



April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Upcoming Dates

Apr 21-22	St. Huberts Hall Cleanup
Apr 23	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
Apr 28	McKenzie 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

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Lloyd Benson

Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give

April 1-2	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,308.00	\$368.00
St. Catherine	\$328.00	\$229.00
St. Colman	\$75.00	\$102.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,410.00

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.

Free Income Tax Preparations

River to Coast Children's Services in conjunction with United Way offers free tax preparations for those taxpayers whose income is \$70,000 or less. (Some other requirements also apply.) For more information call: (707) 869-3613 or visit rccservices.org/tax-program.html

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

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

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

* of February, May, August and November

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

Phone: 707-263-0349

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/

To help: www.lakecountypassionplay.org/icanhelp

Pastor's Desk

Christ is risen! I hope and prayed that you all had a great Holy week. I would like to thank those who prepared for the liturgy of Triduum: our choir, lectors and those who decorated our church. A special thanks to the Guild for donating flowers and for Mary Helt and those who helped make possible the Easter Egg Hunt for our community. May this Easter season be a joyous one and may the Risen Christ be your guide!

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

First Reading (Easter Sunday): Acts 10:34a, 37-43

1. What is the significance of the word "witness," in the sentence, "We are witnesses of all that he did"? Peter uses it both as a noun (meaning "observer") and a verb (meaning "corroborate," "testify"). It is something you can be (how are you a witness?) and do (what is your action to witness to truth?).

2. Should we witness with more than words? Peter bore witness in a different manner after the Resurrection than he did before Christ died. To what do you attribute this? Was he consumed by love for Christ and his Gospel?

Could the source of strength for Peter be the same source for us?

Second Reading (Easter Sunday): Colossians 3:1-4

1. "Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above." (See later in Colossians 3 for Paul's meaning of "above"). He says that we should put on heartfelt compassion. What does compassion look like in our immediate world and in the larger one? What cries of the poor "deeply move" you?

2. How does St. Paul's statement, "seek what is above" relate to Pope Francis message below?

We incarnate the duty of hearing the cry of the poor when we are deeply moved by the suffering of others.

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This is why I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us. Not only do they share in the sensus fidei, but in their difficulties they know the suffering Christ. We need to let ourselves be evangelized by them. The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in their lives and to put them at the centre of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them.

*Pope Francis
Evangelii Gaudium #193, 198*

Gospel: Vigil: Luke 24: 1-12, Easter: John 20:1-9

1. The same women who came to anoint his body in the morning had been with Jesus when he died. Were they deterred from their task by fear? Compare and contrast their behavior with some of Jesus' other disciples.

2. What is it that allowed John to "see and believe," to have this kind of clarity? Does love give you knowledge about a person, insights into their behavior? In John, Jesus said "Whoever loves me ... I will love him (her) and reveal myself to him (her)" (Jn 14:21). Is there a connection between Jesus' statement and John's "seeing and believing"?

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Soft Light

Night's dark soul stirs. Chirps of life tug at its ear. Just the smallest candle of light peeps through its shadows.

This is the balance-point of time.

Resurrection.

Good Friday had tempted us to guilt—about his wounds, about our sins. About his arms, branded by hurts. He uses them today to hold us, to enfold us. His wounds know somehow the shape of our small selves. Mothering Christ.

At Easter Vigil the cantor sings:

*O certe necessarium Adae peccatum
quod Christi morte deletum est!*

*O felix culpa,
quae talem ac tantum meruit habere Redemptorem!**

*Oh truly necessary sin of Adam,
blotted out by the death of Christ!*

*O blessed fault,
which won so great a redeemer!*

Singing in praise of sin? Even though Christ's death has taken their sin away, is it right to rejoice about sin? Original sin was not really a good or blessed event. Nor is our selfish penchant for misdeed.

Yet we rejoice. Without sin the reason for Christ's coming would have been absent. With it, Christ's healed arms can sweep us up, comfort and absolve and hold us. So we are blessed beyond words.

In its midst, night carries the promise of light. In their revolt, sins carry the pledge of forgiveness.

*O truly blessed night,
in which earth is wedded to heaven,
and humans to God!*

The light is coming. Several rows of people have their candles lit. Over there, several more. Soon half the church awakens to Christ's gentle light. Then all. Morning has eased their faces into daylight, into the soft, humble glow.

Christ became the night. Christ is the light.

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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