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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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November 17, 2024 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Nov 24 Christ The King

Dec 1 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Dn 12: 1-3
Ps 16: 5. 8. 9-10. 11 (1)
Heb 10: 11-14. 18
Mk 13: 24-32

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those called to Eternal Life: Molly Wirtz

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	\$1,164.00
November 9-10	2 nd Collection	\$631.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$1,795.00

Second Collection Schedule

On these days, 10% of the second collection will benefit:

Nov 17 *Communications & Catholic University*

Dec 8 Religious Retirement Fund

Announcements

St Colman's Guild Meetings

St Colman's Guild meetings are being suspended for the winter months of November, December, and January and will resume to their regular meetings in February 2025.

See's Candy Holiday Fundraiser

Time to order all your Holiday treats - See's Candy, a traditional favorite!

Just in time for Thanksgiving or Christmas, Michele and the St Elizabeth's See's Candy team will have a selection of candy available for sale at November 23/24 weekend Masses. Our storefront is also available to order with the link below or this QR code.



If anyone has questions, would like help ordering online, or may have a special request, please text or call Michele at 707-486-1739.

[See's Candies Yum-Raising - St. Elizabeth Catholic Church - Christmas 2024](#)

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.

Pastor's Desk

As we approach the liturgical year, the readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time, year B, lead us to reflect on the end times, the final judgment, and the hope we find in God's promise of eternal life.

Each reading offers a unique perspective on these themes, encouraging us to live with courage and hope as we journey towards the kingdom of God.

In our Gospel today, Jesus speaks about end times, describing cosmic signs and the coming of the Son of man in glory. He uses the fig tree as a parable to remind us to stay alert and discerning.

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 Next meeting February 2025

Jesus words encourage us to live in the state of readiness, “no one knows the day or the hour.” This call to vigilance is not to instill fear but to invite us to a deeper ongoing relationship with him.

I’d like to invite you as we enter the new liturgical year and celebrate the Advent season, and celebrate the incarnation of God, here are some questions to assist you to prepare for the Feast of Christ the King! As well as our Thanksgiving Holiday.

In what ways do you feel that you are aware of the “signs of the times” in your life? Are there events or changes around you that prompt you to reflect on your spiritual journey or state of the world? How do you personally endure challenges in your life?

What sources of strength and support do you rely on during tough times?

2. What role does my faith play in shaping your understanding of the future? How do you find peace in knowing that some things are beyond your control? How can my community or church encourage one another to stay alert and rooted in faith as you all navigate life’s uncertainties together?

November 28th is Thanksgiving and the office is closed, however, please join us for the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:30 am ----- as we give thanks for the grace of God, for our country, our family as we thank God for a wonderful year. December 1st is the first week of Advent and we prepare the coming of Christ incarnate, Emmanuel, that God is always with us.

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Getting Ready for Getting Ready

Jagged and dark.

These are the kind of images we find in the main readings for Sunday.

“A time unsurpassed in distress”

“Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.”

“The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”

Such readings are included in what are called “apocalyptic literature.”

Why such horrible imagery, especially now with beautiful Advent just a few weeks away?

One reason is so that we might find within us a need for relief from all the turmoil. In other words, for the coming of the simple Christ child.

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.

Recall that in our 21st century we find just the opposite of this: competing ideologies striving to take over. Look at the advertising world:

Shampooing your hair will make you ecstatic (with a corn-cob-eating grin on your face as you use the product). A car can “save your soul”! Casual sex without commitment is taken for granted. Free cable movie channels practicing the blasphemous use of God’s and Jesus’ name, censoring out only—sometimes—words referring to bodily functions.

Of course, in addition to such dehumanizing media forces, the world is faced with crises every bit as bad as what apocalyptic literature might suggest. The pandemic, which we hope is now over with. Economic crises that more than wreck people’s lives; toxic wastes, holes in the ozone layer, tsunami and hurricanes, major climate changes. You can certainly add more. What shall we do?

Our readings do contain a few grains of hope.

At the end of the First Reading we find a beautiful promise of rescue:

... the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.

Such a passage can give us peace, but also a problem.

Should we be nourished by these lovely words, at a time when the greatest tribulations in human history are staring us in the face? An awareness of our tribulations is not wrong; it is right. But how can you or I have any effect on the enormity of our situation?

Maybe we should get hyper-active instead, reforming television, recordings, movies, video games, and so on.

Or, better:

First, let us get smart. Examine carefully what we are able to do and with what effect. We are not helpless, no matter what we feel.

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Second, let our courage rest in divine help.

I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you and bring you back.
(Jer 29:11)

That is what Advent will aim towards. Use Sunday to wait for Advent waiting. Give it a try!



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