a Capital Campaign to replace our savings which is being spent on this renovation. We are asking our Parishioners to consider an investment in our Parish by digging deep in

their pockets and making a pledge to help us pay for this work. Please look for the pledge cards to assist you in making a pledge. Once you have completed your pledge card, please drop it in the collection basket or, turn it in to any council member. This will enable us as a church community, to know what financial support we can expect over the next few years. We are confident in your love for our Parish, your devotion to our community, and the passion of your faith.

If you need assistance with your pledge or donation toward the Capital Campaign, please call Chris Kollaja at 415-308-6768 or email at [ckollaja@gmail.com](mailto:ckollaja@gmail.com).

#### Temporary Church Office Phone Number

Until our church office at the rectory is restored, the temporary office phone number is (707) 486-8645.

#### 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, Chris Kollaja, and Mary Helt. 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.

#### 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.

#### Spirituality Of The Readings

*Courtesy of John Foley SJ, Saint Louis University*

#### Feelings

This Sunday we will hear the wonderful story of Jesus walking on water. This miraculous event is mainly what we will remember, together with Peter sinking when he tried the same thing. But there is another very interesting spiritual dimension that I would like to suggest.

What do you think was going on in Jesus' own heart and soul during these events?

Do you remember the Gospel from last Sunday? Jesus did preach to the multitude and miraculously feed them, but he had wanted to be by himself to tend to his grief.

#### 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 (707) 486-8645 (temporary office phone number).

What was he grieved about? He had just been told of the death of John the Baptist. We can see that it hit him hard. He got into a boat and rowed to what he thought would be a deserted place. But the crowd got there first and instead of quiet time for prayer and grief, Jesus had hour after hour of healing and curing.

Then comes the story for this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus sends the crowd away. But he does one other thing that is very telling: he "made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side" (Matthew 14:22). So, he sends them away because he still wants to be alone. He goes up on the mountainside to pray.

It is by now evening, as Matthew tells us, and Jesus prays into the night, even with gusty wind coming up. I wonder what his prayer was like? He had studied the scriptures since his youth. Is it too fanciful to think that the story in our First Reading came into his mind? There the prophet Elijah too was up on a mountain-side, and there too, a heavy wind came up. And the Lord was not in the wind, we are told. Nor in the earthquake that followed. Nor in the fire that came next. The Lord God was in the "tiny whispering sound" that followed. A better translation for our purposes is "a still, small voice."

This is how God speaks most often. In the quiet moment of grace, in the gentle assurance that we are not alone even in the face of tragedy, in the joy of knowing that love lives.

Sometimes the voice of God whispers so softly that you or I do not hear it.

But Jesus on the mountaintop did hear. His great trust in his Abba opened his ears.\* Perhaps Abba assured him that a human being has to rely on God even against the evidence, even when it seems that tragedy has the upper hand. This is not a blind trust, but a quiet memory of God's faithful love even when events like death seem to contradict it. It appears to be counter-intuitive. Does death support belief in God any more than water supports human footsteps?

Jesus walks on water. Peter loses hope and starts to sink. Let this lesson be ours as we worship on this Sunday. We too start to sink when we lose our trust in the source of hope, love and promise. Listen. Remember.

John Foley, SJ

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

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman

\* of February, May, August and November

