



December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

Special Events

Dec 15	Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 18	RCCS gift return deadline
Dec 22	Parish Christmas Dinner at the Highland Dell Lodge
Dec 24	Christmas Vigil Mass at St Elizabeth <i>Carols at 4:00pm, Mass at 4:30pm</i>
Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass <i>9:30am at St Elizabeth</i> <i>11:00am at St Colman</i>

Mass Intentions

Sunday 9:30 am	Grace Schermerhorn and Rose Chromy <i>requested by Gilda & Gary Andreacchi, Tina Anson, Mike & Nancy Herbert, Robert (Jeff) & Doris Herbert, Thomas & Jamie Herbert, Kim & David Monasterio, Terry & John Neill.</i>
	Barbara & Otto <i>[39th Wedding Anniversary]</i>
Tuesday 9:00 am	Lee [†] <i>requested by Michele McDonell</i>

Readings

Bar 5: 1-9
Ps 126: 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 (3)
Phil 1: 4-6. 8-11
Lk 3: 1-6

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Those in need of prayers:
Alan Mitchell

Those called to Eternal Life:
Molly Wirtz

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 Resuming February 2025

Second Collection Schedule

On these days, 10% of the second collection will benefit:

Dec 8 Religious Retirement Fund

Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give

Plate & Online Donations	1 st Collection	\$2,536.70
November 30 & December 1	2 nd Collection	\$614.00
		\$3,150.70

Month to Date Donations	1 st Collection	\$2,536.70
December 1	2 nd Collection	\$614.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$3,150.70

Parish Expenses	December 1	\$5,341.85
Month to Date Expenses	December 1	\$5,341.85

Announcements

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception isn't a Holy Day of Obligation but Fr. Luis will celebrate the Mass on Monday, December 9th at 5pm at St. Elizabeth.

Celebrating The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 15 after the 9:30 am bilingual Mass, there will be a procession around St. Hubert's Hall followed by authentic made tamales and other traditional treats. For more information contact: Ana Maria Padilla at (707) 490-7132 or Linda Payne at (707) 953-9166 cocomokidd@aol.com

Help Decorate St. Elizabeth Church

Immediately following the 9:30am Mass on December 22, we invite everyone to stay and lend a hand to help put up our Christmas decorations.

River to Coast Children's Services

Gingerbread gift wish tags will be available in the back of church. Please consider helping to make a child's wishes come true this Christmas! Wish tags will be available until Dec 13th and gifts must be returned by Dec 18th. For more information call River to Coast Children's Services at (707) 869-3613 or email info@rccservices.org.

Christmas dinner at Highland Dell December 22nd

\$75.00/person appetizers, dinner and dessert. For more information or for tickets please contact Linda (707) 953-9166 cocomokidd@aol.com

Children's Mass Library

Do you have young children with you at Mass? Feel free to borrow a book from our new Children's Mass Library located in the vestibule! Please remember to return any books after Mass. The books are intended to help children learn more about the Mass, connect with familiar bible stories, and enrich their faith.

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.

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.

Pastor's Desk

Each Sunday of Advent holds a special significance, as symbolized by the respective four candles of the Advent wreath: The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the season and traditionally focuses on the theme of HOPE, symbolized by the Prophet's Candle which points to the long-expected Savior. The Second Sunday of Advent focus shifts to FAITH with the Bethlehem Candle, reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to the city where Jesus would be born. The Third Sunday of Advent which is also referred to as "Gaudete Sunday," The vestment will be rose-colored one at this Sunday's Mass and rose is also the color of the Shepherd's Candle. Both symbolize the world's JOY for the long-expected savior's birth.

The fourth Sunday of Advent ---- the final Sunday before Christmas emphasizes the incomparable PEACE that our Divine Savior brings, and which the Angel's Candle heralds.

This information is just for your understanding of the Advent candle wreath and why we light it, and the symbol should remind us of it.

Things to reflect as we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent:

1. Preparing the Way: Growth involves preparation. John calls to prepare the way for the Lord emphasizes the importance of readiness. In our lives this can mean creating a conducive environment for growth ---- both internally, through spiritual practices and externally, by making practical changes in our daily routines.

2. Inclusiveness in the Call: the call to repentance and preparation is universal. John addresses not only the religious elite but also everyone who hears him. True growth happens in the community and should be inclusive, recognizing that everyone has a part to play in the journey towards transformation.

Happy Advent!
Fr. Luis

