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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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August 4, 2024
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Events

Aug 3 Chicken BBQ
4:00 pm at St Hubert Hall

Aug 25 St Colman Guild Meeting
12:00 pm

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Ex 16: 2-4. 12-15
Ps 78: 3-4. 23-24. 25. 54 (24b)
Eph 4: 17. 20-24
Jn 6: 24-35

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain:

Rose Linehan

Who have been called to Eternal Life:

Randy & Gail, Mike Miller

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	\$1,924.00
July 27-28	2 nd Collection	\$1,105.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$3,029.00

Announcements

Chicken BBQ

A quick reminder about the Chicken BBQ on August 3rd to be held at St. Hubert's! The fun starts at 4:00pm and lasts until 7:00pm. Tickets are \$40.00, 12 and under are free. I'm getting close to ordering the food so please let me know if you are going to want tickets! If you are interested in underwriting some of our costs it would be greatly appreciated and if you want to donate a raffle prize I would be delighted!!!

For more info contact Linda Payne (707) 953-9166
cocomokidd@aol.com

Hospitality

We're hoping to continue our hospitality gathering after the Sunday outdoor Masses. To do this, we need your help. Please sign up on the clipboard or call the Church Office (707) 869-2107 to volunteer to host our hospitality coffee and donuts.

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

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

Welcome to the month of August! Saturday August 3 is our Chicken BBQ fund raiser (4 pm) at St Hubert Hall. Please support our financial venture as we continue to move forward in rebuilding our facilities. Our church needs a roof, exterior repairs and paint. Please help us make this happen with your financial support we would be able to continue ministering here at the river area of our Diocese. Thank you in advance for your support and patronage of the river churches in this area.

In 1943, Abraham Maslow published an essay entitled "A theory of Human Motivation." In which he introduced for the first time his hierarchy of human needs [a hierarchy that was further updated and expanded in the 1970s]. he chose the shape of a pyramid to emphasize that the strongest of needs, and the basis for all the rest, are physiological needs. From there, moving up the scale, he places actualization, and finally, transcendence needs. As a psychologist, he understood that the most important human need is associated with how we feel physically. If our physiological needs are not addressed, we will not be able to seek the subsequent levels he identifies as important to us.

Using Maslow's theory then, it is not hard to understand that when the Israelites found themselves in the middle of the desert and without food, they didn't worry about much else -----especially their covenant with God. In fact, they were downright grumpy and rebellious; "Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!" their hunger led them to forget that they had been slave in Egypt, where their lack of freedom had not allowed them to worship their God instead of Pharaoh. Their lives had not been perfect, but at least they 's had food in their stomachs.

This might sound familiar to us because any human being who is hungry cannot think about much more than that. Hunger can lead to lightheadedness, nausea, and even weakness. Depending on how hungry we get, we may not be able to think about anything else, no matter how important a need it might be.

As Christians, we seek that highest level of needs, transcendence. We know that this earthy life is not what we live for. It is eternal life that is our goal. Unfortunately, the busyness and relentless pace of this life sometimes distract us from our desire for "the bread of life," as Jesus calls himself. Our attention to that higher need of transcendence is clouded over by the other needs that comes before it.

It is for this reason that our faith life looks for the relies on spiritual habits that work their way into our daily routines. Prayer that leads to transcendence is not something that we can do occasionally if we hope for it to be meaningful in our lives. That is why week after week and sometimes, day after day we gather in Eucharist, in thanksgiving for the sacrifice that our God made for us. We come to this table to feast on the bread of heaven, the bread of life. We prepare ourselves by digesting Gods Word. which tells the story of our centuries-old quest for the sacred. Let us not lose sight of our reliance on this food because of life's distractions and detours. Let us also keep in mind the unnecessary struggle for earthly food that too many of our sisters and brothers must face each day. Their fight for basic needs can keep them from Eucharistic moments like the one we share today. By spending our time and treasure to help them with their fundamental needs, we can be more certain of finding them here around this altar, celebrating our union with them and our shared purpose of finding heavenly food.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Israelites grumbled about the lack of food in the desert. They remembered their abundant pots of animal flesh in Egypt when they were captives. How is your trust in God when God calls you to new journeys in your spiritual life or ministry?

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

1. One translation has Paul calling the Ephesians to a spiritual revolution (drastic change). If you personally were to have a spiritual revolution, what would go and what would stay in your life? Would you add anything new?

2. Paul urges them to "... put on the new self." Do you think God is ever finished creating you? Is this something you do (or God does) just once, or do you (or does God) do it continually?

Gospel: John 6:24-35

"Sir, give us this bread always." They were all starving for the food "that endures for eternal life." For the first Eucharist Jesus had someone find him a large room. Does the Church need to be a "large room" with open doors to accommodate everyone—the righteous and the sinners, those who have made mistakes and those who have gone astray?

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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