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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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January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Sat, Feb 22 **Crab Feed**
4:00 pm *at St. Hubert's Hall*

Mass Intentions

Sat, Jan 18 **Jeremiah Price** [illness]
4:00 pm *requested by Michele McDonell*

Frank Danzart† [5 years]
requested by Denise Britton

Sun, Jan 19 **Justin Villareal** [cancer]
9:30 am *requested by Carlos Gonzalez*

Eleanor Gerigk
requested by the Gerigk Family

Readings

Is 62: 1-5
Ps 96: 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 (3)
1 Cor 12: 4-11
Jn 2: 1-11

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those called to Eternal Life:
Allen Mitchell, 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

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| 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

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| December 2024 | \$18,234.00 |
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Second Collection Schedule

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

Jan 25-26 The Church in Latin America

Announcements

Daily Mass

There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday January 21.

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.

For questions about future parish events, please contact Linda Payne at: (707) 953-9166 or cocomokidd@aol.com

St. Colman Guild Meeting 4th Sunday, 12 pm St. Colman Resuming February 2025

Pastor's Desk

I want to thank everyone who attended our Town Hall meeting and contributed articulate and thoughtful questions and concerns. It seems we have some parishioners who have some experience with bankruptcies. I have their contact info and might be asking some of them to be part of the committee that would spearhead the bankruptcy issue.

For those who missed it or if you have additional questions or concerns please direct them to Otto Kobler and Patrick McDonnell. They are well-versed in our particular situation and can provide you the most accurate and relevant information.

I want to thank a couple anonymous parishioners who have donated quite sizable amounts during the Christmas season. We received \$5000.00 from one of our St. Colman summer parishioners. Another parishioner contributed \$10,000.00 earmarked specifically for landscaping of the church and rectory. Thank you!

Many thanks to all of you who attend Mass and donate regularly. Small or large, every donation makes a difference! Thank you for your generosity towards the churches in our River Area. We are especially thankful for God's providence in this time of need.

This Sunday I would like to invite everyone in our parish to join us for a time of singing, reflection, and praises in the celebration of 2025 for the coming of the reign of God in our midst.

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

PS: Last Sunday after Mass a visiting family helped Carlos take down and put away all the Christmas decorations. We are grateful and appreciate their helpful spirit. I hope they visit us again soon.

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

His Delight

Our previous Sunday was the climax of our celebrations of Jesus' birth, early life, and of course, his baptism. In other words, not yet his public life.

This year's cycle of "Ordinary Time" is now replacing the "Christmas season." So it is time to begin hearing about his public life, his showing forth as God's Word. That will be the content of "Ordinary Time," in spite of the season's mundane name.

How long will this year's Ordinary Time continue? Every Sunday from now on, except for insertions of the Lent/Easter season, or any other special celebration of the Lord.

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.

Our year C began with Advent. It will feature the Gospel according to Luke. The following words will be proclaimed before the Gospel reading each Sunday: "A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke."**

But, to make things more complicated, this Sunday—the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time—does not have a reading from Luke's Gospel. The Church has used instead a reading from the Gospel of John, one about an event which actually took place before Jesus' public life started, as Jesus says explicitly ("My hour has not yet come").

We have begun with an irregularity!

One way to look at it is to say that the present Sunday is a brief transition, meant to console us and raise our expectations concerning the Messiah and the Good News.*** Let us examine it now in that way.

Isaiah in the First Reading says that God is going to give his people a new name. They will be called "My delight." Their land will be known by the name, "Espoused." The Lord will marry them and bring forth abundance from their lands.

After our Second Reading, we are told in the Gospel of the wedding feast in Cana, Galilee.** The wine has run out. We hear that Jesus is able to transform water into the very best wine, just as God can change a forsaken people into ones that are his delight.

This is an image for citizens who are fresh out of hope, but who can delight in promise. Only God in Jesus can fulfil that promise. The Gospel story has more symbolic depth than just a simple story of an amazing miracle would.

Let's look.

Mary says modestly to Jesus, "They have no wine" [symbolically, the human race has no real life left in it]. Jesus replies, strangely, "woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Explicitly, his public life has not yet come. In that life he will preach, heal, suffer, die and rise again, as we will see in the coming weeks.

But Mary knew him too well. She did not take seriously all the reasons God's promise could not be fulfilled. She knew that the people needed the full, rich wine of life, which is love. She trusted her son. She says to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

And, of course, water becomes wine.

On this Sunday we begin to watch Jesus make us into "his delight."



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