



June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

June 25	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
June 28	Finance Committee meeting 3pm
July 5	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
July 9	Pancake Breakfast
July 27	112 th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show
Aug 16	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners

Readings

Jer 20: 10-13
 Ps 69: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)
 Rom 5: 12-15
 Mt 10: 26-33

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Luke Poirier Martinsson

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	\$1,243.00
June 17-18	2 nd Collection	\$861.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,104.00

Announcements

Pancake Breakfast

My crew and I would like to thank all of you who joined us for pancakes last Sunday! We had a great turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It is pure joy to see our community come together, as they did Sunday! We have another one coming up July 9th, tell your family and friends, all are welcome!! Thanks, Linda

Capital Campaign

The renovation of our Parish rectory and its foundation repair has been progressing for the past month. It is our hope that

this beautiful building, which has been part of our Parish and community history for over a century, will regain some of its former luster. As we repair it, not only structurally, but also visually, with new bathrooms, flooring, some new windows and paint, we hope to restore it and add the safety needed to carry this lovely Parish home into the next 100 years.

It is not difficult to realize that the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches, Hall and Rectory is an expense. Large projects can not be paid for by weekly collections alone. Therefore, the Finance Committee and the Parish Council, along with Fr. Luis, have decided to embark upon a Capital Campaign to replace our savings which is being spent on this renovation. We are asking our Parishioners to consider an investment in our Parish by digging deep in their pockets and making a pledge to help us pay for this work. Please look for the pledge cards in assisting you in making a pledge. Once you have completed your pledge card, please drop it in the collection basket or, turn it in to any council member. This will enable us as a church community to know what financial support we can expect over the next few years. We are confident in your love for our Parish, your devotion to our community, and the passion of your faith.

Each Parish council member will be speaking at the end of Mass at our three churches for the next several weeks. Each of us will give, what we hope will be, some thoughtful insight as to why we believe that raising money via a Capital Campaign is important at this time for our church community.

St. Elizabeth Outdoor Church Cleanup

Most of the outdoor church clean up has been completed, with plans for Damen Kennedy of Russian River Clearing to address some of the heavy clean up and downed tree removal. No need to pull out your rakes and gloves yet -we may only need help brushing off the pews as we get close to the day of our first outdoor Mass.

112th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show - Thursday, July 27

Our legacy fundraiser has supported St Catherine's (our Monte Rio mission church of St Elizabeth's) since 1911. We are looking forward to our event for those that can join us. While we are sold out, there may be some movement in ticket holders who for many reasons may not be able to join us. If you are interested in being placed on a wait list, please email Michele at mmmcdonell@gmail.com.

Beginning at our Masses on July 1st, the Variety Show team will have raffle tickets available with a list of 5 incredible offerings. We will also have a list of our auction items and bidding information which will start on July 21.

And, of course, we have merchandise for purchase to show your support of our event and/or keep warm while enjoying the entertainment!

More info: <http://www.monterioshow.org>

Temporary Church Office Phone Number

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

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, St Louis University

Taking Life Seriously

In the Gospel, Jesus encourages us as follows: *“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid.”*

God pays attention to each of us. God knows us each in the tiniest detail!

A conclusion follows. See what you think of it:

Each of us is created to be a place where God's love can dwell.

It follows that we will never be truly human unless the greatest value in each of our lives is to receive the love of God and to carry it to the people around us.

Our culture would never buy such a proposition. On television we see people seeking ease, beauty, convenience, pleasure and so on. Quite often on broadcast channels, cable channels, and now on subscription programs, one could conclude that the human person is made for one purpose only: sex. Without realizing it, commercials are built to encourage the seven Capital Sins (pride, gluttony, avarice, lust, sloth, envy and anger). Jot that list down, put it by your

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).

television and put a check behind each one when it is promoted.

Alright, we human beings do get attached to many things or fascinated by them. But if each of us is created to be a place where God's love can dwell, then any of these fascinations might be left aside if it begins to take over God's place. If I am attached to wealth, or my stamp collection, or my good looks, or drugs, or even my mate—in a way that makes God's love take second (or third or fiftieth) place, then my life is disordered and I am headed for a fall.

How do you react to this proposal? Personally, I used to react to it with confusion and resistance. “You mean I am to love God only and not care about my friends, my family, music, sports, food, health, etc? Not care about anything except God?”

No.

Healthy love of all these things has its roots in love of God. Everything gets its own individual value from the indwelling of God within it. Each person, each blade of grass receives its full value of love because it proceeds from God's gentle hand.

Whoever takes this proposition seriously will live a full human life. But I can hear the reader saying immediately that this is too difficult. So many things get in the way. Have a look through your life and see how often you forget God the source. “Leave me, I am a sinful man,” Peter once said to Jesus in the boat, remembering that he had actually deserted Jesus at least three times. How many times have you and I done likewise?

So, does the above proposition really apply just to those who never sin?

Not at all. “If you sin, I will not leave you, I will love you,” God has said throughout the ages. The cross of Jesus is the ultimate statement of that truth. God's love remains constant and dear, in spite of the rampant sin in all of us and each of us. His love will help us get closer to the goal.

Let us rejoice, then. No matter how many hairs we have on our head, God's love remains to be let in.

John Foley, SJ

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

