



March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Upcoming Dates

Apr 26 12:30 pm	Golf Tournament at Northwood
Apr 28 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
May 15 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Acts 10: 34a. 37-43
Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23
Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8
Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Fr. John Boettcher, Pete, Patrick Gluch, Erin Sammon & Family

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Maddie Nelson

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Collection Period	1 st Collection	\$2,702.00
March 23-24	2 nd Collection	\$624.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$3,326.00

Announcements

Golf Tournament at Northwood

Date: Friday April 26th

Place: Northwood Golf Course and Restaurant

Sign in at 12:30pm. Shotgun start at 2:00pm. Dinner at 6:00pm.

Price: \$180.00 for green fee, golf cart and dinner or \$75.00 for dinner only.

Sponsorships: \$200.00

For info or reservations contact Linda Payne (707) 953-9166
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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

This Sunday we celebrate Passion and Palm Sunday liturgy, we have two gospels, one before the palm procession and then after the New Testament reading the Passion readings are read.

Next week will be the Holy week and most of you are encouraged to attend the Holy Thursday mass, Good Friday w/ station of the Cross and finally Easter Vigil on Saturday in the afternoon. Please check the schedule on this bulletin.

Last Sunday was our first retreat given by Fr. Donald Godfrey, and everyone enjoyed the day of reflection on Saturday morning starting 10 am to 2 pm. Actually, I heard that he celebrated a mass for the eight people who are unable to walk up the church stairs. Thank you, Fr. Donald!

Thanks for Mary Helt, Marty and other angels that prepared the Hallway for gathering. Fr. Donald will be with us again on September this year.

In gratitude also for Chris Kollaja for suggesting Fr. Donald's for the retreat master.

Last Thursday, I had my day of reflection with the rest of the priest of our Diocese, it is a one-day quiet time and reflection to prepare for the Holy week, we end with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and at 4 pm we went to St. Eugene for the Chrism mass which I was unable to attend.

In the days ahead, let each of us consider what we will offer as a sign of our discipleship. What cloak of protection and comfort will we lay down at the feet of Jesus?

Will we offer him our homes? Our relationships? And what branches of productivity will we put on the road to greet him?

Will we offer our work, our efforts to be of service, our aspirations to make a difference? Will we join those across generations who greet Jesus as he continues to enter our towns and cities, as he continues to offer his life for us? And even further, will we stay close by and show up at the foot of the cross?

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Soft Light

Night's dark soul awakens. Chirps of life tug at its ear. Just the smallest candlefull of light peeks through its shadows. Dawn tiptoes in.

It is the balance-point of all time.

Easter.

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.

Friday tempted us to guilt—about his wounds, thinking that our sins caused them. About his arms, still marked with shrill hurts. And maybe that is why he can hold us, enfold us so well. Maybe the wounds know somehow the shape of our small selves.

Mothering Christ.

The cantor at Easter Vigil sings these words:

*O certe necessarium Adae peccatum
quod Christi morte deletum est!*

*O felix culpa,
quae talem ac tantum meruit habere Redemptorem!**

*Oh truly necessary sin of Adam,
blotted out by the death of Christ!*

*O blessed fault, which has merited such a Redeemer,
so great a Redeemer.*

Isn't the cantor singing in praise of the sin of Adam and Eve? Even if Christ's death has taken their sin away, could it be a "necessary" fault? Is it right to rejoice about sin being necessary? Original sin does not really seem like a good or blessed event. Nor does our selfish penchant for misdeed.

Yet without such a sin, would such a Savior have had reason to come? Now Christ's wounded arms can sweep us up, comfort and absolve and hold us. We are blessed beyond words.

Sins always carry, in their revolt, the pledge of forgiveness. Night always carries in its midst the promise of light.

*O vere beata nox,
in qua terrenis caelestia,
humanis divina iunguntur!*

*O truly blessed night,
in whom earth is wedded to heaven,
and humans to God!*

Several rows of the people might have their candles lit. Over there, a lot more. Soon half the church could awaken to the gentle light. And, quickly, the rest. Morning has eased their faces into daylight, into the soft, humble glow.

Jesus became the night. Jesus is the light.

We can see him for who he has been all along. The Christ of God. The essence of love. The modest flame who softly lights the world.


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

Finance Committee Meeting	3 rd Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall	* of February, May, August and November
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 th Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman	



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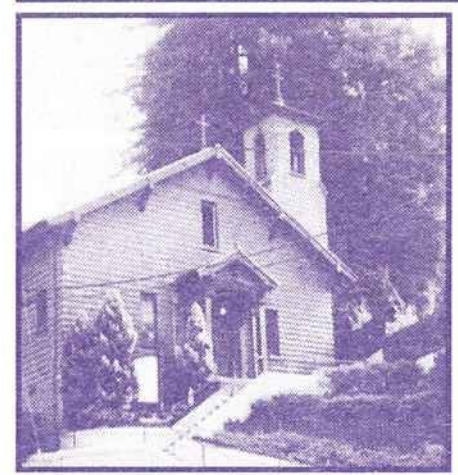
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Mass Schedule
Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Outdoor church
Memorial Day through Labor Day

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Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00 p.m.



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