



March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Upcoming Dates

Mar 20	Parish Council Meeting 4pm
Mar 26	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
Apr 5	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
Apr 8	Easter Egg Hunt 11am at St Hubert's Field
Apr 21-22	St. Huberts Hall Cleanup
Apr 28	McKenzie Golf Tournament at Northwood Golf Club in Monte Rio
May 17	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Readings

1 Sm 16: 1b. 6-7. 10-13a
Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 (1)
Eph 5: 8-14
Jn 9: 1-41

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Joan Brown

Parish Donations

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

March 11-12	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$728.00	\$429.00
St. Catherine	\$40.00	\$40.00
St. Colman	\$20.00	\$20.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$1,277.00

Announcements

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Monday, March 20th at 4 pm at St Hubert Hall

See's Easter Candy Sale

See's Easter Candy will be available for sale after Masses. You can also shop online by visiting: www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc_st_elizabeths_sees_easter_44/Mic_McD9043/

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. Hubert's Hall Cleanup

The Guild will be cleaning out underneath St Hubert's Hall 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.

Part-time Bookkeeper Position

Are you looking for a few extra hours? The Diocese is looking for part-time bookkeepers. For more information contact Lori Norcia lnorcia@srdioocese.org or call (707) 566-3322.

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

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

Phone: 707-263-0349

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/

To help: www.lakecountypassionplay.org/icanhelp

Pastor's Desk

Greetings, to all! Let me just acknowledge Chef Lori, for the pleasant Italian dinner by the river. I also want to recognize Linda and Chris and those who assisted or participated in our first dinner and discussion. Thank you!

The Sunday story for the 4th Sunday of Lent is about the man born blind, most of us are familiar with this story. The real gen of this story, though, is what happens to and within the man whose sight is restored. At the start when first questioned about his healing, the man describes the healer as "the man called Jesus." Then as a "prophet," and finally, when Jesus finds him again, he professes belief in Jesus as the "Son of Man" and "Lord."

The man's healing has caused him a good deal of grief and put him in the strange position of having to defend himself. Rather than distancing himself from Jesus, hoping to protect himself or his family, the man grows closer to understanding who Jesus is and not just what Jesus has done. And that is the invitation to all of us.

We may be attracted to Jesus because of his generous heart and what he can do for us, but he asks and offers more. He invites us to enter into relationship with him, a relationship of mutuality. That's why Paul can say to the Ephesians, and to us, that we are called to live as children of light. As we draw near to Jesus, the light of the World, we become light for the world as well. We prefer hope to cynicism, and in this Lenten season, we can ask for the grace to believe what is true and to experience healing from whatever blinds us to God's generous gift of love.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

Discussion Questions

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

1. "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the hearts." Explain how this applies to the choice of David, who was the youngest and least likely son, as king.

2. Does the right grace come along with the call? What in this reading tells you that? When you feel you have been summoned to perform some task for God, what do you do? Assume that God will give you what you need to get the job done? Or back down at the thought of obstacles?

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

1. Define personal and national "darkness" as it exists in the world today. St. Paul says that you are light. If you could, what darkness in the world would you dispel? Is

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.

there some way you could do this on a small scale where you are right now?

2. Is the Church present in every dark place that you think Christ would be if he were physically present in the world today? In which of those dark places can you find your parish working to bring light?

Gospel: John 9:1-41

1. In the beginning of the Gospel, the blind man was simply a man on the street. By the end of the Gospel he was thrown out of the synagogue for defending Jesus. What changed him into a disciple? Which of these titles fits you: passer-by, believer, confessor, challenger or disciple?

2. Below, Pope Francis tracks the blind man's path from spiritual blindness to light. Can you relate to your own spiritual blindness slowly turning to sight in your life? Is it enough to receive the light? What are you supposed to do with it?

The Gospel (cf. Jn 9:1-41) recounts the episode of the man blind from birth, to whom Jesus gives sight. He operates illumination on two levels: a physical level and a spiritual level: the blind person first receives the sight of the eyes and then is led to faith in the "Son of Man" (cf. Jn 9:35), that is, in Jesus. It is all a journey. ...

He takes a route that leads him to gradually discover the identity of the One who opened his eyes and to confess his faith in him. At first he considers him a prophet (cf. Jn 9:17); then he recognizes him as one Who comes from God (cf. Jn 9:33); finally he welcomes him as the Messiah and prostrates himself before him (cf. Jn 9:36-38). ...

He is no longer a beggar marginalized by the community; he is no longer a slave to blindness and prejudice. His path of enlightenment is a metaphor for the path of liberation from sin to which we are called.

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The healed blind man, who now sees both with the eyes of the body and with those of the soul, is the image of every baptized person. ... But it is not enough to receive the light, one must become light. Each one of us is called to receive the divine light and manifest it with our whole life.

Pope Francis, Angelus, 4th Sun of Lent
March 22, 2020

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

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

