



February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Feb 7 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Feb 17 4:00 pm	Annual Crab Feed
Feb 21 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Feb 25 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Jb 7: 1-4. 6-7
Ps 147: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6
1 Cor 9: 16-19. 22-23
Mk 1: 29-39

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Fr. John Boettcher

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	\$2,037.00
January 20-21 & 27-28	2 nd Collection	\$1,099.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$3,136.00

Announcements

Guild Farewell Mass

The Guild mass scheduled for Sunday Feb 4 9:30 at St Elizabeth's has been canceled due to the threat of bad weather. It will be rescheduled most likely in early Springtime. More info to follow when we have a new date.

Francine Korn
Guild President

Annual Crab Feed

Our annual Crab Feed will be held on February 17th, 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$75.00 per person and seating is somewhat limited so get your tickets early. Fliers available at the back of all the churches. Crab, Pasta, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Raffle too! If you'd like to volunteer please let me know (set up, serving and cleanup). I am also looking for underwriters for the crab again this year, and your help would be greatly appreciated! Contact me for tickets, volunteering or underwriting; Linda 707 953-9166 or email cocomokidd@aol.com

Thanks for all your support in all our endeavors!

Sincerely,
Linda

Third Sunday of the Lenten season

Bishop Vasa will be celebrating Mass with us on Sunday March 3, 2024. This is the third Sunday of the Lenten season. Please come to Mass on March 3rd at St Elizabeth in Guerneville at the 9:30 am Mass to share in this special Mass celebration.

Russian River Food Pantry-St Vincent de Paul (part 4 of 4)

Aside from the donations mentioned last week from Safeway and Mike's Produce, and the supplies purchased from Redwood Empire Food Bank, we receive donations of hygiene products that many of our clients do not have funds to purchase. Bombas Socks donates boxes of socks that keep our clients feet dry and warm during the winter. We purchase rain ponchos, and have them available for those who need them. This year, because of generous donations, we were able to supply sweatshirts, sweatpants, and warm blankets. These seem like small items, but they are very much appreciated by those in need. A special thank you to Fr Luis for allowing us to use St Hubert Hall as space for the pantry. Also, he donates the second collection from the 5th Sunday to St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Donations are always welcome, and needed to continue our charitable work for the community as needs continue to increase. We take great pride in what we do, and feel that it is a Christian responsibility to help those in need in our community.

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.

Parish Council

Our church has a Parish/Pastoral council. It consists of 9 members -Linda Payne, Barbara and Otto Kobler, Maryanne Gustafson, Susan Poirier, Patrick McDonell, Chris Kollaja, Mary Helt and Martha "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

Last Tuesday I attended the Guild's luncheon, their last official business meeting. I would like to thank Francine Korn and the members of the Guild who have been

working hard for many years to support the needs of St. Elizabeth and the community of Guerneville.

The Mass Sunday for the Guilds will be rescheduled and will inform everyone when the mass will be.

In our Gospel this Sunday the writing style of Mark the evangelist as being similarly understated. The author speaks directly and does not jazz up and narrative to help you remember the events. If you are not paying enough attention, you could almost miss all the things Jesus does in this gospel reading today. First, he cures Simon's mother-in-law.

He then cures others of illnesses and casts out demons. Is he finished?

No, not yet. He next heads to a deserted place to pray while crowds try to find him. He then goes to nearby villages to preached in synagogues and drive out more demons.

If we really examine each piece of today's gospel, we know that lives were changed. We know that these healing miracles affected the well-being of so many individuals as well as their families and friends.

Heavy burdens went away. Jesus also took time to be by himself and pray.

Now, every parent in the congregation can probably understand what it is like to be interrupted when all you want is a moment of peace and solitude.

Jesus still tried to prioritize prayer even though he knew someone would eventually find him to ask him for something. We know that traveling to nearby villages would have been a decent walk. Nevertheless, once there, Jesus shared teachings that changed the hearts of those who choice to really listen, and he cast out demons, which changed even more lives.

The Gospel of Mark reminds us that genuine actions are always going to speak louder than bold or fancy language. Those who met Jesus were healed by him, and those who heard his words knew the champion was in their presence. They knew their lives would be forever changed by their encounter with Jesus. Mark just does not waste time telling you about it.

Peace and blessings!
Fr Luis M. Penalzoa

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.

