



June 4, 2023 The Holy Trinity

Upcoming Dates

June 7	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
July 27	112 th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show
June 25	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
Aug 16	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

Sun 9:30 am Margaret[†] & John Maher[†] req by Mary Helt

Readings

Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9
Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)
2 Cor 13: 11-13
Jn 3: 16-18

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Donald Champlain

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	\$1,726.00
	2 nd Collection	\$983.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,709.00

Announcements

Special Collection

The second collection on June 4 is for Priests' Benefits and Welfare.

Celebrate Corpus Christi June 8th

Starting with 5:00pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, then follow the Eucharistic Procession through Santa Rosa to St. Eugene's Cathedral. No registration needed. More info or volunteer contact Stephen Morris via email dsryouth@srdiocese.org

Redemption House of the Bay Area: Human Trafficking

On Saturday, June 10th The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Social Justice Committee at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are hosting a presentation about Human Trafficking. Volunteers from Redemption House, a local group fighting human trafficking and helping survivors, will offer the presentation. Sonoma County is second in the State for incidents of human trafficking! We hope you will join us in fighting this problem! The presentation will be held after 9:00 Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish and is free. Zoom attendance will also be available. For more information and to RSVP, please contact SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com. Thank you!

St. Elizabeth Outdoor Church Cleanup

Most of the outdoor church clean up has been completed, with plans for Damen Kennedy of Russian River Clearing to address some of the heavy clean up and downed tree removal. No need to pull out your rakes and gloves yet -we may only need help brushing off the pews as we get close to the day of our first outdoor Mass.

112th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show - Thurs, July 27, 2023

We are now completely sold out of tickets - online, local, and Parish Will-Call. I will be getting more details about entertainment, auction items and raffle in the next two weeks - Stay Tuned! Our website is www.monterioshow.org.

Temporary Church Office Phone Number

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

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

The "Story" of the Trinity

In order to know about the Trinity, we can think back to the great story that we have been celebrating for many weeks. Let us tell it one more time.

God the Father invited people on earth to a lasting and loving relationship with him and with each other. "I want to be your God and I want you to be my people. My love for you is tender and precious. Won't you love me in return?"

People understood and entered into the agreement. Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Elisha, Elijah, just to begin the list. But we humans keep choosing things closer to hand: money and honors—barns full of them—which can also bear a refusal of God's love.

How would God react to such refusal?

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. For your sake I scourged your captors and their first-born sons, but you brought your scourges down on me! My people, answer me! [from Good Friday, The Reproaches]

So, eventually God tried a new and quite brilliant way. To paraphrase, "I will show them what true love looks like. Since I am all love and nothing but love, I will go out to them completely, as love does. I will become one of them. I will live humanity to its depths, and they will see Love in its full truth."

So God was born as a human called Jesus, who told the people to love God above all things and their neighbors as themselves. He was the very heart of God-made-flesh. One with the Father but different as well.

And so the world knew about two persons in one God.

Many human beings had been hurt and betrayed, forced to live with their own mixed-up motives, and selfishness and greed. Having to live with the faults of others. Love can get lost in such a world.

So God the Son plunged into this ocean of cruelty and loss, diving all the way down to death. This was a display of the most profound insides of God: give everything, receive everything.

So far, the disciples knew two parts of God, Jesus and his Abba; and they were not very sure about these. So before

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).

he left, Christ said the following to them (again paraphrasing):

If you know me, you know the Father. He is in me fully, and after I go back I will make a home in you by sending the Holy Spirit. It will comfort you, and will be the very love that I and the Father have for each other and for you. That way I will be with you until the end of time!

He was talking about the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. which snuggles close to our souls if we let it. If we let it. The Holy Spirit is like a blanket in cold winter. It is the love between Father and Son. So real that it is the third person of the Trinity.

So there are three parts to God. Ok, not parts but ... well, go figure.

But how could God interact with us in these three very different ways? By being "plural" (in a sense), that is, by being what believers have called three "persons."

Alright, how can three persons in God be one? By not letting the number three be a divider but a plus sign. All three, in a great dynamic of love; come so close that they are One God.

Let us simply let God the Trinity touch us!

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

God has shown himself to us through the ages, through Jesus. Besides his name, what did God reveal about himself to Moses on Mount Sinai? What was Moses' response to this revelation? How do you respond when God speaks to you?

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

1. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." God's nature is love, and he has invited us to come along in his company. What are the implications for our communities?

2. We can all agree with and/or encourage each other in order to live in peace. How important is this to you? Do you encourage others? Is Paul talking about agreeing on everything or on basic truths?

Gospel: John 3:16-18

1. What action of the Father tells you he "... so loved the world"? What did the Son do? What is your response to God's immense love for the world and for you personally?

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

