



# July 3, 2022

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

### Upcoming Dates

July 6, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm  
 July 24, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm  
 July 28, The 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show  
 Aug 6, Annual Chicken BBQ  
 Aug 17, Finance Committee meeting 4pm  
 Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ

### Mass Intentions

**Sat 4pm:** For the all the volunteers of the variety show  
**Sat 5pm:** For all our parishioners  
**Sun 9:30 am:** For Julien Taylor Popeson and his parents and godparents  
**Sun 11 am:** For Vera, Sherry and Kathyreen [healing]

### 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.

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

### Readings

Is 66: 10-14c  
 Ps 66: 1-3. 4-5. 6-7. 16. 20 (1)  
 Gal 6: 14-18  
 Lk 10: 1-12. 17-20

### Pastor's Desk

In one of his popular novels, author C. S. Lewis gives us a satirical look at some important theological issues – namely temptation and our resistance to it. [*Screwtape letters*]

The story unfolds in the form of a series of letters from a senior demon, Screwtape, to his nephew Wormwood, a junior devil. Satan gives instructions to his demon followers, preparing them for their hellish mission to the world. He says, "Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring but still intending to do God's Will, looks around upon a Universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys."

There is one fundamental concept in our understanding of what Jesus was all about that has profound implications for our own lives today. The fact is that all through His life, **Jesus understood His ministry of obedience to the Father's Will primarily in terms of loving service to other persons.** He was what the later Church came to call the "Servant Leader." But His disciples never understood this. In the wilderness, you remember, when Jesus fed thousands of His followers the loaves and fishes, they tried to make Him their king. Still, He refused, and the people didn't understand. When He rode into Jerusalem on a little donkey, the crowds welcomed Him as their king. But He certainly didn't act like a king, and the people didn't understand. On the night before His death, when He knelt on the floor of the upper room and washed the disciples' dusty feet in a servant's role, they didn't want to accept Him in that role. They didn't understand. Finally, on the Cross -- the culmination of the servant's role -- **He revealed to them the depth of His willingness to suffer, even die for others, and they didn't understand.** And now, more than two thousand years later, it is evident that many of us do not understand. And for this reason, we are kept from getting close to Jesus -- perhaps more so today than at any other time in recent memory.

Parents, if you want your children to grow up to love God and trust in God; if you want your children to love you and believe in you; if you want your children to love themselves, and believe in themselves, first you must communicate these feelings to them as your own. In the words of one loving father...

"When you tuck them into bed, tell them that you love them just for being themselves. Say to them, 'I'm the luckiest parent in the world to have such marvelous children. I love you not because of your report card, your talent, or because you're going to do a good job,

but simply because you are you.' And remember, if this sounds much too simple, it gets far better results than demands for obedience based on fear and intimidation. And the kids will go to sleep with a terrific feeling that 'Gosh, my parents love me for just being me.' And that's a healing touch for children. An experience of the Presence of the Holy Spirit of God in their lives."

Obedience to God's Will opens the whole secret of life for you. Obedience to God's Will -- doing what the Lord teaches us to do -- is the only way to achieve genuine happiness, fulfillment, joy, and the wholeness of life. We say these things -- week after week, we say them -- but do we really mean them and believe them enough to act accordingly?

In His Gospel teachings, Jesus gives us a magnificent picture of a good, complete, fulfilled life. But He tells us, repeatedly, that it does no good to hear this and then forget it. It does no good if it evokes from you only good intentions. Stop giving it only lip service. Do it!

"The one who obeys the commandments received from Me is the one who loves Me," Jesus says. The person who loves Jesus is the person who relates to others in the spirit of compassion... understanding... forgiveness. Do it now! Live it now in your very next encounter with another human person!

In all the glorious beauty of this season -- the vacations to come at the roaring seaside and on the still lakes -- in the enrichment of old relationships and the delights of new ones -- we can read signs of God's Presence. And in obedience to God's Will, we can follow them.

To arrive at the place God has destined, you must follow the signs. God inscribed on the world the path that each of us must follow. It is just a matter of reading the inscription He wrote for you. Then just follow the signs.

*May you have a safe and wonderful July 4th and enjoy time and build new memories as always.*

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.

**A special thanks** to Tom Doohar and Chris Kollaja for hosting hospitality and providing coffee and donuts after St Elizabeth Mass on Sunday July 3rd!

#### **Monte Rio Variety Show - July 28th, 2022**

Location: Monte Rio Amphitheatre  
 Time: 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm

#### **How can I help during these hard times?**

You can now easily donate online by using the donate button at [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com). Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit [smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577) to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

Our show is a benefit for St Catherine's, an annual tradition dating back to 1911.

If you have not purchased your ticket from our vendors or online, do not delay! Tickets are available online at <https://rrchurches.ejoinme.org/MRVs2022-TicketSales>, after Masses in June and July, and at local businesses (Bartlett's Market, Lark's Drugs and Hernandez Realty). For information about our show, go to [monterioshow.org](http://monterioshow.org).

A few updates for our show:

**Online Auction:** We will be keeping our newer tradition of an online auction, which will feature several art, dining and vacation experiences. The link to our auction is <https://mrvs2022.ggo.bid> which will be live as of July 20th.

**Raffle:** Our legacy raffle will be epic, bringing back a hand-painted Fender Guitar (with amplifier) along with golfing, dining, and our favorite Taste of Monte Rio package featuring local merchants and contributors. These tickets are sold after Masses and throughout the day of the event at the Amphitheatre. Tickets can be purchased for 3 for \$10 or 8 for \$20. Raffle will be drawn during the show and you do not need to be present to win.

**Entertainment:** We are in the process of confirming entertainers, including those whom will allow their name(s) to be published in advance. Once confirmed we will post on our website and via an email communication.

**Our annual Chicken BBQ** at St Hubert's field will be Saturday, August 6, 2022.

**Our Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ** will be on Sunday, Sept 18, 2022 at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville.

#### **St. Vincent de Paul - Executive Committee President**

St. Vincent de Paul, Santa Rosa, is looking for someone to replace their two term, three year Executive Committee President Ron Plasse. Candidates for this job should be a Vincentian and certainly must be passionate about helping the homeless and hungry. The President oversees a plethora of fairly large activities, Thrift Store, disposition of the dining Room properties, Los Guilicos(homeless shelter village), St VdeP Commons Motel and many others. It is no longer a small operation as it heads up 18 parish operations and also includes improving the spirituality of it's members as well as helping serve the poor within their church boundaries. And added to that it's a volunteer position. If you know of anyone or if you would like to possibly fill this position or need more information please contact John Norris, St James Conference, Santa Rosa, at 707 775-5936.

#### Parish Donations

June 25 - 26	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,267.00	\$456.00
St. Catherine	\$516.00	\$170.00
St. Colman		

*Thank you for your generosity!* \$2,409.00

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection:** general expenses, maintenance & diocese.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** parish restoration & repair.