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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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December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

Special Events

Dec 5	Last day to order See's Candy online!
Dec 15	Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 18	RCCS gift return deadline
Dec 22	Parish Christmas Dinner <i>at the Highland Dell Lodge</i>
Dec 25	Christmas Day

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Jer 33: 14-16
Ps 25: 4-5. 8-9. 10. 14 (1b)
1 Thes 3: 12 4: 2
Lk 21: 25-28. 34-36

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those in need of prayers:

Alan Mitchell

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	\$796.00
November 23-24	2 nd Collection	\$509.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$1,305.00

Second Collection Schedule

Dec 8 Religious Retirement Fund

Announcements

See's Candy Holiday Fundraiser

Time to order all your Holiday treats - See's Candy, a traditional favorite! Our online storefront is only open through Thursday, December 5th for online ordering (follow our link or QR code).



https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc_christmas_63/Mic_McD9043/candy

We've added a new item: 5.0 oz Peanut Brittle Box: \$10.00

Many thanks to all who have already ordered. If anyone has questions, would like help ordering online, or may have a special request, please text or call Michele at 707-486-1739.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 15 after the 9:30 am bilingual Mass, there will be a procession around St. Hubert's Hall followed by authentic made tamales and other traditional treats. For more information contact: Ana Maria Padilla at (707) 490-7132 or Linda Payne at (707) 953-9166 cocomokidd@aol.com

River to Coast Children's Services

Gingerbread gift wish tags will be available in the back of church. Please consider helping to make a child's wishes come true this Christmas! Wish tags will be available until Dec 13th and gifts must be returned by Dec 18th. For more information call River to Coast Children's Services at (707) 869-3613 or email info@rccservices.org.

Christmas dinner at Highland Dell December 22nd

\$75.00/person appetizers, dinner and dessert. For more information or for tickets please contact Linda (707) 953-9166 cocomokidd@aol.com

Children's Mass Library

Do you have young children with you at Mass? Feel free to borrow a book from our new Children's Mass Library located in the vestibule! Please remember to return any books after Mass. The books are intended to help children learn more about the Mass, connect with familiar bible stories, and enrich their faith.

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

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 Resuming in February 2025

reach out to any council member with questions or concerns about our parish.

Pastor's Desk

Happy New Liturgical Year to all! As we enter the Advent season we also enter the new liturgical year (cycle C). Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the Second Coming or our own mortality. Waiting and preparing is not a passive thing but more of an active movement. When you are expecting the first child what do parents have to do?

There are things that need to be done, such as preparing a new room for the baby, or if you are a teacher, you always prepare a lesson plan, plan A and B. Or if you are a fire fighter, you're not sitting around waiting for the fire -you're performing preventative maintenance, training and practicing fire fighting techniques. Staying vigilant and ready for the moment you're needed.

I hope everyone is aware that the blue books are available in the vestibule for your use this Advent. Another suggestion for reflection is to go online and sign up for the Best Advent Ever, which Dynamic Catholic is providing online.

WordOnFire.org is another place to get more reflection and ideas to assist our time of preparation. We also have a flyer from "Hollow" -a recommendation from our Pastoral Council- I encourage all of you to find time, at least 15 minutes a day for reflection and prayer.

Christmas party for our Parish will be December 22nd at Highland Dell, which is on Sunday starting at 5 pm for "Happy Hour," and we always start for dinner about 7 or 7:30 pm.

Happy Advent and I pray for all of you and please join me in our season of Advent --- to pray for one another and encourage one another. May this coming year be a time of growth in our Christian maturity and persevere in your faith and pray so you stay connected to God. One fellow once said, "Why do you always want us to pray? What about our actions? Trust me if you are truly connected to God, I would not have to convince you of that. Unfortunately, the person who brought out that question doesn't attend church very often, and the funny thing is, I never see or really know if he ever truly assisted someone or supported the church. Always consider the source of the criticism. And actually his criticism was not a valid action that denotes a person that is not connected to God.

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Wake Up Call

Why do we have Advent?

You say, "I don't know, it always just comes along," or, "I don't know, no one ever told me." I have heard these answers and others a number of times. Especially this one: if Christ has

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.

already been born, what is this Advent waiting all about? Have we forgotten about his birth?

Strangely that is part of the answer. It has to do with his birth into our hearts and also to do with our forgetfulness.

Our hearts get drowsy and scatterbrained, tired out by the anxieties of daily life. Maybe we distract ourselves from our troubles by working very hard, or becoming depressed, or becoming fascinated with drink, or sex, or out-of-control emotions, or gambling, or email, or golf, or surfing the web, or pride, or, or, or (you name yours). Whatever it is for you, the very clear message of Advent is, "Settle down for a while." Open the door just a bit to let God in.

The Church has a liturgical strategy in the Advent Sunday readings. Each week's First Reading is the carrot: usually positive, a promise of good. Then the Gospel hits us with a big stick to wake us up.

Take the First Reading this Sunday. It reminds us of the promise God made to his people: Rightness and justice will come to the earth. Security. The day of the Lord will arrive, though long delayed. Peace in our day.

What a lovely thing it is to desire such a time. Too good to be true? Just pious thought? Read the First Reading now and ask yourself such questions. Spend time with the puzzles. Pray to God for help. The Responsorial Psalm will help you. It asks God to make known his ways to us, to guide us and teach us.

The Second Reading urges us to put God's promise of peace into action, even if we are not yet sure what it means. Love others and be loved. A challenge.

Ah, and then Gospel the It tries to wake us up, especially if the above has not helped. "But I am perfectly awake," you say. Alright then, go ahead and read the Gospel. It is the "stick."

It features signs in the sun, moon and stars, nations in dismay, the roaring of the sea and the waves, people dying of fright, and the Son of Man appearing in the clouds with power and great glory. Terrifying?

So you are completely ready for it? Let yourself imagine it what it might be like. Picture it scene by scene and don't worry about being exact. Just experience it.

Will such a shakeup really happen literally? We do not know. Maybe much worse is yet to come, judging from the state of the world today. Do you live without fear of terrorist acts, of proliferating nuclear weapons, of horrific storms, of a crash of the entire economy, or the greed that fills so many hearts to overflowing in your city, in your state, your world?

If you can say "You are right, I do find I am afraid of these"; then go back to the Responsorial Psalm and pray. Beg that Christ be given birth in your soul and in so many others in this world that need it so badly.





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