



# June 18, 2023

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

### Upcoming Dates

June 25	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
July 5	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
July 27	112 <sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show
Aug 16	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

### Readings

Ex 19: 2-6a  
 Ps 100: 1-2. 3. 5 (3c)  
 Rom 5: 6-11  
 Mt 9: 36 10: 8

### 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	\$1,739.00
June 10-11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$500.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,239.00

### Announcements

#### Capital Campaign

The renovation of our Parish rectory and its foundation repair has been progressing for the past month. 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 in assisting 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.

Each Parish council member will be speaking at the end of Mass at our three churches for the next several weeks. Each of us will give, what we hope will be, some thoughtful insight as to why we believe that raising money via a Capital Campaign is important at this time for our church community.

#### St. Elizabeth Outdoor Church Cleanup

Most of the outdoor church clean up has been completed, with plans for Damen Kennedy of Russian River Clearing to address some of the heavy clean up and downed tree removal. No need to pull out your rakes and gloves yet -we may only need help brushing off the pews as we get close to the day of our first outdoor Mass.

#### 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show - Thurs, July 27, 2023

We are now completely sold out of tickets - online, local, and Parish Will-Call. I will be getting more details about entertainment, auction items and raffle

in the next two weeks - Stay Tuned! Our website is [www.monterioshow.org](http://www.monterioshow.org).

#### Temporary Church Office Phone Number

Until our church office at the rectory is restored, the temporary office phone number is (707) 486-8645.

#### 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

#### Bible Verse Of The Day

<https://catholicreadings.org/abandoned-like-sheep-without-a-shepherd/>

#### Abandoned Like Sheep Without a Shepherd

*At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.*

*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest."*

*Matthew 9:32-38, Mark 6:30-34*

#### Reflections

Jesus feels pity on the people when he sees them troubled in their bodies, hearts and minds. Many people were ailing from different diseases and others were possessed by demons.

Just take a picture in today's world of a very dusty place with poor infrastructure and sanitation, where people are begging for food on the streets and others are lying on the ground. This is the kind of scenario that Jesus encountered at that time.

#### 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).

When Jesus looked at those people who were also yearning to see and interact with Him, He did not see, like today's leaders, votes or cheap labour, He felt pity on them because they were abandoned.

Jesus knew exactly how to help them and that was to heal them, drive out the demons and to preach to them about the Kingdom of Heaven.

He also wished that the master sends more labourers to help bring this abandoned flock of sheep back to the master's fold.

What is happening in today's world is an exact replica of what happened in Jesus' time. Not only does it happen in the developing countries but also in the developed ones.

People are suffering from strange and terminal illnesses, most of which are a result of our indulgence into sin and evil actions.

Some people also do not know God today, over 2000 years after Jesus started proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Indeed as Jesus said, the harvest is abundant but labourers are few.

Jesus is calling on us right now to help Him gather and herd this abandoned flock and deliver it to Him for salvation.

Let us continue proclaiming the Word of God without fear of ridicule or persecutions. Through this reading, Jesus is begging us to become his labourers. So, do you accept Jesus Christ's invitation?

#### Prayer

*Lord Jesus Christ, You have told us that there is a bountiful harvest in Your Father's land but the labourers are few. Lord, make me Your labourer and give me the strength to work for You. Help me do my part and I will get my wages on the last day. Amen*

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

