



February 5, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Feb 15, Finance Committee meeting 4pm
 Feb 18, Annual Crab Feed 4pm
 Feb 26, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
 Mar 1, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners

Readings

Is 58: 7-10
 Ps 112: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4a)
 1 Cor 2: 1-5
 Mt 5: 13-16

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Miranda Muniz

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Joan Brown

Parish Donations

You can easily donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give

January 28-29	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$450.00	\$459.00
St. Catherine	\$201.00	\$187.00
St. Colman	\$90.00	\$100.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,487.00	

Announcements

Celebrate Marriage Mass

The 4th annual “Celebrate Marriage Mass” will be held on World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 12th at the 10:30 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. Bishop Vasa is inviting married parishioners within the Diocese of Santa Rosa to attend and prayerfully celebrate the joy of married life in the Catholic Church. Couples celebrating “milestone anniversaries” that is, every 5-year anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc.) will be recognized.

Crab Feed 2023!

February 18th 4:00-7:00 pm at St Hubert's Hall, tickets \$75.00.

It's that time of year! I cannot believe this is our 4th year for the crab feed, we're here to stay!! If you'd like to join us, please let me know as seating is limited. Checks can be mailed to the rectory, given to me at Mass or brought the day of the crab feed.

There will be the usual donation bar and some great raffle prizes. Email or text me if your interested.

I am also looking for underwriters to help with the cost of the "feed" this year. Prices have risen and underwriters would be welcome.

Some have asked and yes, I WILL BE WEARING THE CRAB PANTS!!

Thank you for all the support you have all shown in the past, it is so appreciated!

Sincerely, Linda
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Pastor's Desk

What does Jesus mean when he calls disciples “salt of the earth”?

Barbara Reid, explains that salt in the ancient world was a “critical necessity” used to season preserve, and purify foods; to ratify covenants; for liturgical purposes; and to signal “friendship and loyalty.”

To Jesus’ followers at the time, the integral and multifaceted nature of salt would have been evident.

Reid writes that, like salt, “Disciples preserve, purify and judge, drawing out the savor of God’s love in the world.”

The call to discipleship is not a straight, simple path; rather, it is complex and personal, and the actions of a disciple must be discerned. Our share call to discipleship binds us, yet we are put to use in “seasoning” God’s message of love in many, varied ways.

Recall that these metaphors of salt and light come just after Jesus has proclaimed the Beatitudes in Matthew’s gospel, the Sermon on the Mount. He has just articulated blessings upon those often overlooked --- the meek, the peacemakers, the persecuted ---- and now he dubs his disciples salt and light.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” Each member of the Body of Christ offers their personal gifts, lives their callings, “seasons” the Gospel message in their own way. It may be tempting to live our faith in private, but Jesus likens this to hiding our light from a world desperately in need. The light spoken of in today’s gospel is not a spotlight focused on us but rather a soft and sacred light that points toward Christ, the true source and Light of the World. This light cannot be contained. We cannot hide our gifts and callings. To illumine the darkness and envelop the world in Christ’s light, Christians must engage the work of the Gospel, such as the works of mercy described by the prophet Isaiah. Then, and only then, will our “light break forth like the dawn.”

We are each of us, salt and light, influencing the world and those around us even when we do not see it or feel it. Our offerings must point others toward God, for all glory belongs to God.

Peace and blessings!
 Fr. Luis

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, St. Louis University

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

1. “Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed.” Binding the wounds of others: what does it have to do with your own wounds? Who benefits when people share their bread or shelter the homeless? Explain.

2. “Share your bread. ... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer ... here I am.” Is God there when you are “satisfying the afflicted”? Is God there when you ask for help, and even when you don’t? Can you give examples?

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1. Can you understand, using human wisdom alone, how crucifixion can triumph over sin and death? If not, then what allows you to see beyond human appearances? Did Paul want our faith to rest on the power of God instead of complicated arguments?

2. “You are the light of the world,” Jesus says in the Gospel. According to this reading, did Paul have plenty of power and wisdom?

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

1. Jesus asked us to be like light and salt. What determines your degree of saltiness or brightness?

2. What does Pope Francis say is the “battery” for our light?

What must a Christian do in order for the salt not to run out, so that the oil to light the lamp does not come to an end? The “battery” a Christian uses to generate light ... is simply prayer. Prayer, the Pope says, is what lights up Christian life ... prayer must come from the heart.”

As regards the salt that Christians are called to be: it becomes salt when it is given to others. This ... is another Christian attitude: to give of oneself, to give flavor to the lives of others, to give flavor to many things with the message of the Gospel ... It’s curious: both salt and light are for others, not for oneself. Salt does not give flavor to itself; light does not illuminate itself.

*Mass at Casa Santa Marta,
 June 7, 2016*

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

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

* of February, May, August and November

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.

