



# October 29, 2023

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 1 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild meeting
Nov 12	Priest Appreciation Day
Nov 15 4:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting
Nov 26 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild meeting

### Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

### Readings

Ex 22: 20-26  
Ps 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)  
1 Thes 1: 5c-10  
Mt 22: 34-40

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Bill Aguirre, Rhonda Hallum, Barbara Stephens, Yvonne Spencer, Mike Barry

**Who have been called to Eternal Life:** Patricia Power

### Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give)

Collection Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$1,170.00
October 21-22	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$506.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,676.00

### 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 [churchelizabeth@comcast.net](mailto:churchelizabeth@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](mailto:cocomokidd@aol.com)

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman

\* of February, May, August and November

### All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1 is All Saint's Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be 2 Masses celebrated at St Elizabeth. Morning Mass will be at 9 am, and evening Mass will be at 5pm.

### Priest Appreciation Day

Sunday, November 12 is Priest Appreciation Day. The Santa Rosa Diocese' Family Support Network encourages you to celebrate and honor those "In Persona Christi". Some ways you can show your appreciation are cards, flowers, favorite treats, Novena Prayers, dinners at your home, gift cards, arrive early for Mass, volunteer for needs around the parish. We are especially appreciative of Fr Luis' fortitude in putting up with the lengthy rectory repair, and his needing to be re-housed to various locations this year!

### 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 McDonell at [mmmcdonell@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

### Spirituality Of The Readings

*Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University*

### Look What Love Is Doing

Kids go through grade school and high school with important questions to face. Am I "in" with the crowd? Can I hold my own against the bullies, can I get along with girls, can I get along with boys, did I wear the right clothes, am I cool enough? These are obviously more important and more crucial than anything else in their lives.

I suppose this was the case in my own life, and I guess it was the reason I did not think much about the place of "love" in the overall scheme of life.

Of course, who "thinks" when they are in high school?

Then as a college freshman I had Fr. Robert Boyle, SJ, for English literature. He was a great teacher, without question, and one proof of his greatness lay in a statement he often made:

### 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).

In a work of literature, if you want to know what is happening, look what love is doing.

Look at what love is doing!

"What?" my barely 18 year old self gasped.

I had never known explicitly that love was such a big deal. I thought it was something that parents have for you, and tell you about it over and over. Could it really be the key to plays, poems, novels, short stories and all other literature? The key to humanity? I had better pay attention.

We went through Shakespeare, Hopkins, Joyce, Keats, Milton, and I can't remember how many more. The clouds parted and I began to see Boyle's point: characters' lives do center around something called "love," or else its opposite. Try it out when you read your next serious novel or short story.

Oh, and what about love in your own life?

Have you discovered that love is quite a bit more than pretense, more than an ideal, more than just a thing we crave from others, and certainly more than just pleasure? Have you seen that learning to love is the very air inhaled by such everyday importances as work, relaxation, attractions, happiness? Without love's living atmosphere none of these could breathe, nor could we.

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus says this in no uncertain terms.

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ...

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

We might exclaim (as I did in college) simply, "What?" We thought that law consisted of commands placed upon us from the outside, rules whose violation would bring on punishment! What is this about law depending on love?

Well, take a look.

God does not fail at love. God waits. God says, "how wonderful that you are learning!" God says, "I love every person on earth. And you: you are my beloved. I am at your side as you learn to open to me and to others."

You and I do not judge ourselves as successful in this very often, so we need laws to help us. But the root of law and of life is love of others. It is loving concern under God for human persons. Ultimately it is an imitation of God's love for us.

"Look what love is doing"

