



November 26, 2023 Christ The King

Upcoming Dates

Nov 26 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild meeting
Dec 6 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild meeting
Dec 17 6:00 pm	Parish Christmas Dinner at the Highland Dell
Dec 20 4:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Ez 14: 11-12. 15-17
Ps 23: 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 (1)
1 Cor 15: 20-26. 28
Mt 25: 31-46

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Jim Riley, Stella Dunne, Margaret McAtee

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	\$1,415.00
November 18-19	2 nd Collection	\$687.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,102.00

Announcements

The Book of Remembrance

We will be praying for our deceased loved ones throughout the month of November. Names will be read from the Book of Remembrance at Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you have loved ones that you would like to remember, please email the names to churhelizabeth@comcast.net, or, drop a list of names, written legibly, in the collection basket at Mass. Please indicate at which church you would like the names to be mentioned.

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

A gift for a child

Next weekend, we will have Gingerbread people tags on the trees in the back of the church. Take a tag and shop for a local child in need. Presents should be delivered directly to River to Coast Child Care located on First Street across from the entry to Johnson's Beach. Please shop and deliver by Thursday December 14. Thanks for making a child's Christmas a little brighter.

2023 Christmas Dinner at the Highland Dell

Sunday December 17th, 2022 at 6 pm. Tickets \$70 per person Kids Entree 6-12 years of age \$20, and Kids 5 or younger- no charge. Choice of entree: Prime Rib, Grilled Wild Sockeye Salmon, Grilled Portabella Mushroom. Kids Entree: Macaroni and Cheese with Grilled Chicken Strips. Come enjoy a fun-filled, festive holiday gathering with your fellow church community members! For questions, or, to order tickets, please contact Linda Payne at (707) 953-9166 or email cocomokidd@aol.com

Christmas See's Candy Sale

Our 4th Annual Fundraiser! Please consider purchase of a favorite holiday or family candy tradition. Our list is inserted in the bulletin to accommodate preordering or you can use our online store (with an easy QR code link) to place an order directly. All sales benefit St Elizabeth's parish and our goal is \$2,000. Michele, Sherry, Barbara and Jeannine will be available after Masses beginning the week before Thanksgiving to deliver pre orders, selling available candy or answer questions about our online storefront. Many thanks to those who have already ordered, your early response is appreciated! Questions: email Michele McDonnell at mmmcdonell@gmail.com or call/text her at (707) 486-1739.

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 9 members -Linda Payne, Barbara and Otto Kobler, Maryanne Gustafson, Susan Poirier, Patrick McDonnell, 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.

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

Your Choice?

This will be the last Sunday of the Church year. We will begin a new one, starting with Advent—which is our time of awaiting the birth of Jesus. On this last Sunday, the Church appropriately overviews the career of Christ the King.

Here is the story.

God has continually sought out his people throughout history, inviting them to a covenant* relationship. But the “shepherds of Israel” have let God’s sheep scatter over the face of the

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).

earth. They actually ate the sheep (which were God’s people), feeding themselves instead of feeding them (See Ezekiel 34: 1-10). So God pledged the words of the First Reading: “I myself will look after and tend my sheep. The injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.”

God’s care for his people has been exquisite, and it is the foundation of all our belief. He shepherds us today in this same way.

The Responsorial Psalm, “The Lord is My Shepherd,” is used here simply as a reply to the First Reading If I may paraphrase the psalm: “We sheep understand that God is shepherding us as he promised. Goodness and kindness are all around us. God lets us walk beside restful waters, through green pastures. We are filled with thanks.”

People of different generations sometimes have called God’s love to mind and sometimes have simply ignored it. The ones who forget it filled their lives with other gods—which ever seemed most attractive. Idols, these are called.

So, in the Second Reading, St. Paul tells us about Christ the shepherd, who is God made flesh. Although death and sorrow and sin had been on the rampage, Christ brought the light and peace and wholeness of the First Reading.

Then, in a parable, the Gospel tells us who will receive this light and peace. Not everyone! Some people have acted as perfect goats instead of sheep.

Which are you? The standard is extremely clear. Have you cared for the hungry? Have you given water to the thirsty? What about welcoming the stranger, giving clothes to those who have none, and what about visiting people in prison? This is what God did in the First Reading. It is what Jesus did in his life on earth. It is the loving duty he has entrusted to us who are his body, his band of shepherds. If you have acted in this way, then you are one of the sheep who have received Christ's love and who are very grateful.

But maybe you or I have never taken time to care for our least brother or sister. Maybe we are goats!

If we continue that way, we should not be surprised when God says at the end of time, “you never did pass on to others the care I gave to you. You did not let me into your life. If you had, your gratitude would have led you to others! I have desired to shepherd you even now, but all I can do is affirm the choice you have made with your life. You have chosen to live without me, your God, and I have to respect that choice.”

This action of God shows the way a real king acts. He respects and honors his subjects’ needs and desires.

Do you or I want this? We have to ask ourselves in freedom whether we are letting God’s love into us now.

