



December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

Upcoming Dates

Dec 6 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Dec 14	A Gift for a Child (delivery deadline)
Dec 17 6:00 pm	Parish Christmas Dinner
Dec 20 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Dec 24 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 pm	Phil & Sue Van Doren [good health] <i>requested by Mark Van Doren.</i>
Sunday 9:30 am	Kim Barling [good health] <i>requested by Mark Van Doren.</i>

Readings

Is 63: 16b-17, 19B; 64: 2-7
Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)
1 Cor 1: 3-9
Mk 13: 33-37

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Jim Riley, Stella Dunne, Margaret McAtee

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	\$936.00
November 25-26	2 nd Collection	\$847.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,783.00

Announcements

Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday December 23rd:
St Catherine 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday December 24th:
St Elizabeth 9:30 am Mass
St Colman 11:00 am Mass
St Elizabeth 4:00 pm *Christmas Vigil Mass*

Monday December 25th:
St Elizabeth 9:30 am *Christmas Day Mass*
St Colman 11:00 am *Christmas Day Mass*

We won't be singing Christmas Carols before the Vigil Mass but there will be Music and Carols at our Christmas Party on December 17th at the Highland Dell!

A Gift For A Child

We have Gingerbread people tags on the trees in the back of the church. Take a tag and shop for a local child in need. Presents should be delivered directly to River to Coast Child Care located on First Street across from the entry to Johnson's Beach. Please shop and deliver by Thursday December 14. Thanks for making a child's Christmas a little brighter.

2023 Christmas Dinner at the Highland Dell

Sunday December 17th, 2022 at 6 pm. Tickets \$70 per person Kids Entree 6-12 years of age \$20, and Kids 5 and younger- no charge. Choice of entree: Prime Rib, Grilled Wild Sockeye Salmon, Grilled Portabella Mushroom. Kids Entree: Macaroni and Cheese with Grilled Chicken Strips. Come enjoy a fun-filled, festive holiday gathering with your fellow church community members! For questions, or, to order tickets, please contact Linda Payne at (707) 953-9166 or email cocomokidd@aol.com

Christmas See's Candy Sale

Our 4th Annual Fundraiser! Please consider purchase of a favorite holiday or family candy tradition. Our list is inserted in the bulletin to accommodate preordering or you can use our online store (with an easy QR code link)

to place an order directly. All sales benefit St Elizabeth's parish and our goal is \$2,000. Michele, Sherry, Barbara and Jeannine will be available after Masses beginning the week before Thanksgiving to deliver pre orders, selling available candy or answer questions about our online storefront. Many thanks to those who have already ordered, your early response is appreciated! Questions: email Michele McDonell at mmcdonell@gmail.com or call/text her at (707) 486-1739.

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.

Temporary Church Office Phone Number

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

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).

Parish Council

Our church has a Parish/Pastoral council. It consists of 9 members -Linda Payne, Barbara and Otto Kobler, Maryanne Gustafson, Susan Poirier, Patrick McDonell, Chris Kollaja, Mary Helt and Martha "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.

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8

1. "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down. ... No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him." Does this sound like a cry for closeness to God? Is Advent a time for becoming more aware of how close God is to us?

2. "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" Is there a veil that keeps you from seeing God's presence at work in your life and in your world? Can you use Advent to lift that veil, to get more in touch with God's presence in and around you?

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

1. St. Paul's concern here is to make sure you are ready for life with God after death. Is there life with God before your death? If you feel sometimes that, indeed, "you are ... lacking in... spiritual gifts," what could you do during Advent to restart, to recover the goals of your existence?

2. St. Paul also says that "in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge. ... " In what areas could all of us use God's gift to us of knowledge and discourse right now?

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

