



May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Upcoming Dates

May 17	Finance Committee meeting 4pm
May 20-21	Annual Lake County Passion Play
May 28	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
May 31	Saint Colman Cookbook Recipe Deadline
June 7	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
July 27	112 th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show

Readings

Acts 6: 1-7
Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)
1 Pt 2: 4-9
Jn 14: 1-12

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: George Sammon

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	\$915.00
April 29-30	2 nd Collection	\$1,134.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,049.00

Announcements

Temporary Church Office Phone Number

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

Saint Colman Cookbook

St Coleman's is putting out a call to friends and neighbors for their favorite recipes! Pick out your best, (max 5) and submit them to stcolmancookbook@gmail.com. We're putting together a new and revised book and welcome all your submissions. Deadline is May 31st!

Lake County Annual Outdoor Passion Play

Saturday and Sunday May 20th and 21st from 4 to 6 pm in beautiful Lake County! Admission is Free! If you want to

feel the power of our Lord, come and experience the Passion Play! New cast members are always welcome!

Website: www.lakecountypassionplay.org
Phone: (707) 263-0349
Facebook: www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/
To help: www.lakecountypassionplay.org/icanhelp

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

Tickets are available for sale now locally at Bartlett's, Lark Drugs. Ticket price is \$40.00. We are releasing 500 out to the community until sold out. On May 15, online ticket sales will commence at \$45.00. Michele McDonell will have 75 tickets available at Masses at the \$40 price starting Memorial Day weekend. You may email or text her in advance to reserve tickets (to be picked up at Masses starting Memorial Day Weekend): mmcdonell@gmail.com, cell (707) 486-1739. We should have more details about the show in the next 2-3 weeks - Stay Tuned! Our website is www.monterioshow.org.

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

Playing It Straight

Years ago on television, at the end of the George Burns and Gracie Allen show, Gracie would talk on and on and finally George would stop her dryly with the words, "Say goodnight, Gracie." She would reply, "Goodnight." (Laughter).

George was her "straight man."

In Sunday's Gospel, Philip and Thomas (of doubting fame) serve as straight men—not for a comedian but for Christ, who is explaining the very deepest meaning of Christianity.

"There are many rooms in my Father's house," Jesus says. "I will come back and take you there. You know the way to where I am going."

Thomas asks rather naturally, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" He might as well have said, "Do your magic."

So Jesus makes a play on "the way." Thomas thinks these words mean a roadway or a pathway. But Jesus means something else. He says, Thomas, you already know The Way quite well. It is me. I am the Way and the Truth and the Light. I am the Pathway to the Father. If you know me then you know the Father.

The early followers of Jesus actually called their Jesus movement, "the Way," instead of "Christianity." All puns aside, what does "the Way" mean?

It is the way to real life. Jesus is saying that the Father has been shown forth completely, in himself, the Christ. Jesus called him "abba," but he is the God all ages have sought for, the One who is all good and all loving and all powerful. God. Do you want to know God? Look at Jesus. Follow his way.

Philip does want to know "the Father," but he completely misses Jesus' play on the words, "the Way." He replies, "Master, just show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." We can't understand your explanations, just give us the goods.

People throughout the ages had said the same thing. We want to know the gods. We want the favor of those exalted ones who have no suffering, no crop failures, no droughts, starvation, no aids, no genocide, no Covid. no death. We want what they have, a luxury, power, honor, and glory. Show us that Father, Philip says.

Maybe you and I say exactly the same thing! We are so attracted to the itches of our heart: to have exactly what we want, to avoid troubles, to live "the good life." As television says, "it doesn't get any better than this." Oh doesn't it?

Jesus' response: "show you the Father? What Are You Saying, Philip? I AM showing you the Father. God is so present in my life (and death and resurrection) that to know me is to know the Father."

Let the meaning in. Jesus seems to say that God is totally within him. They are one. You can see infinite love revealed!

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).

Can you or I look at the Cross and the Resurrection and see God's infinite love embedded there? Can we see a love that is stronger than death, stronger than honor, power, riches, stronger than a "trouble-free life"?

It is The Way to freedom.

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

1. St Peter says that we are "a chosen race a royal priesthood and holy nation, a people of his own." Do you "announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"? Regularly? Sometimes? With words? With works?

Gospel: John 14:1-12

1. The disciples didn't know where Jesus was going and certainly did not want him to leave. Can you relate to this desire to be with the people you love? How is human love either a reflection of divine love or else actually a participation in it?

2. "Do not let your hearts be troubled." What did Jesus tell his disciples (and us) in this reading to ensure that our hearts are not troubled, according to Pope Francis?

Jesus is risen and lives precisely to be always by our side. We can thus say to him, "Jesus, I believe that you rose again and are beside me. I believe that you listen to me. I bring to you what upsets me, my troubles. ...

... "My Father's house has many rooms ... I am going there to prepare a place for you." ... he reserved a place in Heaven for us. He took our humanity upon himself to carry it beyond death, to a new place, to Heaven, so that we might also be where he is.

... God is in love with us; we are his children. ... We are in transit here. We are made for Heaven, for eternal life, to live forever. ...

But how can we reach heaven? ... He says to us today: "I am the Way" ... to have a living relationship with him, to imitate him in love, to follow in his footsteps ... of service to others.

*Pope Francis
Angelus, 5th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020*

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

