



# March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

## Upcoming Dates

Mar 26	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
Apr 5	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
Apr 8	Easter Egg Hunt 2pm-5pm at St Hubert's Field
Apr 21-22	St. Huberts Hall Cleanup
Apr 28	McKenzie Golf Tournament at Northwood Golf Club in Monte Rio
May 17	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

## Readings

Ez 37: 12-14  
Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Rom 8: 8-11  
Jn 11: 1-45

## Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Joan Brown

## 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)

March 18-19	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$742.00	\$147.00
St. Catherine	\$462.00	\$418.00
St. Colman	\$50.00	\$60.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$1,879.00

## Monthly Collections: February 2023

St. Elizabeth	\$4,882.00
St. Catherine	\$1,704.00
St. Colman	\$395.00
Online Collections	\$2,850.00
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$9,831.00</b>
<b>Est. Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>\$22,000.00</b>

*Note: Monthly Expenses are based upon last year's annual operating expenses on a monthly basis with an estimated amount included for building repairs and replacements.*

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

## Announcements

### Daily Mass & Stations of the Cross

There will be no daily Mass on Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31. No Stations of the Cross on March 31. Fr Luis will be out of town.

### Invitation To Mass Of The Chrism

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese invite you to participate in the Mass of the Chrism at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The Mass of the Chrism is celebrated once a year, during which the Bishop blesses the oil of Catechumens, the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the bishop has received and it also signifies the unity the priests have with the bishop who share in the same ministerial priesthood. During this Mass the Diocesan and Religious priests will renew their commitment of priestly service.

### See's Easter Candy Sale

See's Easter Candy will be available for sale after Masses. You can also shop online by visiting: [www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc\\_st\\_elizabeths\\_sees\\_easter\\_44/Mic\\_McD9043/](http://www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc_st_elizabeths_sees_easter_44/Mic_McD9043/)

### Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be recited after the 9 am Mass on Fridays. Participating in Stations of the Cross is a wonderful way to reflect on the Passion of Christ, thereby deepening our connection and relationship to Jesus during this Lenten season.

### St. Elizabeth Easter Egg Hunt

Food | Games | Raffle Prizes | Coloring Contest

Saturday April 8th from 2pm-5pm at St. Hubert's Field. Kids under 10 are invited to participate in the egg hunt. Adult supervision is required. There is no fee to attend. Raffle tickets will be available for sale. Come enjoy the fun!

### St. Hubert's Hall Cleanup

The Guild will be cleaning out underneath St Hubert's Hall 9am to 2pm Fri April 21 and Sat April 22. We will be ordering

a large dumpster and are hoping that parishioners will be able to give us a hand.

### Part-time Bookkeeper Position

Are you looking for a few extra hours? The Diocese is looking for part-time bookkeepers. For more information contact Lori Norcia [lnorcia@srdioocese.org](mailto:lnorcia@srdioocese.org) or call (707) 566-3322.

### Free Income Tax Preparations

River to Coast Children's Services in conjunction with United Way offers free tax preparations for those taxpayers whose income is \$70,000 or less. (Some other requirements also apply.) For more information call: (707) 869-3613 or go to [rccservices.org/tax-program.html](http://rccservices.org/tax-program.html)

### 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.

### Lake County Annual Outdoor Passion Play

Saturday and Sunday May 20th and 21st from 4 to 6 pm in beautiful Lake County! Admission is Free! If you want to feel the power of our Lord, come and experience the Passion Play! New cast members are always welcome!

Website: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org)

Phone: 707-263-0349

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/](https://www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/)

To help: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org/icanhelp](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org/icanhelp)

## Spirituality Of The Readings

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

### Love and Death

Very soon Holy Week will be here. Let us be frank. Jesus will go from the status of great healer and holy man to that of a common criminal who is humiliated and put to death.

What could he be thinking as he goes toward such a fate? What was Jesus' attitude toward death and Good Friday? Was he unmoved by such a prospect?

This Sunday gives us a clue.

It seems that he gives a real life illustration. Even though our Gospel reading says, "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus," yet oddly he had remained out of town during the days of his friend's illness and death. He could have gone but delayed instead. When he finally makes the trip, Martha says, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Hard

words. She sends for her sister Mary who says, "Where were you!"

As the psalm puts it, God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

When Jesus sees the tears of Mary and the friends who surrounded her, he "becomes disturbed and deeply troubled." This is a picture of Jesus we do not ordinarily see. The famous words that follow are unlike any others in the Gospels:

"And Jesus wept."

Jesus was not indifferent toward death or toward his loved ones, not at all. But his tears make Mary and Martha's question still more poignant. "You love us and you loved him; why did you not come to us when he was still alive, when you could have saved him?" I think many of us are tempted to ask God that same question when a loved one dies.

Look back at the beginning of Sunday's Gospel to find the answer. Jesus told the disciples, "this illness of my friend is not going to end in death." What? It isn't? Lazarus is dead!

And then we see Jesus' re-arrangement of human values. "This is happening for the Glory of God," he tells them.

He is saying that he knows this is hard for them to comprehend so he has to show them in the flesh that even sorrow and death are immersed in God's always gentle love. They are like flowers sprouting out of an "earth" which is love. The glorious love of God undergirds everything else. Every other love gets its growth from God's love. Even life gets its life from God's love.

So Jesus calls out in a loud voice, calls to the love where Lazarus' soul is resting even in the midst of death and decay. He calls to God's pregnant love. From that womb the life of Lazarus was born and now is born again. Out of the tomb he walks.

And so Jesus is right. Lazarus' illness does not lead to final death. We usually have it backwards. We always think of love as an emotion that springs from the fact that we are alive. But the opposite is true. Life is a condition that springs from the fact that we are rooted in God's love. This love is the real earth and real ground. When life ends, we are drawn back into love's rich loam.

Jesus cast his voice into this fertile ground when he said, "Lazarus, come out!" And love, stronger than life or death, gladly obeyed, letting earthly life be there again.

The cross is referred to in advance here. Jesus' own death and resurrection are foretold. Very soon Jesus will have to trust in his own words, that his suffering "will not end in death," death of his oneness with the Father. "It would be happening for the Glory of God."

Trust love. Life has its roots there.

## 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.



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