



# December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

## Upcoming Dates

Dec 14	A Gift for a Child (delivery deadline)
Dec 17 6:00 pm	Parish Christmas Dinner
Dec 20 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Dec 24 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
Jan 3 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild Meeting

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 pm	Madeline Van Doren [good health] <i>requested by Mark Van Doren</i>
	Lee Torr† <i>requested by Michele McDonell</i>
Sunday 9:30 am	Brad Lifto [good health] <i>requested by Mark Van Doren.</i>
	Lee Torr† <i>requested by Michele McDonell</i>

## 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](https://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give)

Collection Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$1,326.00
December 2-3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$830.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,156.00

## Readings

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11  
Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)  
2 Pt 3: 8-14  
Mk 1: 1-8

## Announcements

### 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.

### The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, Dec 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Daily Mass will be said at 9 am for any who would like to attend.

### A Gift For A Child

We 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.

### St Elizabeth Rectory Open House

Saturday, December 16, 2023 10 am, Come see the repaired and restored rectory! A blessing on the rectory will be said by Fr Luis Penaloza. Light refreshments to follow.

### 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](mailto:cocomokidd@aol.com)

## Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday December 23rd**  
St Catherine 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday December 24th**  
St Elizabeth 9:30 am Mass  
St Colman 11:00 am Mass  
St Elizabeth 4:00 pm *Christmas Vigil Mass*

**Monday December 25th**  
St Elizabeth 9:30 am *Christmas Day Mass*  
St Colman 11:00 am *Christmas Day Mass*

*We won't be singing Christmas Carols before the Vigil Mass but there will be Music and Carols at our Christmas Party on December 17th at the Highland Dell!*

## 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.

## 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).

## 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.

## Discussion Questions

### First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

*A voice proclaims:  
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
(Is 40: 3)*

How do you prepare the way of the Lord?

Why are we to make a highway for our God in the wasteland?

### Second Reading: 2 Pt 3: 8-14

*But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.  
(2 Pt 3: 10)*

*But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.  
(2 Pt 3: 13)*

*Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.  
(2 Pt 3: 14)*

Why will the day of the Lord come like a thief?

What is this new earth in which righteousness dwells?

Are you without spot or blemish?

What can you do today to work on your spots or blemishes?

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

