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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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October 27, 2024
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Events

Oct 27
12:00 pm St Colman Guild Meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Jer 31: 7-9/ Ps 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)
Heb 5: 1-6/ Mk 10: 46-52

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those called to Eternal Life: Annie E

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	\$962.00
October 19-20	2 nd Collection	\$439.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,401.00

Second Collection Schedule

Nov 17	Communications & Catholic University
Dec 8	Religious Retirement Fund

Announcements

See's Candy Holiday Fundraiser

Time to order all your Holiday treats - See's Candy, a traditional favorite!

Just in time for Thanksgiving or Christmas, Michele and the St Elizabeth's See's Candy team will have a selection of candy available for sale at November 23/24 weekend Masses. Our storefront is also available to order with the link below or this QR code.



If anyone has questions, would like help ordering online, or may have a special request, please text or call Michele at 707-486-1739.

[See's Candies Yum-Raising - St. Elizabeth Catholic Church - Christmas 2024](#)

All Souls Day, November 1

Friday the office will be closed in observance of All Souls Day

Annual Ministry Appeal 2024

The work of the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA) is at heart your work, the work to which you are oriented by your Baptism: the service of God through service of your brothers and sisters in Christ. By making a gift to the Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission, you are able to touch souls and change lives throughout our diocese. Thank you to all who have already pledged, moving us closer to our goal as a parish community. Every gift is sincerely appreciated!

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.

Pastor's Desk

The Gospel this week is a familiar story of relationship. At the beginning of the story, Jesus and Bartimaeus are strangers; by the end, Bartimaeus becomes a follower of Jesus.

This single encounter transforms into a relationship through a series of invitations. Jesus invites Bartimaeus into relationship when he calls him forth and asks him what he wants Jesus to do for him.

Jesus does the same for us. He invites us to bring our needs before him and to ask for important things. Our prayers are not always answered in the immediate and obvious way that Jesus heals this blind man but bringing them forth builds our relationship with Christ and reminds us of our reliance on him.

Jesus does not have to wait for Bartimaeus to call him, but this is very often the way Jesus works. He does not force himself into our lives but waits patiently, letting us call upon him when we are ready. It is true that Jesus is always more powerful than we are and there we are always in a state of need before him.

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

But Jesus wants to enter loving relationship with us, not just to demonstrate a one-sided exercise of his power.

Then there is Jesus' invitation to come forward, which is echoed by the crowd that tells Bartimaeus to "Take courage." We see here the importance of community; we are not meant to be in relationship with in a strictly one-on-one way. Rather, Jesus places us in community and uses that community to draw us closer to him. We are meant to go together to God. We see this in the first reading, when God calls back the remnant of Israel and delivers them from exile. Part of their healing is being gathered back together after being scattered across the earth. Their number includes the vulnerable; mothers of small children, pregnant women, and even those who are blind and lame. They are not all healed, but they are given each other. In the midst of a community, they find support. They all go together to the joy that God has promised them.

How do we invite a deeper and more trusting community? Whom do we exclude, whether purposefully or by benign neglect? How do we invite Christ into our relationships? Do we see him present in those we encounter? How is Jesus inviting us to extend his healing presence in the world?

The final invitation from our story of the Gospel. Jesus tells Bartimaeus to go his way, and rather than departing, Bartimaeus follows him. In curing his blindness, Jesus enables Bartimaeus to make this choice in freedom. A new world is available to him, and he chooses to follow Christ.

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Keep on Asking

Near the screened-in porch where I sat making my yearly retreat one summer night, a thicket of ducks quacked its way across the lake and into a tree or two.

Their loud, non-stop, ever-increasing racket was a shock. Each and every duck citizen, it seemed, felt a duty to yell in full voice and all at once! I supposed they were having a rollicking good time, but what did they achieve with their babble?

Had they come for an evening's rest? But how could anyone rest with this earsplitting quack-talk?

When they were safely ensconced there began a subtle change in the clatter, very gradual, as when applause reaches a peak at a concert and then, almost unnoticeably, crests and trails off. Each bird gave a bit of quiet to the next until everyone was comfortable and calm.

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.

Except one.

This individual went on and on cawing, absurdly, all by itself.

Then at last a duck-mate nudged it and said, "Hey, buddy we're all surrounding you and we're all safe. Zip up your beak." And it did. There ensued the sleepy silence that I had thought they wanted all along.

And I understood this as teamwork.

I have always loved to be included in a team. Nobody perfect, yet everyone having a special place, keeping the rules, moving along together, and someone comforting the one who can't take a hint. Today I suppose we would call it community. Or family.

God confirms this in the First Reading.

I will gather the blind and the lame, ... the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble.

My duck friends might seem to be symbols for this reading. Their alarms—and finally their trusting slumber—maybe weren't so different from what we ourselves do. Our loud-longing is heard by God, who is saying, "hush, child, the whole flock is here. Settle down."

In Sunday's Gospel Blind Bartimaeus, like the last duck, couldn't stop calling out to Jesus. "Son of David have pity on me!" The rest of the flock tried to shush him, but he kept right on. Over and over, "Son of David have pity on me!"

Jesus stopped walking and said, "call him." The man waded through the crowd to Jesus, who asked him the same question the squawking ducks had heard: "What do you want?" In this case it was obvious. A blind man would want his sight back. Surely Jesus would not have missed this.

"Master, I want to see."

But just getting his sight back would not have done it, any more than just landing in the trees did the ducks. Bartimaeus already had the incarnate God standing before him, and maybe this was the fullness of what he "wanted to see."

"Your faith has saved you," Jesus said. And the man saw. And followed.

If Jesus asks you or me, "what do you want," how will we answer? Is the faith that saves us hiding deep within us? Are we able to call for help? Such a call can be fulfilled this very day, you know, if you let it.

Try listening.

"What do you want?"



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