



# July 30, 2023

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

Aug 2	St Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
Aug 5	Chicken BBQ 4pm
Aug 16	Finance Committee meeting 4pm
Aug 27	St Colman Guild meeting 12pm

### Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

### Readings

1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12  
 Ps 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)  
 Rom 8: 28-30  
 Mt 13: 44-52

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Geoff Power, Barbara Kobler, Gena Helt

### 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)

Collection Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$1,986.00
July 22-23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$769.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,755.00

### Announcements

**Congratulations to Carly Nicholls and Gustavo Orozco on the convalidation blessing of their marriage!**

*Convalidation: Saturday, July 29, 11 am at St Elizabeth*

**Congratulations to Mary Jane Power on her baptism!**

*Baptism: Sunday, July 30, 9:30 am at St Elizabeth.*

*Parents: Matt and Kristen Power*

*Godparents: Carly Nicholls and Gustavo Orozco*

### Chicken BBQ

Saturday, August 5th from 4-7pm at St Hubert hall. Tickets are \$45.00. The menu: chicken, green goddess salad, corn on the cob, baked beans, cornbread and dessert. Come enjoy the delicious food and wonderful company!

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

### Capital Campaign

The renovation of our Parish rectory and its foundation repair has been progressing for the past few months. It is our hope that this beautiful building, which has been part of our Parish and community history for over a century, will regain some of its former luster. As we repair it, not only structurally, but also visually, with new bathrooms, flooring, some new windows and paint, we hope to restore it and add the safety needed to carry this lovely Parish home into the next 100 years. It is not difficult to realize that the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches, Hall and Rectory is an expense. Large projects can not be paid for by weekly collections alone. Therefore, the Finance Committee and the Parish Council, along with Fr. Luis, have decided to embark upon a Capital Campaign to replace our savings which is being spent on this renovation. We are asking our Parishioners to consider an investment in our Parish by digging deep in their pockets and making a pledge to help us pay for this work. Please look for the pledge cards to assist you in making a pledge. Once you have completed your pledge card, please drop it in the collection basket or, turn it in to any council member. This will enable us as a church community, to know what financial support we can expect over the next few years. We are confident in your love for our Parish, your devotion to our community, and the passion of your faith.

If you need assistance with your pledge or donation toward the Capital Campaign, please call Chris Kollaja at 415-308-6768 or email at [ckollaja@gmail.com](mailto:ckollaja@gmail.com).

### Temporary Church Office Phone Number

Until our church office at the rectory is restored, the temporary office phone number is (707) 486-8645.

### 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, Chris Kollaja, and Mary Helt. 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.

### Glancing Thoughts

*Courtesy of Eleonore Stump, St Louis University*

### God's Gifts

Solomon was distinguished from all other kings in the Old Testament by God's gifts to him.

First, God appeared to him and told him to ask for a gift. Not many kings in Israel were honored by God in this way.

Solomon responded to God so beautifully! He asked for something all right, but it was not something worldly. He did not ask God for riches or long life. Instead, he asked God for wisdom to govern God's people well.

There is an inestimable spiritual richness in these gifts, more than Solomon knew to ask for. And so he received God's first gift, which was the opportunity to ask God for something, in such a way that his asking made him worthy of what God gave him when God answered his prayer.

Because he pleased God by what he asked of God, God gave him the wisdom he asked for. And with that wisdom God gave him even more, namely, the gifts he had not asked for, things worthy of kings. In the text that continues the First Reading, God promised him the very worldly things he hadn't asked for—namely, riches and long life—in addition to the wisdom he wanted.

So Solomon was very great among the kings of the ancient Israel.

And yet what Christ gives to each one of his own people is greater than the gifts God gave Solomon. To each person who opens to Christ, Christ gives the indwelling Holy Spirit.

And with the Holy Spirit, he gives the seven gifts of the Spirit, too. The wisdom Solomon asked for is only the first of these. There are six more: understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. There is an inestimable spiritual richness in these gifts, more than Solomon knew to ask for.

Furthermore, anyone who has these has not just long life, like Solomon, but everlasting life with the Lord. And even

### 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 (707) 486-8645 (temporary office phone number).

among the sorrows of this life, the consolations of the indwelling Spirit are present too, in the love, joy, and peace that are among the fruits of the Spirit.

And so Christ offers now to each one who will accept it from him something greater than the greatness of Solomon, not just wisdom but all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and with them unending life in the kingdom of heaven.

As Christ says in the Gospel reading, this is treasure indeed.

### Discussion Questions

*Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University*

### First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Would anyone's life change for the better if you had a more understanding heart? How do you think you might improve your skills in this area?

### Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 or 44-46

1. Did the pearl-finder and the merchant of this reading have to be shrewd about obtaining their treasures? What about you—are you shrewd about recognizing the “treasure” or the “kingdom of God” in your own life? Do you find, or at least look for God in all things? Do you notice when God is “whispering,” or just when God is “shouting” to you?

2. According to Pope Francis, how are “getting” and “giving” related when speaking of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price?”

*The Kingdom of Heaven is the opposite of the superfluous things that the world offers; it is the opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to expand towards wider horizons. Indeed, those who have found this treasure have a creative and inquisitive heart which does not repeat but rather invents, tracing and setting out on new paths which lead us to love God, to love others, and to truly love ourselves. The sign of those who walk this path of the Kingdom is creativity, always seeking more. And creativity is what takes life and gives life, and gives, and gives, and gives. ... It always looks for many different ways to give life.*

*Jesus, who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a meaning for one's life, the joy of feeling committed to the adventure of holiness.*

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 17 Ord A  
 July 26, 2020*

