



March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Upcoming Dates

Mar 16 10:00 am	St Elizabeth Retreat at St Hubert Hall
Mar 24 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
May 15 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Scrutiny	Otherwise
1 Sm 16: 1b. 6-7. 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 (1) Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9:1-41	2 Chr 36: 14-16. 19-23 Ps 137: 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6 (6ab) Eph 2: 4-10 Jn 3:14-21

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Doug Hollis, Fr. John Boettcher

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Bernadette Gersh, Maddie Nelson

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	\$1,636.00
March 2-3	2 nd Collection	\$580.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,216.00

Announcements

2024 St Elizabeth Retreat, March 16

Topic: Prayer and Renewal During the Lenten Season

Location: St Hubert Hall

Saturday, March 16, 2024 10 am to 2 pm

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	

Retreat to be given by: Rev Donal Godfrey, S.J. University Chaplain and Associate Director for Faculty and Staff Spirituality at UCSF. Come deepen your faith during this Lenten season. This is a free event offered to all by St Elizabeth Parish. Coffee available in the morning, and meat sandwiches with drinks will be served for our 30 minute lunch. For those with dietary restrictions, please bring a sack lunch. So that we know how many will be attending, please sign up on the clipboard in the back of the churches, or call 707-869-2107 or email us at churchelizabeth@comcast.net.

Holy Days and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday March 28:

4:30 p m Mass at St Elizabeth in Guerneville

Good Friday March 29:

2 p m Stations of the Cross
3 p m Adoration of the Cross and Communion
all at St Elizabeth in Guerneville

Holy Saturday March 30:

4 p m Easter Vigil at St Elizabeth in Guerneville

Easter Sunday March 31:

9:30 a m Mass at St Elizabeth in Guerneville
11:30 a m Mass at St Coleman in Cazadero

Annual Ministry Appeal 2024

The Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission, is underway. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we are called to remember that we are one with the other parishes in our diocese. The programs supported by the Appeal provide services that no one parish could supply on its own. Once a year, we are asked to make a commitment to support the valuable work of these ministries. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for our Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us.

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.

St. Vincent High School

St. Vincent high school is open and plans on being open for another 100+ years under a new Independent School Board. Contact the admissions office and join the rush of public school transfers. (Kerry Pedersen - kpetersen@svhs-pet.org).

Want more information on the importance of a Catholic School education visit www.srdiocese.org/catholic-schools AND support St. Vincent high by contacting their development office (Gina Jacquez - gjacquez@svhs-pet.org), you can also support them through their Go Fund Me to help the current St. Vincent de Paul parish administration by donating at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-st-vincent-de-paul-high-school>.

Summer Youth & Young Adults

June 23rd - 29th Summer 2024: Eureka Mission Trip, Little Flowers Girls Camp, and other Youth Summer retreats, camps, conferences registration will open after Easter. To volunteer or find out more details - email Stephen Morris - dsryouth@srdiocese.org

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.

Pastor's Desk

Greetings, to all! We are in our Fourth Sunday of Lent and last Sunday Bishop Robert Vasa presided the mass and had a reception at the Rectory. I just wanted to thank parishioners from St. Catherine and St. Colman who joined us to celebrate the Eucharist with the Bishop. At first, I was worried how we are going to fit in the rectory but it worked! We had a great time, thank you Marty Lownes, Mary Helt, Susan Poirier, Barbara Kobler and I know others where there too.

Next activity is the Lenten retreat and the pancake gathering, put it on your calendar!

Paul tells us, as he tells the Ephesians, "By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

And so, we remember that grace is everywhere. We do not earn salvation but seek it in faith. And as seekers, we will be transformed into the image of God if we open our hearts to the heart of Jesus and seek to model our lives after his, our hearts after his heart.

Light has come into the world, and we faithful people seek to be "those who do what is true [and] come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that [our] deeds [are] done in God."

Ephesians tells us that we have been created for "good works."

The task of the church is to educate us in the art of living so that those of us who seek to live in light may do what we do in God. Our Lenten works, words, deeds, and attitudes ought to upset our normal schedule so that we can take stock of our lives and consider life's deepest questions. Beginning at the twin tables of Word and Eucharist, this path will guide the humble in the way of God.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

