



# September 3, 2023

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

Sept 6	St Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
Sept 10	Pancake Breakfast
Sept 17	Parish Picnic 1pm
Sept 24	St Colman Guild meeting 12pm
Nov 15	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

### Mass Intentions

Sun 9:30 am Jordan Breaux† requested by Jim Breaux

### Readings

Jer 20: 7-9  
 Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)  
 Rom 12: 1-2  
 Mt 16: 21-27

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Sue Moeckel, Terry Devlin

### Parish Donations

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

Collection Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$2,103.00
August 26-27	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$809.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,912.00

### Announcements

#### Pancake Breakfast

The date of the pancake breakfast has been moved to September 10.

#### Parish Picnic September 17

It's soon going to be that time again for our Parish Picnic. The date for this year is Sunday September 17, 2023 and the time is 1pm. Place Guerneville PeeWee Golf. Tickets are \$10 for adults and kids 10 and up, under 10 \$5 and 5 and under free. If you paid last year and told us to keep it as a donation we thank you. If you would like that money to go towards this years ticket please call Francine at 707 869-9341 so we have you in the count. Come and join us for another fun afternoon of golf, Tim's delicious barbeque and sides, sweet treats, a great raffle and a Summertime celebration with friends. You

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

can call Francine for reservations or see a Guild member at our masses. See you there!

### Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress

The Diocese of Santa Rosa invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, September 23, 2023. This event is free. This year's theme is "Liturgy, Devotion, and the Most Holy Eucharist". 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)

### Journey Together Towards Holiness

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul District Council of Sonoma County Is hosting a Retreat: Journey Together Towards Holiness. All are welcome. When: Tuesday September 26th Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM At: Holy Spirit Church, 1244 St. Francis Rd. Santa Rosa. For more information contact: [jimandchrisnanman@gmail.com](mailto:jimandchrisnanman@gmail.com) Or Call 650-274-9941.

### Monte Rio Variety Show Update

Thank you to all volunteers, in-kind supporters and our show producers and entertainers that collaborated on a great success for our 112th Annual Variety Show. Our tentative results indicate that our show financially outpaced 2022, indicating another record set for our legacy event. More details should be available to publish in the next two weeks. Until then, mark your calendar for next year. Our show is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024. Gratefully, Michele and the Variety Show Committee

### Help Maui

Many want to know how they can help the victims of the devastating fire on the island of Maui, Hawaii. The Diocese of Honolulu would appreciate donations be made to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). Tax-deductible contributions can be made directly by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Or funds can be donated during a special collection at your parish. Checks should be made out to "Diocese of Santa Rosa" with a notation "For HCCF" or "Maui Relief". All the donations collected will then be forwarded to HCCF from our diocese. Any amount will be gratefully accepted to aid in the Maui relief effort.

### Capital Campaign

The renovation of our Parish rectory and its foundation repair has been progressing for the past few months. 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. 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 to assist 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.

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

### Temporary Church Office Phone Number

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

### 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 McDonnell, Chris Kollaja, and Mary Helt. 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.

### Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley SJ, Saint Louis University

### What's in a Name?

This week, Peter is in for a big surprise.

In last week's Gospel Jesus retired the name "Simon" and replaced it with the name Peter.

*And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it (Mt 16:18).*

We heard that, at root, the name Peter meant "rock." Simon is to be the "Rock," the foundation of the church.

Surprise, surprise, Jesus gives Peter a different name this week, and it has a very different flavor: he calls him "Satan" (Gospel).

### 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).

*"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*

If this name were to stick, Peter would be the leader of the very "netherworld," the one that Jesus promised could never prevail against the church.

Peter's entreaty is just what Satan had recommended in the desert temptations of Christ (Matthew 4:1-11)! When Jesus was hungry, Satan had said, stealthily, you are Messiah—why don't you simply turn these stones into bread? After that, have your angels save you from all danger. And then, be a real Messiah, be in charge of all the lands there are. Why not?

Because all of this would require bowing down and worshipping Satan. What is going on?

First, it is quite clear that Jesus' emotional state has changed.

He is obviously dreading the suffering and death he will soon have to face. His rebuke to Peter is so sharp, so instant, so contradictory, that its emotional roots are showing. He knows what a terrible toll human misery and affliction will take on him. He snaps at Peter and even resorts to name-calling.

Second, Jesus had been gradually schooling the disciples about who he really is. Not just a great teacher, or good friend, or magnetic preacher, but the complete revelation of divine love. They had achieved their first high mark last week when Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Gospel, 21 Ord A 20)

This week Jesus shows the real meaning of Christly love: for the good of the world he must suffer greatly and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Do the Apostles get it? No they do not. The Gospel reports that now Peter "rebukes" Jesus. Something like this:

*No, no, no, no, Lord, we will protect you—this will not happen to you, please don't worry so much. Everything will be ok, you'll see. We need you to be alive. You are the Christ! We need you to use your powers!*

It is an impulsive response. Very human. But notice that Peter is telling Jesus to avoid pain by selfish use of his divine powers.

To put it another way, Jesus would have to act according to the self-seeking, self-interested part of human nature. Go for the wealth, the power and the reputation. Forget Godly love.

Since he was human, Jesus must have felt within himself the rewards that would come with such desert temptations. And he must feel it now as Peter gives him the very same enticement. So he reacts strongly.

Does he really mean that Peter is Satan? No. But surely he remembers with pain the devil's temptations.

No wonder that name slips out.

