



# July 10, 2022

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

July 24, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm  
 July 28, The 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show  
 Aug 3, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm  
 Aug 6, Annual Chicken BBQ  
 Aug 17, Finance Committee meeting 4pm  
 Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ

### Mass Intentions

For all parishioners

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Rose Rodenberger, Jill Laufenberg, Father Andrew Metcalf, Herman Hernandez, Lyle Karnath, Jack Montague, Bruce Harvey, Carlos Lopez, Rey Rodriguez, Diane Alverez, Larry, Gary Carver, Rose Rodenberger, Francine Korn, Sonja Falero, Carolyn Falero Young, Bill Hatch, Cathy Olsen, Kim Warburton, Bill Harmon, Mike Hogan, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Dorothy Maceira, Jack Burger, Charlotte & Neil Berry, Raul & Iris Bisbal, Frank Falero, Guillermina Hernandez, Gabe Snodgrass, Nini Johnston, Don Schaffert, Ed Copeland, Andrew Cebalo, Nina Cantacessi, Posie, William Donnellan, Ernest Souder, Robert Cebalo, Kathleen Sheridan, Sister Gabrielle, David Cross, Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Lorelie Fulwider, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, JoAnn Coules, Dinah Smith, Lorna Marie Hastings, Laverne Jones, Linda Schmidt, Michell Jackson, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Stella Dunne, Nina Cantacessi, John Hoffman, Mary Tamargo, Sarah & David, Jesus Chavez Torres.

**Who have been called to Eternal Life:** Carol Boyle, Alicia Bicoy, Nilda Falero, Bill Rodgers, Vicki Gonzalez, John Bowman, Mary Jane Poirier, Mary Smith, Kevin O'Shea, Jim Hoppis, Maggie Nelson, Magda Gonzalez, Aline Harris, Helen Prielipp, Ed Fulwider, Virginia Loosli, Steve Arcia, Renee Snodgrass, Ruben Montano, Robert D. Goudy, Bart Strady, Frank Danzart, Nettie Herbert.

### Readings

Dt 30: 10-14  
 Ps 69: 14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36. 37  
 Col 1: 15-20 OR Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11  
 Lk 10: 25-37

### Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus clearly defines the meaning of "Love thy neighbor" for a lawyer -- a man disciplined in the art of strict definition. "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" the lawyer asks. After which, Jesus tells him to look to the religious law for his answer. The lawyer recites the law: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself" (Lk. 10:27).

Then, as any lawyer might, the man insists on a definition of terms. "And who is my neighbor?" he asks. Jesus answers with a parable -- a practical illustration so clear in its meaning that it leaves no opening for further cross-examination. In the familiar parable, a man traveling along the road from Jerusalem to Jericho is mugged by a band of robbers. He is stripped, beaten, and left half-dead by his assailants. A temple official comes along, sees the distressed man, but does nothing. A second religious leader comes along and, like the first, looks at the helpless victim and passes him by. Then along comes a Samaritan, a man whom the two religious leaders would hold in contempt as an enemy, an outcast, a member of an inferior minority. The Samaritan sees the victim and is moved "to pity at the sight," Jesus says. He approaches the wounded man, dresses his wounds, and takes him to an inn where he tends to him through the night. The next day he gives the innkeeper a sum of money and instructions to look after him. "If there is any further expense I will repay you on my way back," he says (Lk. 10:35). Having spoken this parable, Jesus asks the lawyer for his opinion: "Which of these three was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The lawyer answers, "The one who treated him with compassion."

Jesus replies, "Then go and do the same" (Lk. 10:36, 37). Clear as a picture! No further questions! Case closed! Teacher, what must we do to inherit everlasting life? Teacher, what is everlasting life? Jesus is taking us beyond our hypothetical answers to that question. He is telling us that God Almighty, in His infinite wisdom, is here and now offering you a glimpse into the mystery of eternal life. Our everlasting life has already

begun. It is in progress now. God is providing us with endless opportunities to discover who we are and why we are. God is providing us now with the answer to our deep longing for fulfillment as a human person: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself," said the Old Testament Law. And Jesus says, "I have come to fulfill the Law... The command I give you is this, that you love one another" (Jn. 15-17). Jesus expresses His love for other persons always within the broader context of His love for the Father: "I am the Good Shepherd, I know My sheep and My sheep know Me in the same way the Father knows Me, and I know the Father; for these sheep I will give My life" (Jn. 10:14-15). In the First Epistle of John, we read: "... how can God's love survive in a man who has enough of this world's goods yet closes his heart to his brother when he sees him in need?" (1 Jn. 3:17). In other words, love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable.

Lord, what must we do to inherit eternal life? Jesus answers: "The command I give you is this, that you love one another."

If only we followed Jesus' command to love our neighbor as ourselves, we could solve so many of the problems we face in our troubled land. But of course, if we truly loved one another in this way, there would be no need for Jesus to command us to do so.

Peace and blessings!  
 Fr. Luis

### Announcements

#### **Summer Mass Times and Locations**

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Catherine.  
 Saturday 5:00 pm at St. Elizabeth.  
 Sunday 9:30 am at St. Elizabeth outdoor church.  
 Sunday 11:00 am at St. Colman outdoor church.

### Confessions

Reminder that Fr Luis will hear Confessions before weekend Masses and by appointment if a different time is needed. Please call the rectory office at 707-869-2107 to schedule an appointment.

### A Special Thanks

To Tom and Chris for hosting fellowship after Mass at St Elizabeth. I am grateful that someone is promoting a welcoming atmosphere and hospitality where we can meet fellow parishioners and visitors.

Also, I want to acknowledge Carlos, Benjamin and Chris for set up and clean up after the outdoor church celebration at St. Elizabeth.

For Pat Gluch and Marty for set up and clean up at the Cazadero outdoor church after Mass on Sunday. Also, Candie who sometimes bring snacks or fruit from her garden. Thank you!

### How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily donate online by using the donate button at [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com). Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit [smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577) to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

### **Monte Rio Variety Show - July 28th, 2022**

Location: Monte Rio Amphitheatre  
 Time: 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Our show is a benefit for St Catherine's, an annual tradition dating back to 1911.

If you have not purchased your ticket from our vendors or online, do not delay! Tickets are available online at <https://rrchurches.ejoinme.org/MRVS2022-TicketSales>, after Masses in June and July, and at local businesses (Bartlett's Market, Lark's Drugs and Hernandez Realty). For information about our show, go to [monterioshow.org](http://monterioshow.org). A few updates for our show:

**Online Auction:** We will be keeping our newer tradition of an online auction, which will feature several art, dining and vacation experiences. The link to our auction is <https://mrvs2022.ggo.bid> which will be live as of July 20th.

**Raffle:** Our legacy raffle will be epic, bringing back a hand-painted Fender Guitar (with amplifier) along with golfing, dining, and our favorite Taste of Monte Rio package featuring local merchants and contributors. These tickets are sold after Masses and throughout the day of the event at the Amphitheatre. Tickets can be purchased for 3 for \$10 or 8 for \$20. Raffle will be drawn during the show and you do not need to be present to win.

**Entertainment:** We are in the process of confirming entertainers, including those whom will allow their name(s) to be published in advance. Once confirmed we will post on our website and via an email communication.

**Our annual Chicken BBQ** at St Hubert's field will be Saturday, August 6, 2022.

**Our Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ** will be on Sunday, Sept 18, 2022 at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville.

### Parish Donations

July 2 - 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,163.00	\$657.00
St. Catherine	\$375.00	\$232.00
St. Colman	\$120.00	\$153.00

*Thank you for your generosity!* \$2,700.00

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection:** general expenses, maintenance & diocese.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** parish restoration & repair.

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman

\* of February, May, August and November