



September 4, 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Sept 7, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
 Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ
 Sept 21, Finance Committee meeting 4pm
 Sept 25, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 4pm:
 For all parishioners
Sat 5pm:
 This will be the last 5pm mass until next Summer.
Sun 9:30 am:
 Ruth Sullivan† requested by Linda Payne
Sun 11 am:
 Susan Barich, Paul & Sheilla Juilly [healing]

Readings

Wis 9: 13-18b
 Ps 90: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14-17 (1)
 Phlm 9-10. 12-17
 Lk 14: 25- 33

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Sharilyn Parmeter

Parish Donations

New feature: Scan the QR code to make a donation.

| August 27 - 28 | 1 st Collection | 2 nd Collection |
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| St. Elizabeth | \$1,187.00 | \$534.00 |
| St. Catherine | \$495.00 | \$255.00 |
| St. Colman | \$125.00 | \$61.00 |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> | | \$2,657.00 |

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| 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

Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus speaks to a large crowd of followers and would-be followers. "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my Disciple," He says.

Being Jesus' disciples means that we voluntarily accept the cost of discipleship – the day-in and day-out dedication to hard work -- as well as the benefits. We need to remember that Jesus turned away many people who were not willing to pay the price, not willing to report for work each and every day.

People came to Him because they wanted the benefits, the healing, and the excitement. They wanted the comfort that came with Discipleship. But when they began to make excuses for avoiding the inconveniences, the sacrifice, the hard work, and the need to carry their crosses, Jesus simply said, "No!"

He didn't say, "Go and do whatever else it is that you have to do, and then we'll talk about following Me." Instead, He said, "No! This is not for you, and you're not ready for this."

No one is forced to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. You and I are free to accept His call or reject it. But when we accept it, part of the cost -- often the most expensive -- is following in His footsteps by giving ourselves to others -- doing for others -- even when it hurts. But miraculously, it is in the doing that we discover this way of life (call it "Blue-Collar" Christianity) is the most glorious life possible. And if some of us are not harvesting the fruits of this Good Life in Christ, we're following Him at too great a distance. Consequently, our view of what the Christian way of life is about remains dim -- even grim.

Jesus' call to Discipleship beautifully and profoundly comes to life in the person of the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She speaks of her mission to people who

have been tossed aside and left to die in filth and degradation in these words:

“We feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop were not in the ocean, I think the ocean would be less. I do not agree with the big way of doing things. To us, what matters is an individual. To get to love that person, we must come in close contact with him. If we wait until we get the numbers, then we will be lost in the numbers. And we will never be able to show that love and respect for the person. I believe in person-to-person; every person is Christ for me, and since there is only one Jesus, that person is the one person in the world at that moment.”

"Blue-Collar Christianity" is the title of a book in which the author gives his version of what Jesus looked like. "Jesus was a Blue-Collar Man," he says:

“He was a Blue-Collar Man, and He calls
 us to be blue-collar people,
 real, honest-to-goodness blue-collar people.
 Hard at work,
 resolving human conflict,
 restoring shattered self-esteem,
 loving the unlovable
 (even when no one is watching)”.

–[Exley, R., "Jesus was a Blue-Collar Man,"]

Peace and blessings,
 Fr. Luis

Announcements

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend (Sept 3-4) is for the Catholic University of America.

Church Parish Picnic and Pee Wee Golf

Join us at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville, 12 pm Sunday, Sept 18, 2022. Tickets are now on sale after all masses and by calling Francine Korn at 797 869-9341. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, kids age 5 and under are free. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, ice creams and cookies. Last year's was a great time, let's all get together and do it again. See you there!

How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily donate online *by scanning the QR code with your smartphone* or using the donate button at stelizabeth.churchtrac.com. Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577 to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

Monte Rio Variety Show Update

We are still processing income and expenses from our great event, but can let everyone know it was a combined record attendance and gross income. Once we have all the income and expenses processed, we will place the note in the bulletin. Until then, please accept our thanks to all of you who supported us in so many ways. We have never had such a diverse set of talents helping out on the event - all were needed and filled gaps that, in some cases, we did not anticipate until the last minute. Please know that the committee appreciates all who bought a ticket, promoted the event to family and friends, and/or provided talents leading up to, during and after the event.

Even while we await the final financial outcome, we are planning for next year. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, July 27th, 2023!

With gratitude,
 Michele and the Variety Show Committee Team

Sign up to host Hospitality

We are inviting families to sign up for Hospitality. To prepare and pick up the donuts and coffee at Safeway for our fellowship after the 9:30 am mass. The items are already paid for. It gives family a chance to participate and know our community and it gives us chance to get to know your family.

Confessions

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays and before weekend Masses. Please call the rectory at 707-869-2107 to confirm with him, so that he knows to arrive early on the weekend, or stay late on Friday. Alternatively, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory.

