



# December 24, 2023

## Fourth Sunday of Advent, Nativity of The Lord

### Upcoming Dates

Dec 24 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
Jan 3 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Jan 17 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 pm	Saoirse Gleeson Bair [good health] (pronounced "Sear Sha") requested by Michele McDonell
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### Readings

Sunday Dec 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16 Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 (2a) Rom 16: 25-27 Lk 1: 26-38	Sunday Dec 24 Christmas Vigil Mass Is 62: 1-5 Ps 89: 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2a) Acts 13: 16-17. 22-25 Mt 1: 1-25
Sunday Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass Is 52: 7-10 Ps 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3c) Heb 1: 1-6 Jn 1: 1-18	

### 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	\$1,018.00
December 16-17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$712.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$1,730.00

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

#### **Christmas See's Candy Sale**

Thank you for your support of the See's Candy Sale. We will be selling the last of the stock of available candy over the next two weekends after each Mass. We will give an update on the total fundraising effort once all candy is sold!

#### **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*

#### **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.

#### **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).

### Pastor's Desk

Merry Christmas, to all of you! This Christmas is special in a way because Christmas Eve is on Sunday night. You get to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent in the morning and you're back that evening to celebrate the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.

I just wanted to thank our Liturgical environment Tom Duer and Chris Kollaja and their friends. They bought us a fresh Christmas tree and decorated the church for the women's guild who bought the poinsettias. Thank you, Carlos, for taking the Christmas decoration out from the storage area.

A special thanks to our musicians, Leilani and Zenia for devoting so much of their time and talent to our music liturgy throughout all of Advent and Christmas.

Last Sunday at our Christmas party, it was lovely to see everyone having a great time as a community. I just wanted to thank Herb and his wife for the excellent prime rib, salmon and portabella mushroom. People really enjoyed themselves. I actually did not want the party to end!

We missed couple people who are unable to come such as Grace and Rose, praying for Grace quick recuperation as well as for Margaret McAtee, Mike and Andy. Know that your presence is missed!

Today as we celebrate our Christmas mass, Jesus is inviting us to make this year to be closer to the reign of Kingdom of God. However, we need to make sure ourselves are in peace with God. As I have invited everyone this year to start fresh and invited everyone to receive the Sacrament of Confession as we start 2024 year. Let us receive the grace of the sacrament to strengthen us this coming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Fr. Luis M. Penaloza

