



June 11, 2023

The Body and Blood of Christ

Upcoming Dates

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

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

Dt 8: 2-3, 14b-16a
 Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)
 1 Cor 10: 16-17
 Optional Sequence Lauda, Sion
 Jn 6: 51-58

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Donald Champlain

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	\$1,914.00
June 3-4	2 nd Collection	\$1,075.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,989.00

Monthly Collection Report

	Collections	Online	Total
St. Elizabeth	\$5,521.00	\$1,931.00	\$7,452.00
St. Catherine	\$2,342.00	\$2,164.00	\$4,506.00
St. Colman	\$961.00	\$363.00	\$1,324.00
	Total		\$13,282.00
	Est. Monthly Expenses		\$22,000.00

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

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.

Redemption House of the Bay Area: Human Trafficking

On Saturday, June 10th The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Social Justice Committee at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are hosting a presentation about Human Trafficking. Volunteers from Redemption House, a local group fighting human trafficking and helping survivors, will offer the presentation. Sonoma County is second in the State for incidents of human trafficking! We hope you will join us in fighting this problem! The presentation will be held after 9:00 Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish and is free. Zoom attendance will also be available. For more information and to rsvp, please contact SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com. Thank you!

112th 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.

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 15th of the following month.

Spirituality Of The Readings

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University

For the Life of the World

Let us review for a moment what has happened in the special season just gone by. I suppose this is a summary of the summaries! It leads to Sunday's feast, which is a great remembrance of our salvation.

Holy Thursday: we saw Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, cleaning their feet, wiping off the dirt. Then on Good Friday we saw Jesus refuse the way of riches, honor, and pride, instead of following the way of love. He could have avoided the cross, but love said yes to God instead. It was the highest example of real, lasting love we know of. It showed us who God is, in the flesh.

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).

The Sundays after Easter: After his resurrection, Jesus spoke to us about his sacrifice and his having risen from the dead, showing how these are signs of the Father's love for the whole world. Then the Ascension. Jesus was going away, back to the Father. He was to take his love back to the Trinity—where it started—thus completing the circle. Therefore, he left us, and if that were the end of the story we would have only memories.

On Pentecost he sent his Spirit into our hearts. We ourselves, his followers, were to receive that Spirit and become his new and continuing body for the life of the world. There is only one condition: that we let go and allow his Holy Spirit dwell in our lives. Gradually we would sense with Spiritual eyes what The Holy Trinity is all about.

How, exactly, are we to let the Holy Spirit find this dwelling place within us? If we look around at our culture, it seems impossible. A lot of our neighbors have thrown away the idea of a soul altogether and even the notion of a God. Others just dive into the flesh pots, so to speak, and by doing so, deny that there is such a thing in them as a depth where some Holy Spirit could dwell.

But we do have such a depth, all of us and each of us. We just need to let go and learn to be loved by this Spirit of Jesus and of his Abba. Then it will occur to us why the Christ had promised the Holy Spirit and then sent it.

However, one unhandy fact remains. We are flesh and blood creatures, not merely spirits. Would Christ have gone away to heaven, leaving his followers to make their own way without him? No. The sacrament of his Body and Blood is the way we join in the complete life of Christ. Just as the Holy Spirit comes together with our spirit, the sacrament of Christ's body becomes one with our own bodies in a gradual but intimate transformation.

To put it another way, we need Manna if we are to survive (First Reading)! Today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ shows this. The great plan of God could get lost unless there were a Manna-like sacrament to draw our bodies and our spirits into Christ's presence.

And so, now the Easter picture is complete. Christ remains in the world for all time. He is spiritually and physically present to the world in us, as often as we accept his body and dwell in his Spirit.

That is the reason for this final feast after Easter.

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

