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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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February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Upcoming Dates

Sat, Feb 22 4:00 pm	Crab Feed at St. Hubert's Hall
Sun, Feb 24 12:00 pm	St. Colman guild meeting held every 4th Sunday at 12:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 1 4:00 pm	Julie Stallman <i>double knee replacement surgery</i>
Sun, Feb 2 9:30 am	Mike Johnston [†] , Pete [†] , Kate [†] , Danny Sardelich [†] , Mary Oxendine [†] <i>requested by Patty Johnston</i>
	William Bell [†] <i>requested by Susan Poirier</i>
Wed, Feb 5 9:00 am	Julie Stallman <i>double knee replacement surgery</i>

Readings

Mal 3: 1-4
Ps 24: 7. 8. 9. 10
Heb 2: 14-18
Lk 2: 22-40

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those in need of prayers:

Claire Elizabeth

Those called to Eternal Life:

Ramona Lopez Luque

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	\$15,114.00
December 2024	2 nd Collection	\$2,645.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$17,759.00
	Parish Expenses	\$18,234.00

Second Collection Schedule

On these dates, 10% of the second collection will benefit:

Wed, March 5: Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE)

This collection provides aid by the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe through bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

Sun, March 30: The Catholic Relief Services Collection (formerly the American Bishops Overseas Appeal)

Provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

Announcements

Crab Feed: Crustacean Sensation 2025

This year, the crab feed will be held on Saturday February 22 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St Hubert's Hall in Guerneville. The menu consists of a boatload of crab, Caesar salad, pasta and dessert. There will even be raffle prizes!

Tickets are \$85.00/person but you'll need to act fast because they're flying out the door!

Sponsorships are \$500/\$1000 your support in the form of a donation would be greatly appreciated!

For tickets or more information contact Linda Payne at (707) 953-9166 or email cocomokidd@aol.com

Children's Mass Library

Do you have young children with you at Mass? Feel free to borrow a book from our new Children's Mass Library located in the vestibule! Please remember to return any books after Mass. The books are intended to help children learn more about the Mass, connect with familiar bible stories, and enrich their faith.

Connecting Hearts, a SR Diocese Survey

To help us improve communication across the Diocese, we invite you to complete a brief survey. Your feedback will guide us in enhancing our communication strategies to better serve everyone. The survey is available on our website <https://srdiocese.org/>

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.

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Blood & Flesh

The Feast of the Presentation this year takes place on February 2nd each year, a date which falls on this coming Sunday.*

Alright, what is a “Presentation” in the Church year?

In Jesus’ day to formally “present” a child involved the purification of the mother, who was presumably defiled by giving birth. We can talk about that another time. Notice: strangely, in order to have a purification, there had to be a “sacrifice.” The Book of Leviticus says this involved the killing of a year-old lamb, or another animal. Poor people such as Joseph and Mary could not afford a first-born lamb, so they were allowed to sacrifice just a pigeon or a turtledove.**

Good so far? Presentation involved a sacrifice, and so we must ask why a “sacrifice” involved killing.

The word sacrifice had many meanings in the times before Jesus’ birth. Here is an attempt to understand this somewhat difficult topic.

For much of history, the realm of the gods was considered something far distant from the daily world of earth. In the earthly realm there is suffering, death, sin, warfare, uncleanness. In the godly land there is none of this, or at least not much. So, could there possibly be a way to disconnect something from this world and send it somehow as a peace offering into heaven? The gift would have to be of high value, of course, so it should be the “first fruit,” or the first-born, etc, which would mean it was “pure.”

How was it sent to the heavenly realm? By putting it to death. Why? Death would release its binding to our world and send it into the heavens. “Priests” were set aside from ordinary life to preside over such a sacrifice, since they were separated,

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.

disconnected from our sullied world and therefore could serve as intermediaries in the transfer of a gift to heaven.

This notion of sacrifice developed through the ages, and it came to be applied, in its way, to Jesus and to Christianity. Here is a sketch of that outcome.

God’s self, his Word, came among us as a tiny human babe, the firstborn child of the Divine. If this firstborn were to grow up and become a sacrifice, then never again would anyone think that the doors to God were closed and locked, at least if they understood through faith who Jesus was. He, the Word of God, would participate in everything earthly—except sin, of course. St. Paul says in the Second Reading that “since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in these things.” His crucifixion could then be seen as the death prescribed in sacrifice.

In the temple, Simeon, rejoicing, spoke the following beautiful scene, quoted in Sunday’s Gospel:

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.

A sacrifice.

And Simeon hints at a further sacrifice to come. “This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel,” he says, “and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and, [speaking to Mary,] you yourself a sword will pierce.”

Quite a piercing this would be. Sacrifice includes suffering and it includes death. But in the very act of dying Jesus would show that Godliness, in its essence, survives death because divine love outlives death.

Our world today is crowded with grief and torment, starvation, warfare, killing, and “lives of quiet desperation.” But in Jesus, God came to participate in all of it.

He took the whole bundle into his two arms and he embraced it. He made it good. On Sunday we are in place to celebrate this ultimate purification.

* *The Presentation of the Lord falls on 2 February, forty days (inclusive) after Christmas.*

***“When the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a yearling lamb for a burnt offering and a pigeon or a turtledove for a purification offering.” (Leviticus 12:6).*



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