

# ST. ELIZABETH, Guerneville

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**Father Luis Peñaloza, PASTOR**

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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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October 6, 2024  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Special Events**

Oct 6      Blessing of the Animals  
9:30 am      at the St Elizabeth outdoor church

Oct 27  
12:00 pm      St Colman Guild Meeting

### **Mass Intentions**

For the victims of Hurricane Helene.

### **Readings**

Gn 2: 18-24  
Ps 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6  
Heb 2: 9-11  
Mk 10: 2-16

### **Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters**

**Those in need of prayers:**

Rose

**Those called to Eternal Life:**

Annie E

### **Parish Donations**

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Collection Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$1,084.00
September 28-29	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$571.00

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### **Announcements**

#### ***See's Candy Holiday Fundraiser***

Start thinking about a sweet way to enjoy the holidays! St Elizabeth Parish will be offering a selection of See's Candy traditional boxes and novelties beginning a couple weeks prior to Thanksgiving. Our list of available candies will be posted in another week or two in the bulletin and our online storefront will be set up, too. Prices vary but range from about \$13 to \$30.

If you have a special request or are not comfortable placing an order online, please contact Michele either via text at 707-486-1739 or email [mmmcdonell@gmail.com](mailto:mmmcdonell@gmail.com).

#### ***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](mailto:cocomokidd@aol.com)

St. Colman Guild Meeting      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm      St. Colman

## **Pastor's Desk**

We had a retreat last Saturday with Fr. Donal Godfrey, from San Francisco to direct the event. They started with the walk-through meditation to the road to Emmaus, most of you know that story of the two disciples traveling to the road to Emmaus where they encounter the Resurrected Jesus. It was quite a moving experience for those who had attended. The retreat was four hours with mass, Mass and confession included in the retreat.

I would like to thank Susan Poirier and the Liturgy committee who prepared and organized the time of prayer and reflection.

This Sunday is the blessing of the animals. I met with a parishioner who voiced concerns about the animals' desire to socialize during mass and offered him assurance that the animals would be fine. So, I am thinking after the short homily I would bless the animals after the "Creed," and followed by the prayer of the faithful.

It is a good way to end our outdoor Mass season this Sunday and move back indoors. I would like also to thank those who assisted in preparing the Altar and the outdoor area before mass. Carlos was gone last Sunday so I would like to thank Larry Poirier, Chris, and everyone I missed.

Again, I just hope everyone enjoyed Fr. Godfrey last Sunday. I hope he and other priests from our Diocese will visit to preside over Mass so you can have a chance to appreciate their unique ways of celebrating the Eucharist.

Thank you again for celebrating the Eucharist every Sunday with us as we continue to prepare for the coming Liturgical year, especially Advent and my favorite Holiday, Christmas! The Christmas party is the week before Christmas week. We are in the same place, in Monte Rio. Christmas party details will be posted in future bulletins so keep an eye out for it.

May this month of October be a time of reflection on the friendships and memories we've made this summer and the joy and fulfillment of experiencing the grace and presence of God in our lives.

Peace and blessings!

Fr Luis

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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.

## **Glancing Thoughts**

*Courtesy of Eleonore Stump, Saint Louis University*

### **Marriage**

In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriages: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries.

Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God want anyone to marry?

The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and that's the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her.

But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him.

As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone.

Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too.

And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the First Reading, God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a man will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men.

When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. For us, who live in the post-fall world that Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift. The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against divorce.



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