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Office Hours: Tue - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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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October 20, 2024
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Events

Oct 27
12:00 pm St Colman Guild Meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Is 53: 10-11/ Ps 33: 4-5. 18-19. 20. 22 (22)
Heb 4: 14-16/ Mk 10: 35-45

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those called to Eternal Life: Annie E

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	\$1,099.00
October 12-13	2 nd Collection	\$463.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,562.00

Second Collection Schedule

<i>Oct 19-20</i>	<i>World Mission Sunday</i>
Nov 16-17	Communications & Catholic University
Dec 7-8	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](#)

Thank You Hospitality Volunteers

Our Hospitality was so nice following the outdoor Masses this season! Thanks very much to Tom, Peggy, Noelle, Barbara, Gail, Bob, Stella, Sue, Mary, Vicki, Jim, Otto, Barbara, Steve, Marianne, Jeannine, and Jim.

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 in Christ! I am writing this Pastoral desk Monday morning before I travel to Menlo Park for the retreat. I just realized I need to write this because I have limited time to do it after retreat.

This Sunday is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary time, we repeat a message we hear repeatedly in the gospels; the first shall be last, and the last first. "Whoever wishes greatness for themselves will become servants," "Blessed is those who are poor, meek, mourning, and so on..."

At the heart of all these teachings is paradox: Jesus puts together ideas that do not seem to fit. These paradoxes serve a purpose, for they help our minds expand our ideas of who God is. They remind us that God cannot be contained or pinned down and that God is always evading our complete understanding. This is not because God refuses to be understood; on the contrary, God invites us into deeper and deeper relationship. But God is inexhaustible and infinite, and diving into the mystery of Who God is, will never be a completed journey or something we can check off our to-do list. We know 'or so we tell ourselves' that we need to choose

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St. Colman Guild Meeting 4th Sunday, 12 pm St. Colman

service over power. But repetition is warranted; just as we see the disciples squabbling over places of honor and power, so too do we continue to vie for prestige and control, often at the expense of others. We humans are insistent on this, continuously creating further divisions and renewed hierarchies through which we can elevate ourselves and put others down. We struggle to really, truly internalize this message, even if we have heard it many times. Our human way of seeing the world is a broken one, and Jesus wants more for us. He invites us to share in God's own wisdom and God's own way of seeing. This is not easy; this is a God whose care is first for those who are marginalized, oppressed and poor. Standing with them often requires giving up, losing our hold onto the money or security, which makes us feel in control of our lives. It is natural to want that control, but Jesus' call is supernatural, an invitation to share in his own divine life.

Jesus asks us not to become complacent, not to give in to the world's mistaken ideas about power and security and what greatness means. Jesus asks us to maintain a sense of indignation at the oppression the world presents to us as normal. Answering this call requires conforming our own hearts, but it does not stop there. It also requires us to completely rethink the systems by which our world operates. We cannot do that if we sink into the complacency of familiarity, instead, we are called to let our imaginations continue to expand our ideas of who God is and who belongs at God's table.

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Ask?

Often we think of God as someone who helps us get everything we need. The great parent in the sky.

The Responsorial Psalm says it well: "See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death." (Responsorial Psalm)

If so, then James and John are right to say the following to their teacher:

"We want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

They rush up to Jesus (Gospel). with their petition. This seems a bit blunt, doesn't it, like children making deals. Jesus replies mildly, "What do you wish me to do for you?"

"Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

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.

Is this a good request? Or maybe it is more a demand. And it comes immediately after—and I mean in the very next line—after he has predicted the passion. He says,

The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise. (Mark 10:33-34).

Hearing this, the apostles do what you and I are tempted to do when we hear bad news. They change the subject!

Jesus responds that they too must drink the cup that he will drink, or in other words, also must undergo pain.

He himself begged God to take the cup of suffering away, and when he was asking, he used the term, "Abba," a familiar form of "father," (Mark 14:36). And in another place,

during the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission (Hebrews 5:7).

He was heard?

What? God heard these fiery prayers and then sat by idly while the passion and cruel death went right along?

Such observations put us directly in front of the terrible question, the one that has plagued humankind since the beginning. Why does a trustworthy, loving, parental God allow suffering and catastrophe even when he has heard in detail the prayers of those about to be afflicted?

Loss, death and suffering certainly seem to be the worst that could happen to a human being. Maybe so, but still worse would be loss of love's groundwork, which is the never-ending relation to God.

If [my servant] gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him. Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days. (First Reading)

Does suffering stretch and widen all human souls, even that of the Servant of God, Jesus? He calls it "the greatest love" there is: i.e., knowing God, acting on behalf of others, letting in that which is greater than death or life: love.

God's love stays even when life does not.

If this is true, then God's love is parental after all. He loves us through the worst in order to show what the best really is.



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WALK WITH MARY: Rosary Procession



Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

At the Carmelite House of Prayer, Oakville, CA.

Located at 20 Mt. Carmel Drive, off Oakville Grade Rd.

Oakville is on Hwy 29, between St. Helena and Napa.

All are welcome to join us and pray the rosary

~~ in procession outside on the monastery grounds

~~ or in the chapel for those who prefer not to walk.

Following the rosary, there will be a Crowning of Mary with
Adoration & Benediction in the chapel.

Refreshments and social to follow at

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Center.

**October Rosary Procession, Crowning and Benediction
at the Carmelite House of Prayer in Oakville, CA**
Please join the Oakville Carmelite Secular Community at this Event

Information for inclusion in your Parish Bulletin or on the Parish Website:

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CAMINATA CON MARÍA: Procesión del Rosario

Domingo 20 de octubre de 2024, a las 2:00 pm.

En la Casa Carmelita de Oración, Oakville, CA.

Ubicado en 20 Mt. Carmel Drive, en Oakville Grade Rd.

Oakville está en la autopista 29, entre St. Helena y Napa.

Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros y rezar el rosario.

~~ en procesión afuera en los terrenos del monasterio

~~ o en la capilla para aquellos que prefieren no caminar.

Después del rosario se realizará la Coronación de María con

Adoración y Bendición en la capilla.

Refrescos y tiempo social a seguir en el Centro Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo.

[todo estará en inglés]