



May 21, 2023 Ascension of the Lord

Upcoming Dates

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| May 28 | St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm |
| May 31 | Saint Colman Cookbook Recipe Deadline |
| June 3 | St Elizabeth's Guild Rummage Sale |
| June 7 | St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm |
| July 27 | 112 th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show |
| Aug 16 | Finance Committee meeting 4pm |

Mass Intentions

Sun 9:30 am Cindy Lewis[†] requested by Mary Helt

Readings

Acts 1: 1-11
Ps 47: 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 (6)
Eph 1: 17-23
Mt 28: 16-20

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: George Sammon, Donald Champlain

Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give

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| Collection Period | 1 st Collection | \$1,749.00 |
| May 13-14 | 2 nd Collection | \$762.00 |
| | <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> | \$2,511.00 |

Announcements

Temporary Church Office Phone Number

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

Saint Colman Cookbook

St Coleman's is putting out a call to friends and neighbors for their favorite recipes! Pick out your best, (max 5) and submit them to stcolmancookbook@gmail.com. We're putting together a new and revised book and welcome all your submissions. Deadline is May 31st!

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

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

* of February, May, August and November

May 25th St. Bona of Pisa pilgrimage

8:00am Mass at St. Eugene's and walk 11 miles to St. Sebastian's (eta 2:30p). We pause for prayer, history lessons, and reflection as we honor the Patron of Pilgrimage and the kick-off to summer travel. More info and registration see the Diocese Facebook page or contact Stephen Morris via email dsryouth@srdiocese.org

Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 29th

10am Calvary Catholic Cemetery – Santa Rosa
2930 Bennett Valley Road
Fr. Tom Diaz

9am Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery – St. Helena
2121 Spring Street
Fr. Manuel Chavez

10am Calvary Catholic Cemetery – Petaluma
304 Magnolia Avenue

St Elizabeth's Guild Rummage Sale

It's that time again for St Elizabeth's Guild Rummage Sale, Saturday June 3, 9am-4pm. We will be accepting your donations on Wednesday May 31, Thursday June 1 and Friday June 2, 2023 from 10am to 2pm all three days. Please come and see us on Sat June 3 as this is our one big fundraiser for the year. Your donations help us to continue our work for the parish and community. Please no large furniture, electronics, and only gently used items. We can always use extra help sorting things out on Friday June 2 and setting it out on Saturday June 3 the morning of the sale. If anyone can give us a hand it would be appreciated, Thank you. For more info please call Francine at (707) 869-9341.

Celebrate Corpus Christi June 8th

Starting with 5:00pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, then follow the Eucharistic Procession through Santa Rosa to St. Eugene's Cathedral. No registration needed. More info or volunteer contact Stephen Morris via email dsryouth@srdiocese.org

112th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show Thurs, July 27, 2023

We are now completely sold out of tickets - online, local, and Parish Will-Call. I will be getting more details about entertainment, auction items and raffle in the next two weeks - Stay Tuned! Our website is www.monterioshow.org.

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

Stay a While

At schools such as Saint Louis University the students and their life-networks always fly away at the end of each school year. Or at least drive away. The school always misses them. And now, in this wake of the Pandemic, especially so.

In my own college days, if I stayed on after the last day, there were empty halls and rooms and broad, completely undisturbed yards of grass. Yes, we were all glad to have the year done. But at the same time, why were the buildings deserted, and where is the buzzing life of intermingling students? Is Zoom the way of the future?

All this must be a pointer to the hollowness that the disciples surely felt after the crucifixion. It was true especially of the women who had loved Jesus so much.

The passion had been the worst part for all of them.

What sort of lives could Jesus' followers find after the very center of their lives had been taken away?

Well, you say, there was the resurrection. Correct. But we have seen how confusing this was to the disciples. Doubting Thomas said, "I will not believe this unless I put my hands on him. And Jesus' new presence did not last so very long, did it? Suddenly there was this week's "Ascension," and didn't it empty their lives all over again?

We might say that Jesus had graduated from life into Life. Having tunneled through the tight passageway of death—as you and I certainly will do one day—he had given everything he was and everything he possessed to the Father. Out of sheer love.

Instead of there being nothing left for humankind, there was now humanity transformed: a divine human person who had opened himself all the way and who was now marked with the totality of love. He was on his way back to the dynamic, swirling, Trinitarian circle of love from which his humanity had issued in the first place.

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).

After the Resurrection he had lingered only in order to tell us about it, to comfort us, to ease the loss!

"Stay in Jerusalem until my Spirit comes to fill your heart," Jesus said to his followers (Ascension, First Reading). They were going to be filled "with all humility and gentleness, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit." (Second Reading)

Can you or I follow Jesus in his resurrection and ascension, his immense act of humble love poured into us and ever since known to be the Holy Spirit? Jesus would continue to be alive within the world after all, but in a different form: the Holy Spirit's presence within our own human bodies. Loss and absence have been turned into real presence.

In the Eucharistic Prayer and in Communion we take his body and blood into our own body and blood. His Spirit helps us accept his life, death, and resurrection. These settle into us and into others around us.

This real presence now abides forever in our midst, urging us, gently nudging us to say yes.

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

If the "eyes of your hearts be enlightened," what might they see? People suffering? The good that people are doing to relieve suffering? Would some of the goodness we see be related to "the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way"? What might be some "everyday kinds of fullness"? What kind of fullness would you like to have in your life?

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

"I am with you always, to the close of the age" (v. 20). How does Pope Francis say we realize Jesus' presence today? Are we ever alone?

Through His Spirit, who leads the Church to walk through history as the companion of every person. ... With the promise to remain with us until the end of time, ... Jesus is present in the world but with ... the style of the Risen One, that is a presence that is revealed in the Word, in the Sacraments and in the constant and interior action of the Holy Spirit. The Feast of the Ascension tells us that although Jesus ascended to Heaven, ... he is still and always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the very presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

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