



August 28, 2022

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Aug 28, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
 Sept 7, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
 Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ
 Sept 21, Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 4pm: For all parishioners
Sat 5pm: For Charles Raneri†
Sun 9:30 am: For Charles Raneri† and for Paul and Sheila Juilly requested by Fr. Luis
Sun 11 am: For Paul and Sheila Juilly

Readings

Sir 3: 17-18. 20. 28-29
 Ps 68: 4-5. 6-7. 10-11
 Heb 12: 18-19. 22-24a
 Lk 14: 1. 7- 14

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Sharilyn Parmeter

Who have been called to Eternal Life: KC Bledsoe

Parish Donations

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August 20 - 21	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$797.00	\$662.00
St. Catherine	\$365.00	\$260.00
St. Colman	\$112.00	\$51.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,247.00

Pastor's Desk

If you have seen the movie "Amadeus," you may recall the scene in which the young composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, has just introduced a new piece of music. His patron, Emperor Joseph, seems to have enjoyed it, but other members of his entourage are unwilling to accept the concepts of this brilliant young musical upstart. They whisper to the Emperor, "Too many notes. The music has too many notes." And so, the Emperor says to Mozart. "That's it. Too many notes. It has too many notes."

In a sense, the criticism was valid, even though it was provoked by jealousy. It was a fact that Mozart created musical lines that were far more complex than anything that had come before. He ushered in a whole new era in composition. Moreover, he had written music for which no instruments existed at that time to play it. Imagine that!

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

Mozart envisioned and orchestrated works so new and revolutionary that, to be performed, new instruments had to be invented.

The Christian visionaries' approach to life exemplifies Mozart's visionary approach to music. Contrary to the cynics who hold that the vision of Christ will always remain untried and unrealized, they believe ...

That God is forever inventing new human instruments of peace and reconciliation;

That human beings can live in peace and harmony with one another;

That human beings can genuinely care for one another;

That human beings can unconditionally forgive one another;

That human beings can generously share with one another;

That human beings can unconditionally love one another.

In a sense, this is what Jesus is talking about in today's Lesson: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled." To exalt yourself means that you have lost sight of your true goal in life. It means that you have taken your eyes off God. It means your primary focus is on something or someone other than God. It means that God is no longer Number One in your life. It means that whatever you want to be or do in life, you'll do it on your terms. You'll rely on your resources: "I'll do it my way." When you exalt yourself in this way -- when you take that attitude and approach to life, you will be humbled, Jesus says. You will be traveling the low road through life where all is of yourself, by yourself, and for yourself. Instead of drawing closer and closer to God -- your true goal in life -- you will be drawing closer and closer to spiritual and emotional disaster.

On the other hand, "He who humbles himself will be exalted." What Jesus intended that to mean to the Pharisees, and what He intends it to mean to us, is that we must make ourselves small in the hands of God; that we must live in complete dependence on God; that we must acknowledge that God is not only the Source of our life but the Source of our way of life. He wants us to strive to become the persons God created us to be by making room for Him at the center of our life. In the process of becoming what we want to be, our primary focus must be on God.

Peace and blessings!
 Fr Luis

Announcements

Monte Rio Variety Show Update

We are still processing income and expenses from our great event, but can let everyone know it was a combined record attendance and gross income. Once we have all the income and expenses processed, we will place the note in the bulletin. Until then, please accept our thanks to all of you who supported us in so many ways. We have

never had such a diverse set of talents helping out on the event - all were needed and filled gaps that, in some cases, we did not anticipate until the last minute. Please know that the committee appreciates all who bought a ticket, promoted the event to family and friends, and/or provided talents leading up to, during and after the event.

Even while we await the final financial outcome, we are planning for next year. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, July 27th, 2023!

With gratitude,
 Michele and the Variety Show Committee Team

Church Parish Picnic and Pee Wee Golf

Join us at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville, 12 pm Sunday, Sept 18, 2022. Tickets are now on sale after all masses and by calling Francine Korn at 797 869-9341. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, kids age 5 and under are free. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, ice creams and cookies. Last year's was a great time, let's all get together and do it again. See you there!

Sign up to host Hospitality

We are inviting families to sign up for Hospitality. To prepare and pick up the donuts and coffee at Safeway for our fellowship after the 9:30 am mass. The items are already paid for. It gives family a chance to participate and know our community and it gives us chance to get to know your family.

Confessions

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays and before weekend Masses. Please call the rectory at 707-869-2107 to confirm with him, so that he knows to arrive early on the weekend, or stay late on Friday. Alternatively, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory.

Financial Committee Corner

Dear Parishioners,
 Peace be with you. Hope your summer is going well.

Our Parish has accomplished many things the past two years! And hopefully, this is just a start in reinvigorating by developing a vision in building our community and broadening our reach to the greater community.

As you recall our accomplishments during the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:

- In the past few years, we have placed a new roof on St Colman Church and St Hubert's Hall.
- Both St Coleman and St Elizabeth Churches both received new furnaces.
- The outdoor church at St Elizabeth has had a major clean up with substantial brush removal and new signage.
- The rectory/office has new computers, allowing the office to go digital (paperless). Churchtrac was installed and is operational (more on that later).
- We have installed WIFI in St Elizabeth Church. This allows mass to be streamed, as well as, allowing fundraising to take

How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily **donate online by scanning the QR code with your smartphone** or using the donate button at stelizabeth.churchtrac.com. Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon - a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577 to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

credit card information at the end of mass when there is a fundraiser.

- Upcoming projects include pest control inspections for all our buildings.
- Tree clearing in the outdoor church at St Elizabeth as a preventative measure.

During the recent past fiscal year, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, here are our accomplishments:

- Despite the COVID pandemic, the online version during the 2022 fiscal year was quite successful given the constraints. Good going Michelle and all those who helped make this event a success. (The tremendously successful recent event last month will fall in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, again thanks to all.)
- The Chicken BBQ, the Crab Feed and the Mackenzie Golf Classic were yet again very successful. Congrats to Linda and all who helped.
- We have re-started the social after the 9:30am Sunday Mass.
- We are gathering bids for the rectory foundation repairs. All the engineering and geotechnical work are in a state of completion.
- Our website is up and filled with information about what is going on in our Parish. Thanks to Mary it is regularly updated too. We hope to have the 2023 calendar of events posted on Churchtrac. Stay tuned.
- The work has finished on the outdoor church. We have had an arborist check all trees and we have removed many that were dead or near dead. (Thanks Kim!) The tree trunks were used as fences along the west corridor.
- In the office, we continue making progress on our paperless initiative.
- The Parish Council was formed to advise our Pastor on Parish matters. Thanks to all who answered the call.

Again, thank you for all your generous financial help.

The Finance Council has reviewed and approved the Financial Highlights below. As you may recall, the financial records are kept on a fiscal year ending June 30th of each year. So, these highlights are for the period: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Some interesting items:

- Total Receipts (Donations, Fundraisers, and other income) was down 10.4% over the same period last fiscal year.
- Total Expenses are up by 25.7% from the prior fiscal period.
- During this fiscal year, we started online giving. This method of giving represents 21% of our total receipts.

Thank you all for your generosity!
 Chris Kollaja

