



January 7, 2024 Epiphany of The Lord

Upcoming Dates

Jan 28 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
Feb 4, 9:30 am	St Elizabeth Guild Farewell Mass
Feb 7 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Feb 21 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners

Readings

Is 60: 1-6
Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2: 1-12

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Pete

Parish Donations

You can donate online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin or by visiting stelizabeth.churchtrac.com/give

Collection Period	1 st Collection	\$2,068.00
Dec 31 - Jan 1	2 nd Collection	\$2,979.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$5,047.00

Announcements

Church Office Phone Number Update

Our original office phone number (707) 869-2107 is operational once again.

Guild Farewell Mass, Sunday, February 4

St Elizabeth's Guild has been struggling the last few years asking parishioners for help with our projects and fundraisers and trying to encourage new members but it has been challenging and to no avail.

For questions about future parish events, please contact Linda Payne at: (707) 953-9166 or cocomokidd@aol.com

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

Our current members have been working very hard for many years to support the needs of St Elizabeth and our Pastors but between the ages and health of our group it had become apparent that we can no longer continue our work without more help. We are all in agreement with this decision but have heavy hearts because we all would liked to have been able to support our Church and community as we have been. It has been decided to disband St Elizabeth's Guild, target date the end of February 2024. We thank the parishioners who have given us their time and help over all the years, it hasn't gone unappreciated. We hope you will all join us on Sunday February 4, 2023 at the 9:30am mass at St Elizabeth for our last mass honoring the living and deceased members of the Guild as we say farewell to our long standing club and all of our collective efforts making it successful for many years. We will continue to pray for our parishioners and Fr Luis and wish all the best for our beautiful Church. We will be purchasing a statue of St Elizabeth, Mother of St John, for the outside of St Elizabeth and hope it arrives for Fr Luis's blessing on February 4.

Francine Korn
Guild President

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.

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.

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.

Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year to all! I am very excited to celebrate Mass with you on the first Sunday of the new year. I have moved back into the rectory and wow -it's like staying in a hotel!

I have a deep gratitude for all of you. Not just some of you but *each and every one of you*. I was reflecting on the past year and what we as a church, parish have accomplished, it's really amazing! Your participation in our gatherings, your generous contributions to our ongoing Capital Campaign. I am very well pleased by the support of the parishioners and I just hope that each of you feel the same gratitude and feel the spirit of the body of Christ moving in our parish.

On the Feast Day of Mary, the mother of God, I offered the Mass for the new year. Let me just summarize my homily that feast day.

This new year will birth many things, some of these good and some in need of redemption. This is where we come in. As a disciples of Christ, we are called to bring Christ into all aspects of our lives, whether it be within our families, our workplaces, or our social lives, Christ needs to be made present in our world that so desperately needs him. He is the only one who can redeem it. In doing this, we model Mary, who did, in fact, give birth to the world's Savior. Mary is known also as the Queen of the Saints.

On our celebration of New Year's Day, we not only look forward, but we also take time to reflect on the year past. It is tempting to simply say "Good riddance!" to 2023, but this is not what Mary models for us. Remember that "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." It is good for us to reflect back on our day, our week, and our year. Where was God present in our lives? Did we at times run from the graces so freely offered by Christ?

We reflect not so that we can accuse ourselves but so that we may better know ourselves and know how God is actively reaching out to us daily.

Let's reflect on the past, pray for the new year, and plan how we can give birth to Christ in our lives.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

