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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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September 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Events

Sept 28 Eucharistic Retreat
10:00 am at St Hubert's Hall

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

Oct 27 St Colman Guild Meeting
12:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday John Nicolai (for healing)
4:00 pm requested by Virginia Wallace

Readings

Nm 11: 25-29/ Ps 19: 8. 10. 12-13. 14 (9a)/ Jas 5: 1-6/ Mk 9: 38-43. 45. 47-48

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those in need of prayers:

Gustavo Alvarez, Rose

Those called to Eternal Life:

Annie E

Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give

Collection Period	1 st Collection	\$1,633.00
September 21-22	2 nd Collection	\$493.00

Thank you for your generosity! \$2,126.00

Announcements

Second Collection

A portion of Sunday's second collection will benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

Outdoor Mass Schedule & Blessing of the Animals

Outdoor Mass will be extended this year through Sunday, October 6th (weather permitting) which we will have the Blessing of the Animals.

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.

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.

Pastor's Desk

This Saturday is our Theological reflection of the Eucharist or retreat. Fr. Donald Godfrey was here for last year's retreat, and it was well received. Hopefully everyone will have a chance to experience it this year. After the retreat he will be celebrating Mass at St. Hubert's Hall rather than having 4 pm Mass in St. Catherine.

We have wonderful readings this Sunday. The first reading from the book of Numbers, one of the five books that is considered by the Israel people as the five books of the law. The story of Moses was ask by God to choose seventy elders to assist him in his ministry with the Israel people, two of the Elders, Eldad and Medad missed the gathering of Elders however, they end up able to prophesy, Joshua the son of Moses complained about the two renegades, but Moses reminded Joshua that the spirit chooses freely. This story echoes back to the Gospel reading when the

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St. Colman Guild Meeting 4th Sunday, 12 pm St. Colman

disciples complained to Jesus that they found preachers healing, at that time there were able to pray and ask for healing it is a common thing. Jesus' words that we often hear is "For whoever is not against us is for us."

The second readings are from the letters of James and He is warning the rich not to withhold wages with their employee, which was a common thing to do to exploit poor people which causes poverty in the community.

What is the lesson we could learn from the scripture so we can grow in knowledge and wisdom.

1. Embracing inclusivity in God's work: Both the first reading and the Gospel encourage us to recognize that God's works through many different people, sometimes in ways we don't expect. We are called to rejoice in the good that others do, even though they are not part of our immediate community or group. This required humility and an openness to diverse ways in which God's spirit operates.

2. Small acts matter: Even the smallest act of kindness, like giving a cup of water in Christ's name have a significant spiritual value and will be rewarded. Focus on compassion in daily life. Recognize that every action, no matter how small, contributes to a larger purpose. Develop a heart that is ready to serve others, even in small ways.

3. Responsibility towards others: We must be careful not to cause others, especially those who are vulnerable [the little ones], to stumble of sin. Leading others astray carries serious consequences.

4. Cultivate responsibility: understand the influence we have on others and be mindful of how our words, actions and attitudes can impact them. This lesson encourages us to model integrity and moral responsibility, particularly for those who look up to us.

5. Develop discipline and self-awareness: Be willing to make difficult but necessary changes to avoid harmful habits or influences. This may involve removing unhealthy relationships, environments, or behaviors that tempt us into wrongdoing.

6. Live with long term, eternal mindset. The decision we make today have a lasting consequence, not just for this life but for the life to come. Fostering a mindset that values spiritual growth and integrity over immediate gratification is essential.

May the lesson we hear from the scripture assist us in growing in faith and in contestant reflection of His love for us.

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

The Inside Story

You and I, we have an exterior aspect, of course. But we also have an interior one. This seems to be the key to this Sunday's Gospel.

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.

Our exterior is what we often make use of to interact in a daily fashion with everything and everybody, without thinking about it. This is our outside. Acting from it, we may come across to others as, e.g., decisive or fun-loving or threatening or shy or easy to talk to, or who knows what else. It is how we make our way through the day in a busy world, or even in a non-busy time (e.g., reserved for watching TV, drinking beer, staying busy all the time, and so on).

We can find clues to our interior self in a calm time, such as we find at a quiet lake or at the sight of a budding tree or in the company of a much-loved friend. Stillness then emerges, a hushed sense of well-being. This deep interior is where feelings and thoughts can be themselves, can be just as happy or as sad as they feel like being

The Spirit of God chooses to dwell in these interior depths. Not because there is something wrong with the outside, but because the deep interior is where we are made in God's image. There we are quietly open, desiring to give real love to other people and to receive it. And, if we knew it, to and from God.

The exterior sometimes dwells its life in storm, sometimes in sunlight. It is able at times to out-shout the inside! I want food. I want revenge. I am grouchy. I got three hours of sleep last night, gimme rest. Gimme pleasure. Gimme triumph. I want everything. Gimme!

Fine, but what if you get all these demands? What if you gain the whole world but in the process lose your very self?

You and I do get caught up in gaining external things. For instance, in Luke 12:15-24 Jesus points out this tendency. He says something like this:

You have built still another barn to hold your riches! But this very night God will ask your actual soul of you, and what will you take with you? Your riches? No. The way you look? No. Your interior self is all that can come with you when you die. God dwells in that inner self, in the quiet recesses of your being.

Today's Gospel. does not receive well those who lead others away from their interior. Jesus says how he might react to anyone who teaches children in such a way.

Whoever causes sin in one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. Gospel

Maybe you were taught in this way. But do you really now want to ignore such a crucial part of yourself, while there is still time to find it? Why not let your inner self have a chance, as Jesus suggests.

How?

Spend some time in quiet each day. Have the heart to give a cup of water to someone thirsty. Be alert for the Spirit within other persons and respect them for it. Even if you do not like them.

You will be following Sunday's Gospel!



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