



# March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent

## Upcoming Dates

Mar 12	Spaghetti & Wine Dinner & Discussion 6pm at St Hubert's Hall
Mar 20	Parish Council Meeting 4pm at St. Hubert's Hall
Mar 26	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
Apr 5	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
Apr 8	Easter Egg Hunt 11am at St Hubert's Field
Apr 21-22	St. Huberts Hall Cleanup
Apr 28	McKenzie Golf Tournament Northwood Golf Club in Monte Rio
May 17	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

## Mass Intentions

Sat 4:00 pm	Kevin KC Bledsoe† req by Greg McCaffey. Jeff Young for good health and successful surgery, requested by Michele McDonell.
Sun 9:30 am	Kevin KC Bledsoe† req by Greg McCaffey.

## Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Joan Brown

## Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give)

March 4-5	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,275.00	\$441.00
St. Catherine	\$115.00	\$182.00
St. Colman	\$80.00	\$80.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,173.00

## Announcements

### Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Monday, March 20th at 4 pm at St Hubert Hall

### See's Easter Candy Sale

See's Easter Candy will be available for sale after Masses. You can also shop online by visiting: [www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc\\_st\\_elizabeths\\_sees\\_easter\\_44/Mic\\_McD9043/](http://www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc_st_elizabeths_sees_easter_44/Mic_McD9043/)

### Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be recited after the 9 am Mass on Fridays. Participating in Stations of the Cross is a wonderful way to reflect on the Passion of Christ, thereby deepening our connection and relationship to Jesus during this Lenten season.

### St. Hubert's Hall Cleanup

The Guild will be cleaning out underneath St Hubert's Hall Fri April 21 and Sat April 22. We will be ordering a large dumpster and are hoping that parishioners will be able to give us a hand.

### Part-time Bookkeeper Position

Are you looking for a few extra hours? The Diocese is looking for part-time bookkeepers. For more information contact Lori Norcia [lnorcia@srdiocese.org](mailto:lnorcia@srdiocese.org) or call (707) 566-3322.

### Free Income Tax Preparations

River to Coast Children's Services in conjunction with United Way offers free tax preparations for those taxpayers whose income is \$70,000 or less. (Some other requirements also apply.) For more information call: (707) 869-3613 or go to [rccservices.org/tax-program.html](http://rccservices.org/tax-program.html)

### Live out your faith through Catholic Charities!

*Donate Volunteer Serve on our Staff*  
Inspired by the love and teachings of Christ, we serve and advocate for vulnerable people of all cultures and beliefs, prioritizing those experiencing poverty. [www.srcharities.org](http://www.srcharities.org)

### Lake County Annual Outdoor Passion Play

Saturday and Sunday May 20th and 21st from 4 to 6 pm in beautiful Lake County! Admission is Free! If you want to feel the power of our Lord, come and experience the Passion Play! New cast members are always welcome!

Website: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org)

Phone: 707-263-0349

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/](https://www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/)

To help: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org/icanhelp](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org/icanhelp)

## Pastor's Desk

Greetings, tonight (Sunday night) is our gathering in St. Hubert's Hall, join us for this wonderful breaking of the bread and celebrating the Lenten season.

Our gospel today, third Sunday of Lent, the scene revolves around Jesus and an unnamed woman. It takes place at a well in the region of Samaria, a portion of Israel that lay between the regions of Galilee and Judea. It was a place largely avoided by most faithful Jews, so much so that Jewish travelers usually crossed the Jordan River and skirted the Samaritan area rather than travel through it. By the time of Jesus, the rift between the Jews and Samaritans was at least five centuries old, a feud stemming from the time of the Babylonian exile, when those Jews left behind in Israel intermingled and intermarried with foreign occupiers. So that simple encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman would have raised all kinds of red flags.

The woman recognizes Jesus as a prophet and proceeds to remind him of the insurmountable differences between their people. The Samaritans worshiped at Mount Gerizim, a place honored by Moses centuries earlier, while the Jews worshiped on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, a place honored by King David and constructed by his son Solomon. She is basically informing Jesus that Samaritans will continue their worship and Jews theirs. But Jesus is having none of that and points to a new way; "The hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth."

Neither side will win" the ages-old argument, but both sides can be victorious in this messianic age. "it's the way it's always been done" is not an argument to be made in the fact of what Jesus offers. It did not work in ancient times, and it doesn't work now. Let us give Jesus our fears, our nostalgia, and our laziness and see what new things he has in store.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

## Discussion Questions

### First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

1. In the desert, filled with thirsty panic, the Israelites grumbled that God was not with them. With the war in Ukraine, the earthquake in Turkey, can you relate to this situation in some way? Moses was afraid for his life: what did he do? What helps you?

2. Think of all the ways water is important to your life. The name of the mountain where Moses struck the rock was Horeb, which means "dry" or "desolate." What is the significance of this and of the water imagery in salvation history?

## 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.

## Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul says, "The Holy Spirit has been given to us." What do these words mean to you? Do you rely on the Holy Spirit to come to your aid when you need help? How often do you call on this Spirit?

## Gospel: John 4:5-42

1. Does the fact that Jews considered Samaritans heretics, or that she was a woman, keep Jesus from breaking through these barriers to talk with the Samaritan woman? What barriers can you ignore when you try to take God's gift of the "living water" to people in need?

2. According to Pope Francis every encounter with Jesus leads to a change in a person's life. How did it change the Samaritan woman? Who was really the thirsty one here? For what do you thirst?

*The Gospel passage from today, the Third Sunday of Lent, tells us of Jesus' meeting with a Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:5-42). He is on a journey with his disciples and takes a break near a well in Samaria. The Samaritans were considered heretics by the Jews, and were very much despised as second-class citizens. Jesus is tired, thirsty. A woman arrives to draw water and he says to her: "Give me a drink" (v. 7). Breaking every barrier, he begins a dialogue in which he reveals to the woman the mystery of living water, that is, of the Holy Spirit, God's gift. Indeed, in response to the woman's surprised reaction, Jesus says: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (v. 10). ...*

*This gift is also the source of witness. Like the Samaritan woman, whoever personally encounters the living Jesus feels the need to talk about him to others, so that everyone might reach the point of proclaiming that Jesus "is truly the savior of the world" (Jn 4:42), as the woman's fellow townspeople later said. Generated to new life through Baptism, we too are called to witness the life and hope that are within us. If our quest and our thirst are thoroughly quenched in Christ, we will manifest that salvation is not found in the "things" of this world, which ultimately produce drought, but in he who has loved us and will always love us: Jesus, our Savior, in the living water, that he offers us.*

*Angelus for 3rd Sun of Lent A  
Pope Francis  
March 15, 2020*

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

