



# April 16, 2023

## Second Sunday of Easter

### Upcoming Dates

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| Apr 21-22 | St. Huberts Hall Cleanup 9am  |
| Apr 23    | St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm   |
| Apr 28    | MacKenzie Classic Golf Tournament at Northwood Golf Club in Monte Rio |
| May 3     | St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm                                       |
| May 17    | Finance Committee meeting 4pm   |
| May 20-21 | Annual Lake County Passion Play                                       |

### Mass Intentions

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| Sun 9:30 am  | Maria Alvarado Burkett for health and strength requested by Fr Luis |
| Sun 11:00 am | Martha Lownes for thanksgiving                                      |

### 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)

| April 8-9                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| St. Elizabeth                         | \$3,334.00                 | \$830.00                   |
| St. Catherine                         |                            |                            |
| St. Colman                            | \$217.00                   | \$117.00                   |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> |                            | \$4,498.00                 |

### Monthly Collections March 2023

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| St. Elizabeth                | \$4,616.00         |
| St. Catherine                | \$1,646.00         |
| St. Colman                   | \$310.00           |
| Online Collections           | \$3,412.00         |
| <b>Monthly Total</b>         | <b>\$9,984.00</b>  |
| <b>Est. Monthly Expenses</b> | <b>\$22,000.00</b> |

Note: Monthly expenses are based upon last year's annual operating expenses on a monthly basis with an estimated amount included for building repairs and replacements.

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Lloyd Benson

### Announcements

#### St. Hubert's Hall Cleanup

The Guild will be cleaning out underneath St Hubert's Hall 9am to 2pm Fri April 21 and Sat April 22. We will be ordering a large dumpster and are hoping that parishioners will be able to give us a hand.

#### MacKenzie Classic 2023

Come join the fun Friday April 28 at Northwood Golf Club in Monte Rio. The MacKenzie Classic benefits St. Elizabeth, St. Catherine and St. Colman churches. \$180.00 per person includes golf, cart and dinner. Dinner only is \$70.00 per person. Raffle tickets are \$1.00/each or 6 for \$5.00. Sponsorships available for \$250.00. For reservations please contact Linda (707) 953-9166 or [cocomokidd@aol.com](mailto:cocomokidd@aol.com). Sign in at 1:00pm. Tee off at 2:00pm (shotgun start). Dinner at 6:00pm. Hope to see you all there!

#### 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.

#### Lake County Annual Outdoor Passion Play

Saturday and Sunday May 20th and 21st from 4 to 6 pm in beautiful Lake County! Admission is Free! If you want to feel the power of our Lord, come and experience the Passion Play! New cast members are always welcome!

Website: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org)  
 Phone: 707-263-0349  
 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/](https://www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/)  
 To help: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org/icanhelp](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org/icanhelp)

### Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ Saint Louis University

#### Incredible, Unbelievable?

The word “incredible!” has been so badly over-used in our day that it now means little more than “surprising.” But the word’s true meaning—unbelievable—is on this day appropriate: an event that is so unexpected that the mind actually cannot believe it is true. Jesus is risen.

I remember when I was an early teenager and my grandfather died. My young eyes actually looked directly at his body out in the garden of their home. He had been gardening. That whole day and the day after I kept thinking secretly he would come back. A car would pull up to the house and a voice in me would say “It must be him; he is here after all!”

Anyone who has grieved knows how this is. Your mind keeps denying the loss. You have to correct yourself when you say “she is such a wonderful cook ... oh dear, I mean she ... was such a wonderful cook.” Tears come. The deep but of course false hope lingers, reluctant to give up its wishing and longing.

Doubting Thomas was no different. He had what he thought were false hopes—“Jesus just cannot be dead, not Jesus.” So, to correct his error, he erected a staunch wall against the resurrection story. It would hurt too much if he allowed hope to come back again and then watch it shatter like Humpty Dumpty. Have you ever noticed how people run away from what they most desire to be true?

“Jesus was actually here with us!” the Apostles tell Thomas. “The doors were all locked and he suddenly was standing right there! He talked to us!”

Thomas’s reaction? NO. NO. No way. Incredible. I cannot accept it. Better to deny what could not be possible.

He was like me imagining my grandfather walking through the door as he always did. So Thomas had to dam up this child’s way of imagining. His leader was dead, and nothing in this world could change it.

So Christ appeared and showed him. It was not only seeing Christ in person but actually touching the wounds in his hands and his side. Too much to believe, but suddenly impossible to disbelieve. Thomas gave in. His embarrassment revealed how much he had wanted this. How long would it take you or me to admit how wrong our doubts were?

We need to pray about the status of our own belief. Can we find within ourselves that we do need the Resurrection to be true? Can we locate the places where our doubts are lurking? How they are sabotaging us? Can we pray for the ability to believe, to trust, even if we have not seen and touched?

### 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.

Blessed, joyful trust is what this Sunday is all about.

Forget the discomfort that the pews gave you and the kneelers, and the extreme length of the passion story, and the fact that you really could not hear the second reader because of the microphones, and so on. If nothing else, simply know that you and I are like Thomas. We so much want the Jesus story to be true that we turn our faces away from it, choosing distraction instead.

Yet the story is not “incredible!” at all. Jesus’ suffering and diminishment and death give way to the deeper reality of love. Yes, Death wins. But the quiet of love undercuts that win.

### Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

#### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

1. According to Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* 276, was Christ’s resurrection just an event of the past?

*Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, and it rises transformed through the storms of history. Values always tend to reappear under new guises, and human beings have arisen time after time from situations that seemed doomed. Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power.*

*Evangelii Gaudium, #276  
November 24, 2013*

2. Hans Urs von Balthasar said the following: “We are not the ones who grasp Christ and anchor ourselves to him. Rather, Christ has caught up with us and grasped us.” Which “grasping” makes you feel more secure? How does von Balthasar’s sentence relate to this sentence from this reading: “God ... gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection ... ”?

#### Gospel: John 20:19-31

1. “Jesus came in, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst.” Can any doors be locked tight enough to keep Christ out? Explain. Do you have any “locked doors”? How is peace connected with forgiveness of sins?

2. Resurrections weren’t an everyday occurrence at the time this Gospel was written. Was it unusual for Thomas to be skeptical? Does mercy abandon those who stay behind like Thomas? Would John’s Gospel story of Thomas help those through the ages who may have doubts about Jesus’ resurrection?

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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| 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



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