



# July 17, 2022

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

### Upcoming Dates

July 24, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm  
 July 28, The 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show  
 Aug 3, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm  
 Aug 6, Annual Chicken BBQ  
 Aug 17, Finance Committee meeting 4pm  
 Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ

### Mass Intentions

**Sat 4pm:** Paige Newman for healing and health requested by the Mark & Michele.  
**Sat 5pm:** For peaceful resolution between Russia and Ukraine and countries who are experiencing civil unrest such as Kenya and Afghanistan.  
**Sun 9:30 am:** KC Bledsoe<sup>†</sup> requested by Greg McCaffey.  
**Sun 11 am:** For all Parishioners.

### Readings

Gn 18: 1-10a  
 Ps 15: 2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)  
 Col 1: 24-28  
 Lk 10: 38-42

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:**  
 Rose Rodenberger, Jill Laufenberg, Father Andrew Metcalf

### **Who have been called to Eternal Life:**

Nilda Falero, Alicia Bicoy, Carol Boyle

### Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus comes into a village and is received into the home of two friends: a woman named Mary and her sister, Martha. Although Luke condenses the episode into just a few short verses, the scenario is one with which most of us can readily identify. Mary focuses her attention on the guest. She sits "at the Lord's feet," listening "to His teaching." She opens her heart and mind to what Jesus is saying to her. She opens her heart and mind to the possibility of Jesus bringing something new and beautiful into her life. In Jesus' words, "Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her" (Lk.10:42). Martha, on the other hand, is motivated by anxiety. She is preoccupied with the trappings of hospitality. She is worried about making a good impression as a hostess. She is "distracted with much serving," Luke says.

Everything must be just right. (Sound familiar?) Moreover, Martha is disturbed because Mary isn't anxious and tense. She even tries to get Jesus to worry about it. "Lord," she asks, "are you not concerned that my sister has left me to do all the household tasks alone?" (Lk.10:40). Jesus replies, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful" (Lk. 10:42). For Martha, for Mary, for you, and me, it is a matter of putting first things first -- a matter of priorities.

What is happening here is not that Jesus is being contemptuous of the household tasks involved in preparing a meal for an honored guest. Instead, Martha's focus has shifted, and she is confusing means with ends. At first, the important thing is to serve Jesus and give Him a proper reception. But then Martha's emphasis is away from Jesus, and it focuses on the project itself. If her task is to succeed, Mary must help. And even Jesus must help by using His authority to get Mary to help. Martha is no longer serving the Lord. Her primary concern is that she will succeed in being a super hostess. Martha has not chosen the "good portion."

When I come into the pulpit, if my primary goal is to try to deliver a perfect sermon rather than to serve the Lord, I have not chosen the good portion.

When you come into Church, if your primary goal is to be perfectly pious rather than serve the Lord, you have not chosen the good portion. In your relationships with one another, if your primary goals are to succeed in controlling and dominating and manipulating, rather than to serve the Lord, you have not chosen the good portion.

Once, the famous playwright Arthur Miller was asked to describe the difference between an ordinary play and a great drama. "In any successful play," Miller said, "there must be something which makes the audience say to themselves, 'Good Lord, that's me!'" That is precisely what Jesus' words are evoking from us constantly. He says,

"You pay tithes, while neglecting justice and the love of God" (Lk. 11:42).

Good Lord, that's me!

"You lay impossible burdens on men, but will not lift a finger to lighten them (Lk. 11:46).

Good Lord, that's me!

"Mary sat at the table at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching." Like Mary, we must listen to Him! Make whatever adjustment in your life may be necessary to allow the voice of forgiveness, compassion, and love to penetrate your soul!

Listen to Him! Resist every temptation to return to the old sounds of vengeance, retribution, and hate.

Listen to Him! Resist every temptation to acquire money and things at the expense of honesty and decency in human relationships.

Listen to Him! But be prepared! The more you listen to Him, the closer you will get to Him. The more you listen to Him, the closer you get to one another. And that's the real miracle!

That's when you will hear Jesus' words, "She has chosen the good portion ... He has chosen the good portion." And then your response can be, "Good Lord, that's me!"

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

### Announcements

#### **Summer Mass Times and Locations**

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Catherine.  
 Saturday 5:00 pm at St. Elizabeth.  
 Sunday 9:30 am at St. Elizabeth outdoor church.  
 Sunday 11:00 am at St. Colman outdoor church.

### Confessions

Reminder that Fr Luis will hear Confessions before weekend Masses and by appointment if a different time is needed. Please call the rectory office at 707-869-2107 to schedule an appointment.

**Fr. Marlon Atendido will preside at the 11 am mass in Cazadero.** St. Coleman please welcome him with open arms. He is coming all the way from Clearlake!

### Monte Rio Variety Show - July 28th, 2022

Location: Monte Rio Amphitheatre  
 Time: 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Our show is a benefit for St Catherine's, an annual tradition dating back to 1911.

If you have not purchased your ticket from our vendors or online, do not delay! Tickets are available online at <https://rrchurches.ejoinme.org/MRVS2022-TicketSales>, after Masses in June and July, and at local businesses (Bartlett's Market, Lark's Drugs and Hernandez Realty). For information about our show, go to [monterioshow.org](http://monterioshow.org). A few updates for our show:

**Online Auction:** We will be keeping our newer tradition of an online auction, which will feature several art,

### How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily donate online by using the donate button at [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com). Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit [smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577) to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

dining and vacation experiences. The link to our auction is <https://mrvs2022.ggo.bid> which will be live as of July 20th.

**Raffle:** Our legacy raffle will be epic, bringing back a hand-painted Fender Guitar (with amplifier) along with golfing, dining, and our favorite Taste of Monte Rio package featuring local merchants and contributors. These tickets are sold after Masses and throughout the day of the event at the Amphitheatre. Tickets can be purchased for 3 for \$10 or 8 for \$20. Raffle will be drawn during the show and you do not need to be present to win.

**Entertainment:** We are in the process of confirming entertainers, including those whom will allow their name(s) to be published in advance. Once confirmed we will post on our website and via an email communication.

**Our annual Chicken BBQ** at St Hubert's field will be Saturday, August 6, 2022.

**Our Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ** will be on Sunday, Sept 18, 2022 at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville.

### Parish Donations

July 9 - 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,640.00	\$759.00
St. Catherine	\$365.00	\$278.00
St. Colman	\$217.00	\$221.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$3,480.00

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection:** general expenses, maintenance & diocese.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** parish restoration & repair.

### Discussion Questions

#### **First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a**

1. What does this story of Abraham's hospitality signify? Why is hospitality important? How would you compare it to Martha's hospitality in the Gospel reading?

2. Was God present in the guests? Abraham begat Isaac as a reward for his hospitality. Who needs your hospitality today? If you show hospitality to immigrants or the unhoused, you probably won't get an "Isaac," but what kind of reward might you experience?

#### **Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28**

Paul said "the riches of God's glory" were a "mystery among the Gentiles." What do you think helped Paul spread the good news about the riches of God, to people everywhere, changing much of the world from Gentile to Christian?

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	* of February, May, August and November
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman	