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St. Elizabeth, Guerneville

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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November 24, 2024
Christ the King

Special Events

Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 5	Last day to order See's Candy online!
Dec 22	Parish Christmas Dinner

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Dn 7: 13-14
Ps 93: 1, 1-2, 5 (1a)
Rv 1: 5-8
Jn 18: 33b-37

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those in need of prayers:

Alan Mitchell

Those called to Eternal Life:

Molly Wirtz

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	\$1,943.00
November 16-17	2 nd Collection	\$571.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,514.00

Second Collection Schedule

Dec 8 Religious Retirement Fund

Announcements

St Colman's Guild Meetings

St Colman's Guild meetings are being suspended for the winter months of November, December, and January and will resume to their regular meetings in February 2025.

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 online storefront is open now through Thursday, December 5th for online ordering (follow our link or QR code).



https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc_christmas_63/Mic_McD9043/candy

We've added a new item: 5.0 oz Peanut Brittle Box: \$10.00

Many thanks to all who have already ordered. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Masses next week! If anyone has questions, would like help ordering online, or may have a special request, please text or call Michele at 707-486-1739.

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.

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 February 2025

Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ the King.

The liturgical year all culminates with this feast day to remind us that all we do and celebrate through the year is because we worship and praise Jesus Christ as the king.

What does kingship mean?

Jesus have stated in our Gospel reading today stated, "My kingdom does not belong to this world... For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my Voice."

The early Hebrew people wanted to have a king, they were finally settling in the promised land and they begged Samuel to appoint a human king. They wanted to be like their neighbors who all had human kings, many who elevated and equated themselves to being a god.

God was not the king they desired or were looking for. The God who is creator, who feed them from the bonds of slavery in Egypt, provided their ancestors with manna in the desert, and led them into the Promised Land was not the king they wanted.

The Hebrew people is still looking for and waiting for a Messiah King! We Christian often tries to fit Jesus into our own earthly vision of a king. We sometime depict Jesus as sitting in grandeur upon a throne in regal clothing in judgment over all below.

If you reflect about it, Jesus was not born in a kingly family he was born in a manger, something animals ate from, in the small town of Bethlehem where there was not even a space in the corner of the inn for his small family to rest. This king grew up in a backwater town of Nazareth as a part of this poor community and always stood with the poor, not apart from them. He talked to sinners, he touched the untouchable, he ate with everyone, he walked the roads of Israel on his two feet, and he always met people where they were. He attended to people's needs, rather than having people attend to his own needs. He talked about ordinary experiences of farming; he connected with shepherds and fishermen. What kind of king does this? Kings want to be separated and apart from the people. Kings want to be elevated. Kings want to have control and power. Kings want to be served. But not Jesus. Jesus, our king, did not strive for these things. And while most kings, and most of us, would do anything to elevate ourselves and equate ourselves to a god. Jesus "though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" [Phil 2:6-8]

And so, we are called to follow the example and the lead of our king. We are called to encounter people where they are and accompany them to a better place than where we found them. We are called to partake in the Eucharist at Mass there, through the ordinary substances of bread and wine, the king bestows himself in us so that we may be his presence and light in our world, Jesus is the king; how are we following his example?

This Sunday is also a Baptism at the 9:30 am mass, and I will try not to extend the mass longer as much, again I would like to thank each of you to be able to celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday and I constantly remind all of you the significant the Eucharist is, it binds us together as a community of faith and I just feel sad at other people who never celebrate the Eucharist but do ministry for the church but not part of it.

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

What Kind of King?

Once there was a king named Arthur. You remember him, the one who thought up the Round Table and had Lancelot as his knight and Guinevere as his wife.*

Long before he became king, in fact when he was just an infant in the cradle, a strange thing happened. The nurse stepped out for a moment and, quick as a wink, Merlin the magician stepped in and then stepped out again ...

... taking the boy with him.

This was not a kidnapping. Merlin was a kindly old magician and his commission was to let the boy grow up as a normal—not a spoiled, pampered or “royal”—person. He was not to be miles above the animals and the people and the tiny, precious specks of beauty in the most surprising places in our lives.

He was to live with us.

So Merlin transported Arthur to a bedraggled castle ruled by a third-rate Lord named Sir Ector. The people were nice enough, and ordinary, and the crannies and nooks of the castle were perfect for a little kid to hide in and the halls for him to run around in.

All the servants and even the lords and ladies were his friends.

How could they not be? He was an ordinary lad, though he would be king one day. They called him Wart (which in those days rhymed with Art, which was short for Arthur).

Merlin, funny old character, decided to educate Wart in a special way. Magically, he changed the boy into various and sundry animals, each for a time. He turned him into a hawk, for instance—to witness first-hand the world as it appeared in a hawk's eyes. Or a fish. In fact, especially a fish because Wart could then attend a formal “school of fishes” and learn from their school-teacher.

It seems that Jesus had a few things in common with the Wart. Jesus was not called “King” or “your highness” as a boy, any more than Wart was referred to as “your majesty.” This one was called “Jesus,”*** a common name in those days. He played outside, helped his dad, rolled in the mud, cut his finger, even helped birds to fly. And his mom was his very most favorite person.

He had a teacher who was even better at teaching than Merlin: the Spirit of God. It helped him through the creeks and cubbyholes of the earth and made him friends with the funny, sweet people who lived all around.

Both Wart and Jesus did grow up to be the kind of king they were meant to be. But they brought new images of a king. Their love was not just for the noble and the mighty but love for everyone. They were lowly. Jesus was “king” because he understood every minutest texture of everyone's life and world.

Later, Pilate would ask Jesus if he were a king. He was, yes, but not in any way that Pilate could have imagined. Smallness was his power. Persuasion was his scepter, along with an amazing ability to teach.

He was Christ the King.

Oh, I almost forgot. I typed a wrong key when I began writing, and hit a “d” instead of a “g” at the end of the word King. It came out “Christ the Kind.”

This is who we will find waiting for us on Sunday.

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.



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Celebration of the Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday, December 15, 2024
9:30am Bilingual Mass**

**After Mass there will be a procession around
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**Join us for authentic made tamales and other
traditional treats after Mass and the
procession**

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Ana Maria Padilla - (707) 490-7132**