



August 6, 2023 Transfiguration of The Lord

Upcoming Dates

Aug 16	Finance Committee meeting 4pm
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 17	Parish Picnic 1pm

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14
Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 9
2 Pt 1: 16-19
Mt 17: 1-9

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Barbara Kobler, Gena Helt

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	\$1,654.00
July 29-30	2 nd Collection	\$660.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,314.00

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!

Parish Picnic

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!

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.

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 McDonnell, Chris Kollaja,

and Mary Helt. 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.

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

The Giver

We have seen that Jesus received temptations, just like the rest of us, and we will see scripture work out what he did with them.

It was so human.

This week we see him transfigured into dazzling light. Not so human. More like a heavenly display.

Which is the real Jesus? There are two Ignatian insights that shed light on this question and on Sunday's readings.

First, sometimes in the spiritual life, the future gets displayed in the present. Example: some years ago your author was walking somewhat sadly along the streets of his neighborhood, unable to sleep, but wishing that he could revive more significance in his belief in God. Suddenly without warning he found his insides coming out of him, so to speak, and he said out loud, Oh God, Oh Jesus, I love you. Who knows how long this experience lasted—maybe ten seconds or ten minutes—but suddenly it was over. He was back to his ordinary state, wishing he could know and love God better!

If you can envision that, you might see that he had experienced “a transfiguration.” His usual and in this case, dull, fearful approach to the Father and the Son was transformed, transfigured, showing what was really there, but which he was not at that point able to fully receive. We human beings have to wait and be stretched before we are ready to see God in a more personal way. But, lest we become discouraged and give up, God might render us a short vision of how things really are at their core. A transfiguration.

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).

Second, when a graced view occurs, you and I want very much to hang on to the gift because it is so wonderful. We tend to forget about the giver, even though the giver is the main point. We become attached to the feel-good part. Maybe that is why Jesus says in today's reading, “do not tell this experience to anyone.” He does not want the transfiguration to be a carnival attraction (“hey, look how white his clothes are! Incredible!”). Theologians call it a “prefiguring” of the risen Jesus.

Our love relationship with Jesus/God is what counts, and particular feelings are supposed to be just symbols of it. “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Not “watch this and get a big kick out of it!”) We must look to whatever relationship grace has given us, and let everything else lead to and from it.

To summarize: sometimes God gives us glimpses of our relation with Jesus that are too much for us, but that can encourage us. The transfiguration may have been one of these for the two apostles. The purpose of their glimpse is to keep them (or us) involved in the relationship, to let us glimpse the real Jesus, rather than just to give them a thrill.

Conclusion: let us not give up. Let us follow Jesus along, step by step. The encouragement from this Sunday is great.

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

1. Is “the one like a Son of man ... [whose] dominion is an everlasting dominion ... ” a foreshadowing of the “beloved Son” in the Gospel? The Gospel tells us to listen to him. Did he speak once for all time or does he continually speak?

2. What things have power over us in our life? Are they good things? Would we like to see some of them lose some of their hold?

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

1. Peter's letter suggests that his readers “will do well to be attentive” to the prophetic message that he, James, and John received at the transfiguration. Were these three disciples able to be attentive and listen when they were receiving that message? Are you always attentive to inspiration?

2. What are some “dark places” that could use “a lamp shining ... until day dawns and the morning star rises in your heart”? (Examples: Immigration, clean water supply, environmental safety, political fairness, human trafficking, threats of nuclear weapons, homelessness, health care)

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

