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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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December 29, 2024
The Holy Family

Upcoming Dates

Tues, Dec 31 New Years Eve

Wed, Jan 1 New Years Day

Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec 28 **Joan Brown**[†]
4:00 pm *[2nd anniversary of her passing]*
requested by Elizabeth Cheatham

Sun, Dec 29 **Grace Schermerhorn and Rose Chromy**
9:30 am *requested by Gilda & Gary Andreacchi,*
Tina Anson, Mike & Nancy Herbert,
Robert (Jeff) & Doris Herbert,
Thomas & Jamie Herbert,
Kim & David Monasterio,
Terry & John Neill.

Eleanor Gerigk
requested by Francine Korn

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Readings

1 Sm 1: 20-22. 24-28 or Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14
Ps 84: 2-3. 5-6. 9-10
1 Jn 3: 1-2. 21-24 or Col 3: 12-21
Lk 2: 41-52

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those called to Eternal Life:
Allen Mitchell

Second Collection Schedule

On these dates, 10% of the second collection will benefit:

Dec 29 St Vincent de Paul (from St. Elizabeth only)

Announcements

No Daily Mass Jan 2-3

There will be no daily Mass on Thursday, January 2 or Friday, January 3.

Children's Mass Library

Do you have young children with you at Mass? Feel free to borrow a book from our new Children's Mass Library located in the vestibule! Please remember to return any books after Mass. The books are intended to help children learn more about the Mass, connect with familiar bible stories, and enrich their faith.

Connecting Hearts - SR Diocese Survey

To help us improve communication across the Diocese, we invite you to complete a brief survey. Your feedback will guide us in enhancing our communication strategies to better serve everyone. The survey is available on our website <https://srdiocese.org/>

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.

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

There He Sat

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus did fine with the big holy days. Even with the reading of the Haggadah, especially with the Seder and its special foods, songs, and customs.

On this occasion, the family had gone up to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover.* Jesus was twelve years old.

As expected, the child, obedient, stayed with his parents. The savory and pungent odors sought him out, even though mixed with human and animal fragrances, and with the dust of Jerusalem, ancient even then.

Then, imagine reassembling the caravan and putting everything in order to go home. The procession was like a huge family, so you knew your child would be with friends or relatives when he was not by your side.

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

Resuming February 2025

Road dust, camel sniffables, and so on, now dominated. It was a happy time, recalling the festivities, remembering the earliest acts of God on behalf of his people.

Families came together for sleep as the sun began to sink. “Joseph, I think we should look for our son. He is probably talking with his friends as usual.”

Little did she know.

No relative had seen him anywhere. Last sighted the day before.

In Jerusalem.

Mary’s heart must have broken. What mother on earth cannot imagine it. Missing child. My child. 12 years old. Gone. They went back and scoured the cramped city.

Day One, looking everywhere, no sign of him. They sleep an hour or so. Day Two, searching everywhere, asking everyone, following every trail. He was not there. Images of kidnapping, slavery, terrible accidents, and so much more hovered just beneath their consciousness. Somehow they trusted, but ...

Day Three. To the temple. This time finally daring in their panic to enter directly into the utterly private rooms where teachers and Rabbis debated major and minor points of scripture. No regular people allowed there, especially poor travelers.

And there he sat.

Perfectly at home for these three eternal days, the twelve year old, questioning teachers and answering them.

Imagine his parents. “Son, how could you? How could you?”

His answer was odd and we are told that Mary pondered it in her heart for years to come. “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” Was this reply preposterous? Obviously he needed a good spanking if he believed that desertion of his parents was perfectly fine.

Yet think about it.

He had not come to earth in order to be Mary and Joseph’s child. Just the opposite. Mary and Joseph came into earthly existence to prepare this boy for his role as the adult son of the Father of all things.

Every family’s duty is to send their young children out from home when they are approaching adulthood. In this case, even at twelve years old, Jesus was showing how God interacts with the world.

A learning experience for the family, painful, good, and pointing toward the future Easter.

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

First Reading:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1. Is giving honor to our parents the same as giving gratitude to God?

2. Sunday’s feast celebrates not only the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph—but also the Christmas family of God that we all become. Does God’s love for someone help you to love that person?

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

1. “Over all these put on love.” What is the only thing God asks of us? What happens to people when they are loved? What kinds of things would disappear off the face of the earth because they wouldn’t be necessary if everyone loved his/her neighbor?

2. In his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul gives some ideas about how we can love each other and live in harmony. Having compassion, kindness, humility, patience; bearing with one another and forgiving each other—is this easy? How are you doing with these things in your life? How are we as Church doing with them?

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

1. “Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” Today are many refugees and immigrants experiencing this kind of anxiety? Is there anything you can do to help?

2. Pope Francis tells us that God chose a humble and simple family by which to come into our midst. What can we learn from contemplating the beauty of this mystery?

... We learn how to be a family, each day. In the Gospel, we see that even in the Holy Family things did not all go well: there were unexpected problems, anxiety, suffering. The Holy Family of holy cards does not exist. Mary and Joseph lose Jesus and search for him anxiously, only to find him three days later. And when, seated among the teachers in the Temple, he responds that he had to be about his Father’s business, they do not understand. They need time to learn to know their son.

So it is with us too: Every day, families have to learn to listen and understand one another, to walk together, to face conflicts and difficulties. It is a daily challenge and it is overcome with the right attitude, through simple actions, simple gestures, caring for the details of our relationships. And this too helps us a lot in order to talk within the family, talk at table, dialogue between parents and children, dialogue among siblings. ...

*Angelus for the Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, Dec 26, 2021*

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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