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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 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Events

Sept 21	Annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress
Sept 22 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
Sept 28	Eucharistic Retreat <i>more info to come</i>
Oct 6 9:30 am	Blessing of the Animals <i>at the St Elizabeth outdoor church</i>

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Dt 4: 1-2. 6-8
Ps 15: 2-3. 3-4. 4-5 (1a)
Jas 1: 17-18. 21b-22. 27
Mk 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-23

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those in need of prayers:

Carolyn, Annie E, Doug

Those called to Eternal Life:

Mike Miller

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	\$1,022.00
August 24-25	2 nd Collection	\$395.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,417.00

Announcements

The Annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress

The Diocese of Santa Rosa invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, September 21, 2024. This event is free. This year's theme is "Prayer, Our Relationship with God". Workshops are in English and Spanish. Come hear great speakers. For more information check out the diocesan website www.srdiocese.org

Eucharistic Retreat

Eucharistic Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 28th. Further details will be coming soon!

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.

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

Greetings to all as we start the month of September, I hope you had a chance to join us in our "Breakfast Club," event last Sunday. Linda was mentioning that it was well attended, and everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship and gathering.

So a special thanks to Linda and the rest of the team for doing such a great job!

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

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

In our Gospel today, Jesus calls out the Pharisees for their judgmental behavior. The Pharisees seem to nitpick all the actions of Jesus' disciples. Why are they eating without washing their hands? Don't they care about the law of their ancestors? Should these people not worry about correctly washing their dishes before eating? It seems like the Pharisees are acting more like critical neighbors in a homeowner's association and not the faith leaders of their community. Jesus notes to the Pharisees that they are concerned to much about the exterior that they forgot about what is truly important. Although it is sanitary to wash your dishes and make sure to wash your hands, these things do not define the character of a person. Rather, if people's hearts are filled with evil, their actions will reflect that evil. Jesus is showing that by hyper focusing on the unimportant customs and rituals. The Pharisees are in fact hardening their hearts and living with malice toward their fellow humans. When we work on the interior, we become less critical of the exterior actions of others because we can view the world through a lens of love. Now, this is not an easy practice, and we may feel like the Pharisees mentioned in the gospel today more than we would like to admit. Let us challenge ourselves to be less annoyed by or judgmental of the small nuances of the people we encounter, especially those we interact with daily. We may be missing out on the beautiful talents and gifts they bring to the world when we lean into judgment over love.

Peace and blessings!
Fr Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

The Heart of the Matter

The people in this week's Gospel are quarreling about who has and who hasn't washed his hands for dinner.

You would know, if you were a follower of the Jewish custom of that time, that every person was required to wash up before eating. This rule was "a tradition of the elders," to preserve physical health, of course. But Jesus is now telling people they have to live also from the inner meaning of traditions and laws. Let's look.

What about children? They do not yet have a developed interior value system, as parents know.

"It is bedtime. Let's brush our teeth and get our pajamas on."

"I don't want to."

"I know, it is hard to stop playing and go to bed. I understand. But bedtime is here so let's get started."

"But why?"

"Because we have to get our rest so we can be bright and cheerful tomorrow."

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.

"Why?"

"Because I said so, now get moving."

Or something more extended! Rules, the right ones, often must be imposed upon a child.

As we grow up, the child's "why?" question gets answered by experience and maturity. Adults go to bed because they need a certain amount of sleep each night and they know it. Well, at least a lot of us do.

But why have rules and laws in the first place? I have heard the following: rules are meant to describe the minimum that has to be done in order to belong to a country or state or city or business or group or family. Not too many rules, not too few.

This is difficult to achieve. Under the best circumstances, people follow rules because their allegiance comes from within and they act from their own desire.

Apply this to a group.

Take a faith-sharing group, for instance. It has an implicit expectation, even a requirement, that its members be present at each weekly meeting. What if a person shows up only once or twice a year, but in that case, is the heart-and-soul of the discussion? And what if another person attends every single meeting but contributes nothing and in fact has no interest in the topics?

Neither one really fits well into the group, but which would you rather work with? The first has real relevance to the organization and might not need much convincing to come more often (and would therefore better comply to the rule). But it would be much harder to kindle a fire in the second, wouldn't it, the one who is following the external rule but, out of fear perhaps, not its insides.

The interior life of Jesus is the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew that any law in the Kingdom of God must emerge from love or else be empty. He was angry that leaders of the people had manipulated exterior laws to serve their own agendas. "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me," he said.

He is not telling the people to ignore the laws and to just have just inner devotion. He is saying you must have both, external plus internal adherence.

Would it be worth it for you and me to look at the various obligations in our lives and weigh how much they flow also from our inner values and convictions?

Yes? Well, maybe that would help us have the right heart both inside and outside.



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