



# July 9, 2023

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

July 9	Pancake Breakfast
July 23	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
July 27	112 <sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show
Aug 2	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
Aug 16	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

### Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

### Readings

Zec 9: 9-10  
 Ps 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14  
 Rom 8: 9, 11-13  
 Mt 11: 25-30

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Luke Poirier Martinsson, Geoff Power

### Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give)

Collection Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$2,710.00
July 1-2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$855.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$3,565.00

### Monthly Collection Report

	Collection	Online	Total
St Elizabeth	\$5,204.00	\$1,673.00	\$6,877.00
St Catherine	\$2,558.00	\$1,386.00	\$3,944.00
St Colman	\$1,286.00	\$290.00	\$1,576.00

Est. Monthly Expenses: \$22,000    \$12,397.00

*Note: Monthly expenses are based on last year's annual operating expenses on a monthly basis with an estimated amount included for building repairs and replacements.*

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

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman

\* of February, May, August and November

### Announcements

#### Pancake Breakfast

Come enjoy our pancake breakfast after Sunday Mass, at St Huberts Hall. All are welcome!

#### Capital Campaign

The renovation of our Parish rectory and its foundation repair has been progressing for the past month. It is our hope that this beautiful building, which has been part of our Parish and community history for over a century, will regain some of its former luster. As we repair it, not only structurally, but also visually, with new bathrooms, flooring, some new windows and paint, we hope to restore it and add the safety needed to carry this lovely Parish home into the next 100 years.e

It is not difficult to realize that the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches, Hall and Rectory is an expense. Large projects can not be paid for by weekly collections alone. Therefore, the Finance Committee and the Parish Council, along with Fr. Luis, have decided to embark upon a Capital Campaign to replace our savings which is being spent on this renovation. We are asking our Parishioners to consider an investment in our Parish by digging deep in their pockets and making a pledge to help us pay for this work. Please look for the pledge cards in assisting you in making a pledge. Once you have completed your pledge card, please drop it in the collection basket or, turn it in to any council member. This will enable us as a church community to know what financial support we can expect over the next few years. We are confident in your love for our Parish, your devotion to our community, and the passion of your faith.

Each Parish council member will be speaking at the end of Mass at our three churches for the next several weeks. Each of us will give, what we hope will be, some thoughtful insight as to why we believe that raising money via a Capital Campaign is important at this time for our church community.

If you need assistance with your pledge or donation towards the Capital Campaign please call Chris Kollaja at 415-308-6768 or email at [ckollaja@gmail.com](mailto:ckollaja@gmail.com).

#### 112th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show - Thurs, July 27

We are approaching our show date at the end of the month on July 27th. If you are attending and can offer volunteer time

before, after or during the show, please see Michele or Patrick after the Masses or call/text Michele at (707) 486-1739.

Our raffle is set and tickets are available after Masses and at the show. Also, our auction items will be active as of 7/20, but you can go in now to see some of the items as we post them. <https://mrvs2023.ggo.bid/>

Raffle Tickets are 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00 and 8 for \$20.00

Raffle Prizes: Jelly Belly Basket: Value \$500 · Golf for 4 at Northwood: Value \$250 · Taste of Monte Rio with canvas handprinted bag by Ingrid (Gift Certificates including Kayak rentals, Bartlett's sandwich, 5 Yoga classes, Taste of Sonoma Ice Cream, Salvador Hair Cut; beach towel with MRVS imprint, Notecards from RRHS, RRHS Bag, and One Year Membership, Tye Dye Apron, Firefighter Tee, MRVS Cap/Beanie, MR School Tee) Value \$500 · Two (2) Tickets to 2024 Show with w Camp Chairs (we might even indicate "preferred seating" allowing the placement of their chairs by committee w/out having to "attend" the chair stampede?) Value: Priceless · 24 bottles of Taste of Sonoma County Wines with tasting and lunch for 8 at Freeman Winery Value: \$2,000

<https://monterioshow.com/> for more details!

#### Temporary Church Office Phone Number

Until our church office at the rectory is restored, the temporary office phone number is (707) 486-8645.

#### 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.

#### Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

#### A Righteous Reward?

How can Jesus say such a thing to us? "Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward." (Gospel). We have only recently experienced Jesus' Passion and Cross, which do not seem rewarding at all.

And how about September 11, and Iraq, and African Aids, and the warming trend? Citizens do not find these peaceful. Yes we turn to the Lord and maybe find some comfort but it is in the midst of terror and shock. It seems a cold comfort.

And, of course, there are those, our own, who abuse children and young people even having taken up the Lord's life

#### 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 (707) 486-8645 (temporary office phone number).

explicitly and made themselves public witnesses of it. Have these men ever slept an undisturbed sleep since their crimes? Even if they have, clearly the survivors have not.

"I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves," the Gospel says. Can it be true? How can we welcome a savior who is meek and humble instead of one fiercely opposing the disastrous wrongs?

Jesus' words do bring some fledgling kind of calm. Somehow they compel, console. Actually you might say that they reveal one of life's secrets that we might never have guessed. What can it be? Let us look.

Long ago I began quoting with gusto the words of Dylan Thomas, that ragged poet, who if rumor is true drank himself to the death he dreaded. But he wrote this to his father who was upon his death bed.

Do not go gentle into that good night,  
 Old Age should burn and rave at close of day;  
 Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Yes, rage. And in his great poem, "Fern Hill," the same poet says,

Oh as I was young and easy  
 in the mercy of his means,  
 Time held me green and dying  
 Though I sang in my chains like the sea.

Time steals away the life and liveliness of human beings, whatever of it the world has not already plundered, and death ends it all. How does Jesus give us reward from these kinds of weariness and burden? In what way does he make death easy?

Years and years ago, I began to search for some way in which death was continuous with life instead of its cancellation. Could it be simply a transition from what was to what will be? Can there be a view of life and death in common with the fullness of life? What is the source and goal of them both?

Seek it in me, Jesus says. I am "meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass" (First Reading). Watch me on the sad height of Calvary and see. I have let it all go—belongings, beloved's, repute, all. But one thing remains. Make it your life, in the midst of sorrow, in every act of living and of dying. It is the center of my life.

Love.

If you can let go into the arms of the Great Love, give your life away instead of raging, you will know rest in your burdens; you will see how death is the ultimate act of giving yourself away, as Jesus did, burdens or not.

John Foley, SJ

