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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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September 15, 2024 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Events

Sept 21	Annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress
Sept 22 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
Sept 28 10:00 am	Eucharistic Retreat <i>at St Hubert's Hall</i>
Oct 6 9:30 am	Blessing of the Animals <i>at the St Elizabeth outdoor church</i>

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 pm	33 rd Wedding Anniversary of Michele & Mark McDonell <i>requested by Michele</i>
Sunday 9:30 am	John Maher [†] , Margaret Maher [†] & Andrew Ulincy [†] <i>requested by Mary Helt</i>
	John Wallace for healing <i>requested by Virginia</i>

Readings

Is 50: 5-9a/ Ps 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
Jas 2: 14-18/ Mk 8: 27-35

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those in need of prayers:

Annie E, Doug, Gustavo Alvarez, Rose

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	\$920.00
September 7-8	2 nd Collection	\$481.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,401.00

Announcements

Hospitality Volunteers

In order to continue our hospitality after Mass, we need volunteers for October 6. That is our final outdoor Mass this season and is also for the Blessing of Animals. It simply requires that the prepaid coffee and donuts be picked up at Safeway Sunday morning before

Mass, then served after Mass. To help please sign up at the hospitality table.

The Annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress

The Diocese of Santa Rosa invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, September 21, 2024. This event is free. This year's theme is "Prayer, Our Relationship with God". Workshops are in English and Spanish. Come hear great speakers. For more information check out the diocesan website www.srdiocese.org

Eucharistic Retreat

Eucharistic Retreat given by Fr. Donal Godfrey will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 10:00 am at St Hubert's Hall. A light lunch is included and Fr. Donal will celebrate Mass at 4pm at St. Hubert's Hall. Please sign up after the 9:30 am Mass, see Susan Poirier or call the church office (707) 869-2107.

Outdoor Mass Schedule & Blessing of the Animals

Outdoor Mass will be extended this year through Sunday, October 6th (weather permitting) which we will have the Blessing of the Animals.

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.

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.

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

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

Pastor's Desk

This weekend weather is in the 80's which is spring temperatures for us here in the Northern California. What a wonderful blessing to have and we are still at the outdoor church enjoying the sun and its benefits for our well-being.

As always it is a pleasure to celebrate Mass with you and able to pray for our world and society and I hope and pray that each of you experience and encounter our Lord Jesus Christ in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Jesus goes on to teach his disciples and us about the upcoming death and resurrection. When he is finished, Peter pulls him aside to tell him this is not possible and goes as far as to rebuke Jesus' teaching. Peter, who was observed so many miracles, teachings, and healings, forgets that the name --- and more importantly the person --- of Jesus means something different from those of the prophets. He forgets who Christ is and that Jesus' life and death will look different from the life and death of the prophets, who came before. Jesus replies that Peter who correctly identified Jesus as the Christ, forgot who Jesus was out of fear of losing his friend and leader.

Jesus explains that his; life and death --- and, subsequently, the life and death of his followers --- look different: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Jesus is lovingly calling each of us by name to follow him. May each of us learn to answer his call with reciprocal love.

May the spirit of wisdom and knowledge penetrate through your heart as we hear the voice of God in the scriptures and in our celebration of the Eucharist. It is a pleasure to serve this community for the longest time in my ministry to priesthood. I would not ever forget my own experience and most of the experience is very spiritually enlightening in my own journey of my faith. May each of you enjoy God's love and presence everyday of your life.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Suffer? Be Killed?

The simple Gospel story this Sunday is actually one of the great ones in the New Testament. Why? Let's look.

First, Jesus was much more than just one of the great heroes from the past—John the Baptist, Elijah, the prophets, etc. Naturally, people were treating him as if he were one of these, so he asks the disciples what they think.

Peter responds. "You are the Christ." A fabulous recognition.

To acknowledge this, Jesus, gave to Simon the name "Peter," or "Rock." Under this designation, Peter had proclaimed a turning point for believers, a crucial depth that underlies all Christianity. He saw that Jesus was not just a buddy or a healer, he was the long-awaited Messiah.

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.

This made Jesus able to tell them more about what this answer (the Christ) actually meant. He said, boldly, "the Son of Man must suffer greatly ... and be killed, and rise after three days." (Gospel)

What?

This was the very last thought the apostles could have had about the Messiah. "Suffer? Be killed?" No, no!"

Second, look at the intense drama that followed. The same apostle who had just recognized and detailed Jesus as the Christ we see now in complete rebellion.

"This will never happen to you, master, we will never allow it!"

Now Jesus gives him still another name. "Satan"! What a contradiction! Jesus flares out with anguish and frustration. "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Why so harsh a response?

For an answer, check out the temptations in the desert (Mt 4:1-11). There the devil's enticements had the same point that Peter's does now. Something like this:

Save yourself. Do not give up your life for others. Since you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread. Show your power. Be the Christ. You keep talking about your heavenly Father: doesn't he want you to carry out your mission instead of suffering and being killed? (cf. Mt 4:2)

Do you and I ever listen to such a temptation?—when do we not?

The apostles hear the temptation. When Christ finally undergoes his fate, to "suffer greatly and be killed," they actually run away! It will take time for them to understand, just as it does for you and me.

But terrible suffering had been in the scriptural tradition for a long time. Read about the "Suffering Servant" in the First Reading:

I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard. ... See, the Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isa 50:6)

Whichever name he used for Simon Peter, Rock or Satan, Jesus was not being careless or intemperate. The Satan-like Simon was blindly rejecting just what Jesus must have been struggling with most: that he had to

*suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed,
and rise after three days.*

Who wouldn't object to such a plan? But this was Jesus' true mission, and Simon Peter had named it and then swept it aside.

Which do you or I choose?



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