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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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September 8, 2024
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Events

Sept 21	Annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress
Sept 22 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
Sept 28 10:00 am	Eucharistic Retreat <i>at St Hubert's Hall</i>
Oct 6 9:30 am	Blessing of the Animals <i>at the St Elizabeth outdoor church</i>

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Is 35: 4-7a/ Ps 146: 7. 8-9. 9-10 (1b)/ Jas 2: 1-5/ Mk 7: 31-37

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those in need of prayers:

Annie E, Doug, Gustavo Alvarez

Those called to Eternal Life:

Mike Miller

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	\$2,148.00
Aug 31 - Sept 1	2 nd Collection	\$831.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,979.00

Announcements

The Second Collection - September 7-8

A portion of the Second Collection this weekend will benefit the Diocesan Seminarians.

The Annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress

The Diocese of Santa Rosa invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, September 21, 2024. This event is free. This year's theme is "Prayer, Our Relationship with God". Workshops are in English and Spanish. Come hear great speakers. For more information check out the diocesan website www.srdiocese.org

Eucharistic Retreat

Eucharistic Retreat given by Fr. Donal Godfrey will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 10:00 am at St Hubert's Hall. A light lunch is included and Fr. Donal will celebrate Mass at 4pm at St. Hubert's Hall. Please sign up after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, see Susan Poirier or call the church office (707) 869-2107.

Outdoor Mass Schedule & Blessing of the Animals

Outdoor Mass will be extended this year through Sunday, October 6th (weather permitting) which we will have the Blessing of the Animals.

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.

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! We are still at the outdoor church and enjoying this wonderful sunny day especially during the week when the temperature is in the nineties some love that temperature, but I just stay indoors and later in the day I do my running when it's cooler.

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

It is harder to understand when positive changes happen with no struggle, no effort, and no practice. It invites the question: Are individuals deserving of change if they did not work hard to get it?

Can we applaud someone who made a change without the corresponding effort?

Sometimes God works miracles that are past human explanation and are not a result of human effort. If any of you visited the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre in Quebec, you know this to be true.

The entrance to the church has hundreds of crutches and wheelchairs hanging on the wall. Many individuals entered the church with infirmities and left recovered. They literally left behind the thing that they had needed to help them move because of their immediate healing and exited the church doors as changed people. Doctors cannot explain these changes, and they truly happen because of divine intervention. Some individuals who have traveled to the more popular pilgrimage site Lourdes describe similar experiences. They experienced radical healing from terminal illnesses because of the miraculous work of God. If you travel to Lourdes, you will encounter people from all over the world hoping for a divine change, and you may witness some people receiving it.

In today's gospel, we hear about a healing miracle, much like the miracles that many who have gone to Quebec or Lourdes have received. Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment. At the time of Jesus, people viewed certain disabilities as curses from God people who were deaf, blind, or mute were social outcasts, and sometimes they were even abandoned by their own kin. Jesus commands the deaf man's ears to be opened, and the man can immediately hear, and his speech impediment goes away. By healing this man, Jesus radically changes his life. Yet Jesus asks the man and the witnesses to not share what they have seen. Can we blame them for not heeding his request? The man's life changed in an instantaneous and dramatic fashion, and he was ready to share about the mercy of God.

Although we should continue to try to better ourselves through effort and practice, this gospel reminds us that Jesus is the one who makes things perfect through his love and mercy.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

He Began to Teach Them

Jesus cures a deaf mute in this Sunday's reading and arouses astonishment in the crowd. (Gospel)

Some of us tend to think that the healing of people was the main goal in Jesus' life. Yet, after this Sunday there are only four more healings by Jesus in Mark's Gospel. Earlier (in the first seven chapters) he had worked so many cures that people were mobbing him.

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.

And that was the trouble. He was in danger of becoming famous as a wonder-worker. People were besieging him at every stop, thinking that he would solve their problems. If only he gave back their health, or if only he took away their poverty and death, or if only—well, you name it. He was in danger of receiving the illustrious “fifteen minutes of fame,” and only that.

But would such celebrity really reveal God's love for the world and its peoples? Jesus wanted to go further. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus stopped the miracles and began a new phase of his mission.

He turned his face toward Jerusalem. And the cross.

This change of direction will come next week. Suddenly and without warning Jesus will say to the disciples, “the Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise” (Mk 9:31). What more shocking statement could this famous and supposedly invincible leader and healer make to them?

How could death go together with healing?

A married couple told me of the death of their tiny son, and how they had prayed so hard for his healing. They said that their prayers were not answered. Yet somehow they discovered that God had been present throughout the dying, that God had been immersed in their son's life and death, and that this intimate presence was enough, more than enough for those left behind. Their sorrow was bathed in love, and their son was safe in God's arms.

The point? A human person is made to be loved by God, not merely to have good health, riches, or reputation. Real life consists of love exchanged with God and with others, not just in seeming to be a leader or a success. There is a greater good than this, a relationship with the divine being, a seeking of the one who is already close. Such an intimate relationship sends us out to help give that love to the world. Miracle cures help for a while, but pretty soon the suffering world has to be faced as such, in its full suffering self.

As a result, Jesus moved toward the events that would show God's solidarity with us in our anguish, in our rejections, and in that famous event which each and every one of us will face sooner or later: death. God gives us, beyond cures—which are wonderful yet partial—companionship within every instant of our life, not just in this or that particular need.

This Sunday at Mass, let us ask ourselves whether the intimate presence of God is part of what we desire in our own lives. Do we know that Christ is deeply involved with each of us? Do we let his love flow into us and from within us to others, or must it just fight its way through?

Let's pray to hear, as the deaf man finally could.



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