



September 18, 2022

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ 12pm
 Sept 25, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
 Oct 5, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
 Nov 16, Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 4pm: For all parishioners
Sun 9:30 am: Tillie Manick† requested by Francine Korn
Sun 11 am: For all parishioners

Readings

Am 8: 4-7
 Ps 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8
 1 Tm 2: 1-8
 Lk 16: 1-13

Parish Donations

New feature: Scan the QR code to make a donation.

September 10 - 11	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$563.00	\$457.00
St. Catherine	\$197.00	\$260.00
St. Colman	\$55.00	\$85.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$1,617.00

Pastor's Desk

There's an old story about a little Church that was having a homecoming service for members who had moved away. One former member who attended was a man who had become extremely wealthy. He, along with others, *was giving testimony on their Faith experience.*

The rich man spoke of when, as a little boy in that same Church, he had earned his first dollar – a silver dollar. "I had decided," he said, "to keep it forever. But a visiting preacher came to the Church and spoke about the urgent need for funds in his mission work. Consequently, when the offering basket was passed, a

great struggle took place within me. As a result, I put my treasured silver dollar in the basket. And I am convinced that God has blessed me so richly because I gave God everything I possessed when I was a boy."

The congregation was captivated by the wealthy man's moving testimony until a woman in the front pew rose and said, "Brother, I dare you to do it again!"

The dominant philosophy of our Age is materialism. And it seems almost certain that it will still dominate far into the future. The silly slogan, "He who dies with the most toys wins," says it all. Materialism has become the opiate of the people, and it's addictive. The more you have, the more you want. Or, as a Roman motto expressed it, **"Money is like seawater. The more you drink, the thirstier you get."**

We all attach a certain amount of importance to our earthly possessions. And some attach the utmost importance to money and things. But whether we've managed to put together a little or a lot, one thing is certain: the time will come when we leave all of it, my friends - all of it!

There's an amusing little story about a man drowning in debt. His credit cards were all maxed out. He was behind on his mortgage and car payments, and to make matters worse, he was recently laid off at work. The man was at the end of his rope with collection calls coming in at all hours of the day and night and his mailbox overflowing with threatening letters. With seemingly no way out of his predicament, he decided to call on his pastor.

After hearing the man's hard luck story, the pastor said, "Go home, open your Bible at random and stick your finger on the page. There you will find God's answer to your trouble."

Some months passed when the preacher spotted the man in the local park. The man gave the pastor a warm

and enthusiastic greeting with a big smile. "I'm so glad to see you back on your feet," the pastor told him.

"Yes," said the man, "and I owe it all to you! You see, I opened my Bible just like you said, put my finger down on the page, **and there was the answer - Chapter 11."**

While most of us would rather avoid filing for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, many fall into the money trap from which there is no easy escape. But there is no need to wait until you've reached the end of your rope! There is no need to wait until you're spiritually bankrupt! There is no need to wait until you're at the point of despair. You need God's Help, we all need God's help, and we need it now.

Conventional wisdom says that to succeed in our modern, materialistic age, a person must keep their shoulder to the wheel, ear to the ground, and nose to the grindstone. But when taken too far, that is an excellent formula for the kind of empty, worldly success that consists mainly in the pursuit of money and possessions. It's a formula for a type of spiritual bankruptcy. But, as followers of Christ, what comes after our "Chapter 11" conversion experience?

As followers of Christ, we can turn to any Chapter in the Gospels to discover that our life's mission is **to aspire to genuine success with lasting value and ultimate meaning.** To do so, we must do much more than keep our shoulders to the wheel and our noses to the grindstone. **We must dedicate our hearts to the Lord's service**

That's the Gospel Truth! And that's our success story!

Picnic this Sunday at Pee wee golf, join us for fun and laughter!

Peace and blessings!
 Fr. Luis

Announcements

Outdoor Mass

The outdoor Mass will be continuing at St Elizabeth and St Colman outdoor church locations until the weather becomes too cold or rainy.

Church Parish Picnic and Pee Wee Golf

Join us at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville, 12 pm Sunday, Sept 18, 2022. Tickets are now on sale after all masses and by calling Francine Korn at 797 869-9341. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, kids age 5 and under are free. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, ice creams and cookies. Last year's was a great time, let's all get together and do it again. See you there!

Monte Rio Variety Show Update

We are still processing income and expenses from our great event, but can let everyone know it was a combined record attendance and gross income. Once we have all the income and expenses processed, we will place the note in the bulletin. Until then, please accept our thanks to all of you who supported us in so many ways. We have never had such a diverse set of talents helping out on the event - all were needed and filled gaps that, in some cases, we did not anticipate until the last minute. Please know that the committee appreciates all who bought a ticket, promoted the event to family and friends, and/or provided talents leading up to, during and after the event.

Even while we await the final financial outcome, we are planning for next year. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, July 27th, 2023!

With gratitude,
 Michele and the Variety Show Committee Team

Sign up to host Hospitality

We are inviting families to sign up for Hospitality. To prepare and pick up the donuts and coffee at Safeway for our fellowship after the 9:30 am mass. The items are already paid for. It gives family a chance to participate and know our community and it gives us chance to get to know your family.

Confessions

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays and before weekend Masses. Please call the rectory at 707-869-2107 to confirm with him, so that he knows to arrive early on the weekend, or stay late on Friday. Alternatively, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory.

How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily donate online **by scanning the QR code with your smartphone** or using the donate button at stelizabeth.churchtrac.com. Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577 to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.



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