



# April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

## Upcoming Dates

Apr 5	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
<b>Holy Thursday Apr 6</b>	<b>Holy Thursday Mass</b> 4:30pm at St. Elizabeth Church
<b>Good Friday Apr 7</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 2pm at St. Elizabeth Church
	<b>Adoration of the Cross, Communion</b> 3pm at St. Elizabeth Church
<b>Holy Saturday Apr 8</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> 2pm-5pm at St Hubert's Field
	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> 4pm at St. Elizabeth Church
<b>Easter Sunday Apr 9</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Mass</b> 9:30am at St. Elizabeth Church 11am at St. Colman Church
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 17	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

## Readings

**Procession:** Mt 21: 1-11.  
Is 50: 4-7  
Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mt 26: 14 - 27: 66

## 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)

March 25-26	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$533.00	\$321.00
St. Catherine	\$194.00	\$195.00
St. Colman		
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$1,243.00

## Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Lloyd Benson

**Who have been called to Eternal Life:** Joan Brown

## Announcements

### Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be recited after the 9 am Mass on Fridays. Participating in Stations of the Cross is a wonderful way to reflect on the Passion of Christ, thereby deepening our connection and relationship to Jesus during this Lenten season.

### St. Elizabeth Easter Egg Hunt

Food | Games | Raffle Prizes | Coloring Contest

Saturday April 8th from 2pm-5pm at St. Hubert's Field. Kids under 10 are invited to participate in the egg hunt. Adult supervision is required. There is no fee to attend. Raffle tickets will be available for sale. Come enjoy the fun!

### 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 go to [rccservices.org/tax-program.html](http://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 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)

## Pastor's Desk

As we listen to the passion narrative on Palm Sunday, we find ourselves immersed in the sorrow of Jesus Christ. However eternal life is found in Jesus Christ. We carry within our hearts this question from Matthew's gospel the entire week. This question becomes a lens through which we see our own commitments to prayer, love, and the beauty of our work in the church.

Keep this question, "Who is this?" tucked in your heart as we gather this week for the Triduum. Jesus will gather with his disciples in the upper Room and tenderly wash their feet. You will enter the mystery of his actions more intimately as he blesses, breaks, and shares bread with them. Jesus will hold the cup of blessings, sharing it with affection. We too will sip salvation, tasting the love Jesus has for us and the world. We will wash feet in our community and care for the beauty of people who walk long journeys of love, service and integrity. On Holy Thursday, we will tell the story of our Savior, who desires intimacy and communion with all of us, we will feel this movement of love drawing us closer to an answer to the questions we hold. Are you ready to give your hearts to such an encounter this week?

We will gather to listen to his passion on Good Friday. We will journey to the cross of our redemption. We will kiss or reverence or kneel before the wood of salvation. We will bring all our questions of life with us. We will bring questions about our un-lived lives, our search for the truth, our ponderings about earthly suffering, our lack of forgiveness, and the turmoil of our regrets. We will sort through our questions about life and the ultimate journey each of us will make to death. We will ask again with deeper awareness, "Who is this?" are you ready to give your hearts to such an encounter this week?

As we carry our questions this week in Easter joy, we will also encounter the clumsiness of the disciples, who carried the same questions. We will encounter denial, sleepiness, regret, and unworthiness in the disciple's hearts. We know these human attitudes and emotions are the places in which Jesus reveals his answers. "Who is this?" becomes a key to our encounter with divine love, with mercy, and with forgiveness.

## 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 answers may surprise you. Are you ready for this Holy Week?

May you have a wonderful, and prayerful week as we celebrate the Holiest week of our Catholic Tradition.

Fr. Luis

## Discussion Questions

*Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University*

### Procession: Matthew 21:1-11

1. "And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and they asked, 'Who is this?' Who is Jesus of Nazareth to you/us now in 2023?"

2. How would Jesus' arrival with all the crowds crying, "Hosanna," have affected the Pharisees and chief priests? Would it have worried them that they were going to lose power and control to this man who rode on a donkey? Do you think Jesus knew what the outcome of this ride would be?

### First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

1. "The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint." We see Jesus as the subject of this reading. Who, other than Jesus might be the speaker in this reading? Explain. When you do proclaim Jesus can you be assured that he will go before you and guide you?

2. "Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear." What does the speaker of this reading hear? Is it about suffering? Are you reluctant to stand up for justice if it involves discomfort for you? Is there any small thing you could do to remedy someone's suffering? Explain.

### Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

1. "Agape" love (pronounced ah'-gah-pay) is selfless and free from self-concern and self-preoccupation. It includes conversion, vulnerability, suffering and seeking for justice. Explain Jesus' love for us in terms of agape. How does it help redeem the world?

2. Discuss this thought from Javier Melloni, SJ: "The will of God is the divinization of every creature; and it was to bring about this divinization that the One who was in God and who was God, emptied himself in order to participate in our human condition and transform it from within."

### Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 or 27:11-54

Jesus endured the sense of abandonment by the one he loved most, his Abba. He chose to experience all of humanity's worst suffering. What does this tell us? Even though he couldn't access their love, do you think the Father and the Spirit were there with Jesus on the cross?

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

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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