



# January 21, 2024

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

Jan 28 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
Feb 4, 9:30 am	St Elizabeth Guild Farewell Mass
Feb 7 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Feb 17 4:00 pm	Annual Crab Feed
Feb 21 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

### Mass Intentions

For all parishioners

### Readings

Jon 3: 1-5. 10  
Ps 25: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4a)  
1 Cor 7: 29-31  
Mk 1: 14-20

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Pete

### Announcements

#### **Guild Farewell Mass, Sunday February 4**

St Elizabeth's Guild has been struggling the last few years asking parishioners for help with our projects and fundraisers and trying to encourage new members but it has been challenging and to no avail. Our current members have been working very hard for many years to support the needs of St Elizabeth and our Pastors but between the ages and health of our group it had become apparent that we can no longer continue our work without more help. We are all in agreement with this decision but have heavy hearts because we all would liked to have been able to support our Church and community as we have been. It has been decided to disband St Elizabeth's Guild, target date the end of February 2024. We thank the parishioners who have given us their time and help over all the years, it hasn't gone unappreciated. We hope you will all join us on Sunday February 4, 2023 at the 9:30am mass at St

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

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman

\* of February, May, August and November

Elizabeth for our last mass honoring the living and deceased members of the Guild as we say farewell to our long standing club and all of our collective efforts making it successful for many years. We will continue to pray for our parishioners and Fr Luis and wish all the best for our beautiful Church. We will be purchasing a statue of St Elizabeth, Mother of St John, for the outside of St Elizabeth and hope it arrives for Fr Luis's blessing on the mass of February 4.

Francine Korn,  
Guild President

### **Annual Crab Feed**

Our annual Crab Feed will be held on February 17th, 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$75.00 per person and seating is somewhat limited so get your tickets early. Fliers available at the back of all the churches. Crab, Pasta, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Raffle too! If you'd like to volunteer please let me know ( set up, serving and cleanup). I am also looking for underwriters for the crab again this year, and your help would be greatly appreciated! Contact me for tickets, volunteering or underwriting; Linda 707 953-9166 or email [cocomokidd@aol.com](mailto:cocomokidd@aol.com). Thanks for all your support in all our endeavors!

Sincerely,  
Linda

### **Russian River Food Pantry-St Vincent de Paul (part 2 of 4)**

Recently, the number of families that the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry serves has doubled. We are now serving an average of 100 families per month. We are seeing an increase of families that are having difficulty with expensive food prices. These are working families that need help to provide the basics for their family. We set our items out on tables and allow them to shop for what they need. We are always amazed that they only take what they can use. If we offer them more than they can use, they always say that they do not want to waste food. We welcome anyone to stop by on second Saturday of the month and observe the wonderful work our volunteers are doing for the community. More information on the food bank next week.

### **Capital Campaign**

The renovation of our Parish rectory and its foundation repair has been progressing for the past few months. It is our hope

that this beautiful building, which has been part of our Parish and community history for over a century, will regain some of its former luster. As we repair it, not only structurally, but also visually, with new bathrooms, flooring, some new windows and paint, we hope to restore it and add the safety needed to carry this lovely Parish home into the next 100 years. It is not difficult to realize that the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches, Hall and Rectory is an expense. Large projects can not be paid for by weekly collections alone. Therefore, the Finance Committee and the Parish Council, along with Fr. Luis, have decided to embark upon a Capital Campaign to replace our savings which is being spent on this renovation. We are asking our Parishioners to consider an investment in our Parish by digging deep in their pockets and making a pledge to help us pay for this work. Please look for the pledge cards to assist you in making a pledge. Once you have completed your pledge card, please drop it in the collection basket or, turn it in to any council member. This will enable us as a church community, to know what financial support we can expect over the next few years. We are confident in your love for our Parish, your devotion to our community, and the passion of your faith.

If you need assistance with your pledge or donation toward the Capital Campaign, please call Chris Kollaja at 415-308-6768 or email at [ckollaja@gmail.com](mailto:ckollaja@gmail.com).

### **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 "Martti" 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.

### **Pastor's Desk**

Greetings to all! I hope everyone is doing well and are keeping warm in this cold rainy weather. This weekend we are having a quick Parish Survey to determine what our parish and community members are most seeking in the coming year and beyond. The results of this survey

### **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.

will be used to inform events, a retreat, homilies, and capital improvement priorities.

The survey is designed to take no more than 10 minutes to complete. But completing the survey is invaluable for steering our community. The survey results are anonymous unless you decide to disclose your identity. Thank you for your support, participation and input.

In our Gospel today we have Simon and Andrew are the first fishermen to receive the invitation from the mouth of Jesus is fishing for followers, and Simon and Andrew seem to bite fast. Immediately, they leave everything and follow him.

James and his brother John are also at the shoreline. They are mending their nets. They are getting ready for work. They have everything prepared as they normally would. The nets are being mended, and the boats are ready. We might ask ourselves about our readiness for faith. What needs to be mended in our hearts so we can adopt the invitation of Jesus' words and love?

What is broken, or what needs to be healed, for us to carry the full weight of discipleship in our hearts?

We only need to jump into the depths of our baptismal commitment to find that Jesus will save us and carry us to the places where he wants us to be.

Perhaps Jesus is inviting us to partake in actions that will save our children from drowning in abusive situations. Maybe Jesus is using our lives to reach out and catch our elderly who barely live, those on the shores of ill health, memory loss, and much regret. We have much to accomplish following the simple invitation of Jesus Christ.

Christ prepares us all to live our lives full of wonder hope, and awe. If we listen to him, even though we might be preoccupied with mending our own nets for our safety, we just might cast off the weariness of our hearts and dive heart-first into the miracles of his presence. His passion, death and resurrection will lead us all to the shores of heaven.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

P.S. Thank you for those who attended the Spaghetti last Sunday and thank you Linda, Chris and Tom our bartender and our cooks, Charlie and Sue. As well as our server Marty from St Coleman.

