

# ST. ELIZABETH, Guerneville

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Office Hours: Tue - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Father Luis Peñaloza, PASTOR**

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



WELCOME to the communities of St. Elizabeth, St. Catherine of Siena & St. Colman! If you would like to become a member of one of our churches, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail to St. Elizabeth, 14095 Woodland Drive, Guerneville, CA 95446. Email: churchelizabeth@comcast.net

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July 21, 2024  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Upcoming Dates

July 25 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show

July 28  
12:00 pm St Colman Guild Meeting

## Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

## Readings

Jer 23: 1-6  
Ps 23: 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (1)  
Eph 2: 13-18  
Mk 6: 30-34

## Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who have been called to Eternal Life:** Mike Tierney, Randy & Gail

## 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	\$1,777.00
July 13-14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$1,568.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$3,345.00

## Announcements

### ***St Elizabeth Outdoor Church***

The outdoor church looks terrific, thanks to Rick DeCarli washing down the pews and Steve Kline replacing the missing and damaged boards. Wonderful job, guys! The pew benches at our outdoor church look wonderful after being cleaned and repaired with new redwood lumber.

Another big thank you to Rick DeCarly, and Gerardo Sanchez and his helpers. Rick hauled in water, and they all spent many hours pressure washing the pews. The pews look much better, and we are no longer wearing mud and dust after we leave Mass!

### ***113th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show***

Our tickets are sold out! We will have merchandise and raffle tickets for sale after Masses. If you cannot make our show,

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

Finance Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall	* of February, May, August and November
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman	

our raffle is a great way to support this fundraiser and prizes are plentiful -Golfing at Northwood and Bodega Bay, Taste of Monte Rio merchant and gift items, dining at the Union Hotel, and tickets to the 2025 Show! Questions: Go to our website at <https://monterioshow.com> or text Michele at (707) 486-1739 (be patient on response due to high call volume).

### ***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](http://www.srdiocese.org)

### ***Hospitality***

We're hoping to continue our hospitality gathering after the Sunday outdoor Masses. To do this, we need your help. Please sign up on the clipboard or call the Church Office (707) 869-2107 to volunteer to host our hospitality coffee and donuts.

### ***St Elizabeth Parking***

The owner of the tan garage building right next to St Elizabeth on Armstrong Woods road is asking our parishioners to please not park in front of his garage. He is unable to access his garage when it's blocked by parked cars. We have ample parking available behind the fire station directly across the street from St Elizabeth Church at St Hubert Hall (parking lot and grass area behind hall). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### ***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! We had a great Parish picnic last Sunday complete with amazing weather and excellent food; hot dogs, burger, shrimp salad, pasta, fresh salad, and more. Thanks to Tim Bosque, and his helper, Steve Kline, Mary Kay Story and Tom Hullsman for his dedication and for giving us a place to gather as a community of faith. I met few people who I never normally have a chance to talk too. It is unfortunate that I missed meeting our guest or summer parishioners during the Sunday mass due to my scheduling.

I also wanted to thank following people who decided to surprise us, and I hope most of you should have noticed that our angels in our parish pressure washed the pew benches last Sunday -it was immaculate, almost brand new! Thanks to Rich DeCarli, Gerardo Sanchez and Steve Kline. If I forgot anyone, I will make sure to mention their name next week.

Thank you all who have been very supportive in making our parish thrive!

The next gathering will be the BBQ chicken and I believe that is in August and please remember that Linda will have surgery and she would need a lot of assistance for the BBQ chicken, and I know she have a lot of volunteers set up.

Peace and Blessings!  
Fr. Luis

### **Spirituality Of The Readings**

*Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University*

#### ***Shepherding***

In his youth, a Jesuit friend of mine had been an actual shepherd. I asked him what that must have been like.

I suppose my ulterior motive was that three of our readings today have references to shepherds.

But he surprised me.

He said he had hated that job and would never go near it again. There were so many sheep in a herd that you could never know which was which, much less give names to them,

and that sheep-dogs were the only way you could keep them more or less together in a herd.

Was my friend a “bad shepherd” like the ones we find in the First Reading? Not at all. He was an outstanding shepherd of people, in spite of this youthful experience. But in our day the tending of sheep is an industry, not a personal act.

In Jesus’ day, the flocks were small. A shepherd could indeed name each one and the herd knew his voice by heart, just as the family dog knows yours.

So, in Jesus’ day, good shepherds would search and search for a lost sheep. Or find one turned absurdly on its back, unable to roll over again because of its full fleece. The shepherd took his “crook,” which had a big curve on one end, and easily maneuver the sheep to its feet. If there was real danger, as for instance if wolves were ready to pounce, the shepherd would take out his “staff,” a pole-like instrument, and deal with the predators.

Bad shepherds, on the other hand, would actually scatter the sheep; drive them away without care. The sheep feared and trembled, and many went missing. Sometimes workers were hired who were not shepherds at all and who simply ran away when a wolf approached (Jn 10:12). God’s anger flamed out against such bad shepherds.

Of course these sheep and shepherds were symbols representing God’s people and their rulers.

In the Responsorial Psalm, Jesus was the Good Shepherd. What about the Gospel? So many people were coming and going that Jesus and his apostles “had no opportunity even to eat.” He advised his friends to come away with him to a quiet place to rest. Even shepherds must take a break. They used a boat to go to a deserted area.

But the needy people saw where the boat was headed and they went there and formed a “vast crowd”! What should Jesus do? Start ministering again instead of resting. The Gospel says “his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd,” so “he began to teach them many things.”

God’s words in the First Reading had come true: “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow.”

The question for you and me is not whether we should go without our rest and food and become workaholics for the sake of others.

It is whether our own hearts are ever moved with pity for the scattered and fear-filled sheep of our own time. Can we love them as Jesus does? As he loves each of us?

Can we imitate God’s good shepherd?

### ***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.



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