

# ST. ELIZABETH, Guerneville

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Office Hours: Tue - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Father Luis Peñaloza, PASTOR**

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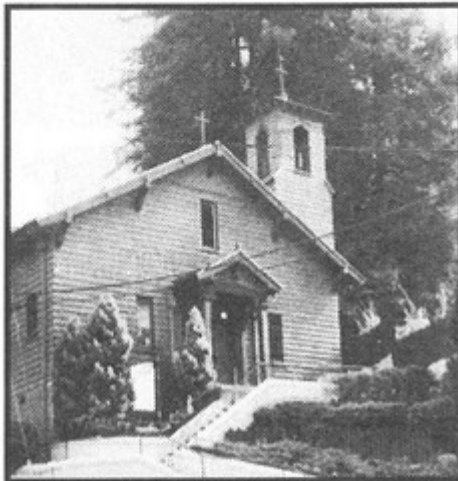
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## St. Elizabeth, Guerneville

### *Mass Schedule*

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Tue - Fri. 9:00 a.m.

Outdoor church July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend through  
Labor Day weekend.



## St. Colman, Cazadero

### *Mass Schedule*

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

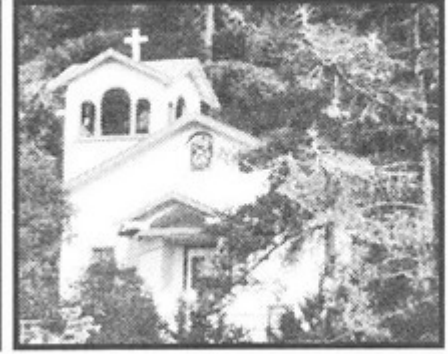
*Outdoor church*

*Memorial Day  
through Labor Day*

## St. Catherine of Siena, Monte Rio

### *Mass Schedule*

Saturday 4:00 p.m.



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# July 14, 2024 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Upcoming Dates

|                     |   |
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| July 14<br>12p-4p   | Pee Wee Golf Parish Picnic                      |
| July 25             | 113 <sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show |
| July 28<br>12:00 pm | St Colman Guild Meeting                         |

## Mass Intentions

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| Sunday<br>9:30 am  | Jeanne Marbach <sup>†</sup><br><i>requested by Susan Poirier</i>         |
| Sunday<br>11:00 am | Patricia Putallaz <sup>†</sup><br><i>requested by Alexandria Simpson</i> |

## Readings

Am 7: 12-15  
Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)  
Eph 1: 3-14  
Mk 6: 7-13

## Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Jennifer

**Who have been called to Eternal Life:** Mike Tierney, Randy & Gail

## Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give)

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| Collection Period | 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection            | \$1,678.00 |
| July 6-7          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection            | \$935.00   |
|                   | <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> | \$2,613.00 |

## Announcements

### **113<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show**

Our tickets are sold out! We will have merchandise and raffle tickets for sale after Masses. If you cannot make our show, our raffle is a great way to support this fundraiser and prizes are plentiful -Golfing at Northwood and Bodega Bay, Taste of Monte Rio merchant and gift items, dining at the Union Hotel, and tickets to the 2025 Show! Questions: Go to our website at

<https://monterioshow.com> or text Michele at (707) 486-1739 (be patient on response due to high call volume).

### ***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](http://www.srdiocese.org)

### ***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.

### ***St Elizabeth Parking***

The owner of the tan garage building right next to St Elizabeth on Armstrong Woods road is asking our parishioners to please not park in front of his garage. He is unable to access his garage when it's blocked by parked cars. We have ample parking available behind the fire station directly across the street from St Elizabeth Church at St Hubert Hall (parking lot and grass area behind hall). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### ***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

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

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Finance Committee Meeting | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday*, 4 pm | St. Hubert Hall | * of February, May, August and November |
| St. Colman Guild Meeting  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm    | St. Colman      |   |

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**

Greetings to all! This Sunday is our parish picnic at the peewee golf everyone knows where it is and after my 11 am Mass in Cazadero, I will be there by Noon and hopefully see you there already playing golf or playing basketball or ping-pong, or other stuff available for your entertainment.

Again, our host for our parish picnic is Tim Bosque, who owns the establishment. Please thank him for his generosity. He is also the chef making hot dogs and hamburgers for our picnic.

This Sunday is also our Mission Sunday, Fr. Mark Jon Cruz from the Disciples of Mary will be the missionary who will be talking about his mission in the Philippines. He is currently serving as the chaplain for Mater Dei High School in the Diocese of Orange, in South California.

Please, welcome him and please, do not write personal check to him but write the check to "St. Elizabeth Church Second Collection" and the parish will write one check to his mission endeavor. Thanks for your generosity and looking forward to hearing his story and mission.

Please, join us in our picnic this Sunday at noon at the Pee Wee Golf

Also, last Sunday I just wanted to thank Mary and John Helt for the doughnuts and coffee fellowship after the 9:30 am mass and I heard Mary baked some goodies also and I'm sure everyone enjoyed it. Please sign up to assist in the next Sunday Hospitality doughnut ministry.

Peace and blessings!  
Fr. Luis

## **Spirituality Of The Readings**

*Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University*

### ***Thanks***

I was out for a drive, merely doing shopping chores. The weather was beautiful. The city had its usual non-countryside and somewhat ruined appearance.

Suddenly, unexpectedly, simple gratitude came upon me. Not earth-shaking, not the result of complicated reasoning, just a modest, gentle joy. I looked in admiration at my hands, which work reasonably well. I thought of the friends in my life, the special ones.

Without being prompted, I said the words, "thank you."

Later, this very quiet event led me to a conclusion: appreciation of a gift is the springboard for giving back.

To put it simply,

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## ***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.

"The primary motivation for giving is gratitude."

Another example: I have wide-set eyes. I have never been able to look through both lenses of any set of binoculars. For years my brother had set his mind to solving this problem, and he had come up with results that almost worked but never quite. Miraculously, as I was writing this very reflection, a birthday present came in the mail. You guessed it, a set of binoculars.

But don't get excited, these did not fit either.

I could look out of either one lens or the other, but not both at the same time. Hoping against hope I wrestled with widening the distance between the arms. It got complicated. By accident I narrowed the distance instead of widening it. Suddenly I could see with both eyes!

These binoculars at their widest were too broad for Mr. big-head!!!! With their arms narrowed I could see through both lenses, and that meant seeing in 3D as well!

I love the binoculars, of course, but more, I imagined my brother sending them to me, his face holding back a grin. I was grateful to him and for him. Gratitude made me want to give something to him in return.

What did I glean from this gift? Put simply,  
the primary motivation for giving is gratitude.

See if it works for you. When you are grateful, do you therefore want to give back?

In the First Reading, Amos the prophet, who was a shepherd and a "dresser of sycamores," found that God wanted him for a new job. It was not watching the flock, not pruning trees; now he was to be a visionary—someone who would prophesy to the people. Most of us pray that no such thing would ever happen to us.

But Amos responded boldly. Perhaps the fierce, quiet landscape of his countryside had opened him up, and had let God give to him. If so, then Amos' action was an act of gratitude! He went and prophesied to God's people.

Same thing for the apostles in the Gospel. They were working men, and they probably did not notice that they were actually very grateful to Jesus. They did have a growing realization of what he was giving to them, and secretly they loved him more and more. Their gratitude was their reason for going where he sent them.

He told them to go out and preach and banish demons. They knew that such a mission was fitting for them. He had found a way that they could start to see with both eyes.

Let's us keep our eyes open too. We are very much loved.

And ready to be sent?



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