



March 5, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent

Upcoming Dates

Mar 12	Spaghetti, Wine Dinner & Discussion 6pm at St. Hubert's Hall
Mar 20	Parish Council Meeting 4pm
Mar 26	St. Colman Guild Meeting 12pm
Apr 5	St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1pm
Apr 8	Easter Egg Hunt 11am at St. Hubert's Field
Apr 21-22	St. Huberts Hall Cleanup
Apr 28	McKenzie Golf Tournament at Northwood Golf Club in Monte Rio
May 17	Finance Committee Meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 4pm: Kevin KC Bledsoe† requested by Greg Mcaffey
Sun 9:30am: Kevin KC Bledsoe† requested by Greg Mcaffey

Readings

Gn 12: 1-4a
Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Tm 1: 8b-10
Mt 17: 1-9

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Harry Vogl

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Joan Brown

Parish Donations

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

February 25-26	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$720.00	\$262.00
St. Catherine	\$130.00	\$210.00
St. Colman	\$50.00	\$90.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$1,462.00

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

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

Announcements

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Monday, March 20th at 4 pm at St Hubert Hall

See's Easter Candy Sale

See's Easter Candy will be available for sale after Masses. You can also shop online by visiting: https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc_st_elizabeths_sees_easter_44/Mic_McD9043/

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be recited after the 9 am Mass on Fridays. Participating in Stations of the Cross is a wonderful way to reflect on the Passion of Christ, thereby deepening our connection and relationship to Jesus during this Lenten season.

St. Hubert's Hall Cleanup

The Guild will be cleaning out underneath St Hubert's Hall Fri April 21 and Sat April 22. We will be ordering a large dumpster and are hoping that parishioners will be able to give us a hand.

Part-time Bookkeeper Position

Are you looking for a few extra hours? The Diocese is looking for part-time bookkeepers. For more informaion contact Lori Norcia Inorcia@srdiocese.org or call (707) 566-3322.

Free Income Tax Preparations

River to Coast Children's Services in conjunction with United Way offers free tax preparations for those taxpayers whose income is \$70,000 or less. (Some other requirements also apply.) For more information call: (707) 869-3613 or go to <https://rccservices.org/tax-program.html>

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.

Pastor's Desk

"Be holy, for I am holy," God is not directing these words to the priestly class or the scholars; God is directing them to his entire people.

So, what is holiness? In the bible, holiness is the essence of God, who is wholly other than us but nonetheless chooses to be one with us.

To be holy is to be set apart. It is God who sets us apart, not in a way that removes us from reality as if it is not worthy of our attention, but in a way that allows us to see the world and ourselves from a divine perspective. God sets us apart so that we will invest ourselves in the work of building the kingdom of God right in the midst of our daily demands.

Holiness rarely looks like the statues of saints, ringed in halos and looking serene, in fact, the holiness of even the saints was quite messy. They struggled with temptations, they worked to help the poor and the ill, they studied and doubted and studied some more, and some even gave their lives.

Holiness right here and now looks like a mom who commits herself to creating a home where discipline is matched with love and forgiveness. It looks like an old man who can no longer work productively but refuses to become bitter. Holiness looks like a community lifting up a family in prayer and practical support during a difficult time. It looks like the workers who steadily lifts up others so that they learn to shine in their own work. Holiness looks like you as you grow in your desire to experience the loving mercy of God and share it with others.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

Discussion Questions

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

1. What was Abraham's response to God's request? Does this incident relate to your Lenten experience in any way? God called him out of his homeland to start something new. Does God sometimes call you out of your comfort zone or your favorite chair to start something new?

2. God gives Abraham a unique blessing at the start of Abraham's journey. What would be a "blessing" for you? For whom are you a "blessing"?

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.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

1. Are we all called to become a living Gospel in the world? Will that involve some hardship? What does Paul's letter to Timothy say about this? Will it involve some joy?

2. In this reading what is it that saves us, St. Paul specifies: grace and or our own work? Could it be that both count? Notice where he says, "Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God."

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

1. Jesus invited three of his disciples (and us) to gaze at him in his transfiguration. Do you ask yourself every night if you saw Jesus during the day?

2. The apostles were in anguish when they heard about Jesus' upcoming death. Jesus takes them up the mountain with him. At times because of moments of darkness do we need to go up the mountain too? According to Pope Francis, why can't we stay there?

Thus we need a different outlook, a light that illuminates the mystery of life in depth and helps us to move beyond our paradigms and beyond the criteria of this world. We too are called to climb up the mountain, to contemplate the beauty of the Risen One that enkindles glimmers of light in every fragment of our life and helps us to interpret history beginning with the paschal victory.

... We cannot remain on the mountain and enjoy the bliss of this encounter on our own. Jesus himself brings us back to the valley, among our brothers and sisters and into daily life. ... Going up the mountain does not mean forgetting reality. ...

We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere. Igniting little lights in people's hearts; being little lamps of the Gospel that bear a bit of love and hope: this is the mission of a Christian.

*Pope Francis Angelus 2nd Sun of Lent
Feb 28, 2021*



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