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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

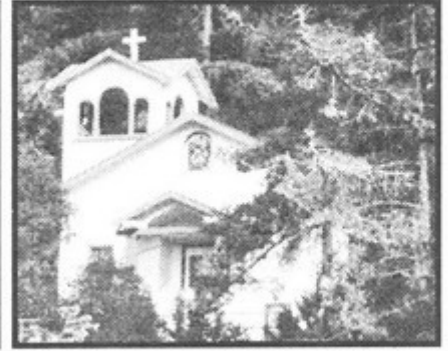
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

*Outdoor church
Memorial Day
through Labor Day*

St. Catherine of Siena, Monte Rio

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.



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July 7, 2024
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

July 25 113th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show

July 28
12:00 pm St Colman Guild Meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Ez 2: 2-5

Ps 123: 1-2, 2, 3-4

2 Cor 12: 7-10

Mk 6: 1-6

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Judy Viale, Bill Hatch, Jennifer

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

Collection Period	1 st Collection	\$1,201.00
June 29-30	2 nd Collection	\$561.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,762.00

Announcements

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, 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

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.

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

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

Pastor's Desk

Greetings to all and Happy 4th of July weekend! I pray you have a wonderful and safe time making memories with family and friends in the river area.

July 4th is a secular holiday celebrating freedom with picnics, fireworks, parades, and the proud display of the American flag.

For Christians, Independence Day means even more, for by the signing of the Declaration of Independence a series of events ensued that shaped Christianity in America from 1776 until today.

For Roman Catholics, Independence Day means the freedom to worship in America, which allows Catholics the opportunity to spread the truth of Christianity to all people in North America and beyond, thus fulfilling, ultimately, Jesus's command to His disciples, as quoted by the Apostle Mark, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

As we continue to celebrate the Mass at our outdoor church, I like to thank those who assisted in preparing setting and cleaning our altar. Keeping the outdoor church clean and operational is a daunting task so your support (both physical and monetary) are greatly appreciated. Donations, one-time or recurring, can be made at stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give. Please be generous so we can continue to provide Mass outdoors for generations to come.

I hope you have a great Mass experience here. Please join us afterwards to meet the parishioners who have been dedicated to keeping the outdoor church alive every year.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Expectations

As you know, we are back to "Ordinary Time" for our liturgies. We have run through all the special times: Lent, Easter, Easter season, the Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Peter and Paul and so on. Time to settle down and have some ordinary weeks, to know Jesus in his ordinary life.

But what do we find as we return to the ordinary? We find Jesus preaching and nobody listening. He has come back "to his native place," Nazareth, and even though the people were astonished at his wisdom, their immediate reaction is to "take offense at him."

Why? Why did they not welcome him and listen?

For one thing, it was his home town, so people already had him in a category—carpenter, the guy who lives down the street, son of that working couple Joseph and Mary. Who does he think he is preaching all this new stuff?

We do not have a record of what he said, although in chapter four of Mark he had told the story of the seeds that fell on different kinds of ground and how some grew, but the rest had only shallow or no soil from which to develop. The Gospel for this coming Sunday is an illustration of the parable. Nothing can grow from barren soil.

You and I should ask what kind of "soil" we ourselves are. When the Word of God has taken seed in us does it get any nourishment, or do we just go along like pre-programmed computers?

This is a searching question, something to pray about, tough, likely to make us uncomfortable. If he preached that way in Nazareth, perhaps he was too rough on them and that is why they turned away. Whatever the reason, the fact remains that "he was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

This always has been a rather puzzling situation. After all, if Jesus is the Messiah, he should be able to work whatever deeds he wants to, wherever he wants, no matter what the reaction. Why was he not able?

But this is the underlying point of Sunday's Gospel. Jesus' healing and preaching are not something one person does in order to process another, sort of like a surgical doctor operating on a patient (or like a mechanic fixing a car). We sometimes picture it that way when we pray for things. Fix it, O God, fix it.

But instead, Jesus was always pointing to the relational nature of everything he did. When he did a miracle he would say "your faith has saved you." What? I thought you saved me, Lord.

Yes, but something else is necessary first. Faith is the rich soil that lets God be planted in and flourish within our lives. He will never force teachings or miracles on us until we are ready to relate to him in love. This is why Sunday's Gospel ends with the words, "he was amazed at their lack of faith." There has to be a fertile seed-bed in order for healing to take place.

We have to release Jesus and God from the categories we have them in. We may have to allow our own ground to be plowed up a bit to let the rich fertility inside us be opened to the seeds of love, wisdom, hope and faith that God wants to plant there.

To put it simply, we need to start putting love first.

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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