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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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November 3, 2024
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Events

Nov 3 Pancake Breakfast
10:30 am at St Hubert's Hall

Nov 24 St Colman Guild Meeting
12:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Sunday Barbara Spaulding[†],
9:30 am Molly Wirtz[†]
requested by Susan Poirer

Sunday Joe Salazar[†],
11:00 am Margaret & Tony Matteri[†],
Dolores Matteri[†],
Sally Matteri[†],
Gene Matteri[†]
requested by Theresa Salazar

Readings

Dt 6: 2-6
Ps 18: 2-3. 3-4. 47. 51 (2)
Heb 7: 23-28
Mk 12: 28b-34

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those called to Eternal Life:

Annie E, Molly Wirtz

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	\$754.00
October 26-27	2 nd Collection	\$525.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,279.00

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](#)

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

Greetings! Last Friday was Holy Day of obligation and I forgot to mention it during the Sunday masses. It was the celebration of all Saints Day.

Why do Catholics honor the saints? Certainly, it is not because of our praise. They are the members of the "great multitude" mentioned in the first readings of All Saints. Because they are already enjoying the perfection of eternal life, there is nothing our veneration could possibly add to them. The reason for the feast day honoring all the saints, then, is not for their benefit, but for ours.

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

What we gain from reflecting on the saints is a clearer vision of the holiness to which we are all called.

As Pope Francis explains, “Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel” [Gaudete et Exsultate 19] the beauty of All Saints’ Day is that it focuses not one of these “missions” in isolation, but on the totality of the communion of saints, allowing us to see not simple “a certain aspect of the Gospel” but ultimately a complete picture of what it means to put the Gospel into practice in human life.

Together, the saints show us what it means to lead a life well lived. The full potential of our humanity is on display in each of their models of holiness and the united message they send is that our best selves are realized in selfless love.

No matter how they died, all saints’ lives showcased self-sacrifice, and that is why we came to identify them as saints. What else would it mean to “be called the children of God?”

The Gospel reading from the All-Saints Day, is the Beatitude, assure us that the blessed are those who are poor in spirit, moved by suffering, meek, merciful, clean of heart peacemakers and persecuted for what is right and just. There are the attributes cultivated by the saints in the Catholic tradition and they are the character traits we are called to embody in our daily lives, so that we can be ever closer to Christ ourselves.

As the feast of all saints, this holy day underscores the fact that while we are still called to the same end ----perfect union with God in Christ--- there is more than one way to reach this goal, just as no two saints were alike, neither should we expect to walk the same path to holiness as someone else. Let the very fact that the saints come “from every nation, race, people, and tongues be the inspiration we need to confirm that each one of us, in our particularity, can find a way to lead saintly lives of generous love.

Peace and blessings

Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

With All Your Heart

Most of us are accustomed to a world that adheres to something called “the bottom line.”

It envisions lots of money and success, and sees everyone else as wanting the same thing. Usually this means ignoring values such as God, religion, Jesus, spirituality, fidelity, and truth, among others.

Jesus’ question from last Sunday, “what do you want” might not get much notice.

For instance, television shows us values such as this: (1) get viewers (2) sell advertising (3) make money.

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.

Ok. But some other cultures have had a far different answer to the question, “What do you want?”

First, look at First Reading for Sunday. There, people do not seem to be voraciously seeking money and power and riches.

Hear, O Israel!

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!

Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.

Could this be a basis for contemporary life? It is a centerpiece of all morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It indicates vividly the way in which ancient Judaism believed in a single, unified God. This passage is considered the most important in all Jewish prayer.

Here are the moving words that Moses says just after the above:

And these words that I command you today shall be in your heart.

And you shall teach them diligently to your children,
and you shall speak of them when you sit at home,
and when you walk along the way,
and when you lie down and when you rise up.

And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand,
and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes.

And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house
and on your gates.*

How strong this is. How affectionate. A basis for life.

You do not have to be a fundamentalist to respond to it. Could you utter these words and make them a basis for your own life? Much depends on your answer.

Second, what does Jesus add to this foundation of Jewish belief?

Take a look at this week’s Gospel. Jesus quotes the saying of Moses, in slightly different words: “hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Then he adds, “and you shall love your neighbor as yourself”(Gospel).**

God has always loved all people in the world, as shown throughout the entire bible. So, if you are close to God, your love must spill over to other people.

The question becomes, what is your life made of, and to whom does it spill over? And does it involve your whole heart?

** This is a translation from Hebrew that I took from Tracey R. Rich, webmaster of <https://www.JewFAQ.org> To see the words in both Hebrew and in English go to <https://www.JewFAQ.org/shemaref.htm>*

***Of course, this sentiment is not missing from the Hebrew testament in other places. See, for instance, Leviticus 19:17.*



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