



August 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Aug 27	St Colman 100 th Anniversary Celebration BBQ after the 11am Mass
Aug 27	St Colman Guild meeting 12pm
Sept 6	St Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
Sept 10	Pancake Breakfast
Sept 17	Parish Picnic 1pm
Nov 15	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Is 22: 19-23
 Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)
 Rom 11: 33-36
 Mt 16: 13-20

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Sue Moeckel

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	\$1,575.00
August 19-20	2 nd Collection	\$649.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,224.00

Announcements

St Colman 100th Anniversary Celebration

Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St Colman on Sunday August 27, 2023. Mass at 11 am, followed by a BBQ. This event is located at St Colman Outdoor Church--5695 Cazadero Hwy, Cazadero, CA. Hope to see everyone there!

Pancake Breakfast

The date of the pancake breakfast has been moved to September 10.

Parish Picnic September 17

It's soon going to be that time again for our Parish Picnic. The date for this year is Sunday September 17, 2023 and the time is 1pm. Place Guerneville PeeWee Golf. Tickets are \$10 for adults and kids 10 and up, under 10 \$5 and 5 and under free. If you paid last year and told us to keep it as a donation we thank you. If you would like that money to go towards this years ticket please call Francine at 707 869-9341 so we have you in the count. Come and join us for another fun afternoon of golf, Tim's delicious barbeque and sides, sweet treats, a great raffle and a Summertime celebration with friends. You can call Francine for reservations or see a Guild member at our masses. See you there!

Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress

The Diocese of Santa Rosa invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, September 23, 2023. This event is free. This year's theme is "Liturgy, Devotion, and the Most Holy Eucharist". Workshops are in English and Spanish. Come hear great speakers. For more information check out the diocesan website @ www.srdiocese.org

Journey Together Towards Holiness

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul District Council of Sonoma County Is hosting a Retreat: Journey Together Towards Holiness. All are welcome. When: Tuesday September 26th Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM At: Holy Spirit Church, 1244 St. Francis Rd. Santa Rosa. For more information contact: jimandchrisnanman@gmail.com Or Call 650-274-9941.

Monte Rio Variety Show Update

Thank you to all volunteers, in-kind supporters and our show producers and entertainers that collaborated on a great success for our 112th Annual Variety Show. Our tentative results indicate that our show financially outpaced 2022, indicating another record set for our legacy event. More details should be available to publish in the next two weeks. Until then, mark your calendar for next year. Our show is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024. Gratefully, Michele and the Variety Show Committee

Help Maui

Many want to know how they can help the victims of the devastating fire on the island of Maui, Hawaii. The Diocese of Honolulu would appreciate donations be made to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). Tax-deductible

contributions can be made directly by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Or funds can be donated during a special collection at your parish. Checks should be made out to "Diocese of Santa Rosa" with a notation "For HCCF" or "Mauri Relief". All the donations collected will then be forwarded to HCCF from our diocese. Any amount will be gratefully accepted to aid in the Maui relief effort.

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.

Temporary Church Office Phone Number

Until our church office at the rectory is restored, the temporary office phone number is (707) 486-8645.

Pastor's Desk

It Takes Two

On previous Sundays Jesus has been curing people. Yet an odd thing happens in each case. He tells them, "Your faith has saved you." That creates a mystery. Quite obviously Jesus does the healing, so why does he say their faith did it? Why didn't he just say "Go in peace, I have healed you"?

Let us seek the answer in Sunday's Gospel. This will be a roundabout way to get at an answer, so I ask you to wait for it.

Jesus is in Caesarea Philippi and the disciples are just back from their mission of preaching. He asks them who people think he is.

The disciples laugh boyishly and repeat some answers they have heard. Obviously they regard these guesses as absurd. Something like this:

Believe it or not, some think you are John the Baptist returned from the dead!

The ones I talked to said you were the prophet Elijah! It was hilarious!

A few of them said you are Jeremiah or one of the other prophets! They just don't know what to make of you.

Laughter all around.

But Jesus' question was a curve ball and now it crosses the plate. He says abruptly, "And what about you? Who do you say I am?"

Eyes wander, feet scuff, laughter turns into a cough. The disciples' faith is still young and perhaps they are confused about it, not to mention the fact that up to this point they have not been required to profess anything out loud. Red faces.

Peter is bold, awkwardly walking on water again, figuratively this time. He stammers out his best answer.

You ... you are ... the, uh, ... yes, uh, the ... the Son of ... you are the Christ, the Son of the living God!

Silence and then nods and relief all around.

"Simon, how great is your faith," Jesus says. "Whatever you open with this faith will stay open. Whatever your faith shuts will remain shut, not only here but in heaven."

A high compliment to Peter's tottering belief status.

But does this help with the contradiction we began with? Is it Jesus' action or an act of their faith?

Jesus is always seeking a two-way liaison between himself and us, not just one-way. He wants us to have a relationship to the fullness of who he is. Besides being a charismatic leader or a good friend, he is the very reality of God's love, present in the world, wide open to loving each of us—and being loved in return. He wants a mutual love-relationship with you and me, one in which we open up our hearts and let Godly love in—and return it.

The name of that openness to God's love on the part of a person is "faith."

Faith.

So the answer is truly, "your faith has saved you." But it is faith in Jesus' cures. These are never just a matter of him acting on his own, like a mechanic replacing spark plugs. They are love being given and love being received. The ones who were cured must have opened themselves and have at least a beginning relationship with Jesus as the loving Messiah.

Healing is then at last able to take root.

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

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

* of February, May, August and November

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 (707) 486-8645 (temporary office phone number).

