



# July 23, 2023

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

July 23	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
July 27	112 <sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show
Aug 2	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
Aug 5	Chicken BBQ 4pm
Aug 16	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

### Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

### Readings

Wis 12: 13. 16-19  
 Ps 86: 5-6. 9-10. 15-16 (5a)  
 Rom 8: 26-27  
 Mt 13: 24-43

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Geoff Power

### 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	\$1,542.00
July 15-16	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$767.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,309.00

### Announcements

#### Capital Campaign

My name is Chris Kollaja and I would like to discuss the ongoing 2023 Capital Campaign and the need for all of us to participate. You have heard previously why raising this money is critical for the parish. But today, I thought I would step back a little and discuss why my faith compels me to participate.

Faith, hope, and love are the three theological virtues that define the essence of Catholicism. They are gifts from God that enable us to live in communion with him and with our fellow human beings. Among these virtues, I think love is the

greatest, because it reflects the very nature of God, who is love itself.

Love is not just a feeling or an emotion, but a decision and an action. Love inspires us to give our time and talent for the community, because we recognize that we are all members of one body, the Church. We are called to share our gifts and resources with those in need, to support the mission of the Church, and to build up the kingdom of God on earth.

Our love for our parish is also a manifestation of our love for God. Our parish is not just a building or an organization, but a family of faith, where we worship, learn, serve, and grow together. Where we support each other.

Our parish exists today because of this love. It is a legacy that was given to us by those who came before us, who sacrificed and contributed to make it what it is today. We are grateful for their generosity and faithfulness. We want to honor their memory by continuing their work and honor God's love by being the connection between the past and the future of this parish.

I think a lot about the future parishioners and how our work now is vital to ensuring there is a vibrant community here for future generations. I see a future where our parish is vibrant, welcoming, diverse, and an even more an important part of the larger community. This requires us to invest financially, spiritually, and personally in the parish. It encourages me to participate in its life and ministry, to share my gifts and talents, to invite others to join us, and to deepen my relationship with God and one another.

When we do this, we are not only creating a new legacy for our parish, but also for ourselves. We are becoming more like Christ, who gave his life for us out of love. We are fulfilling our baptismal call to be his disciples and witnesses in the world.

Faith, hope, and love are the foundation of our Catholic identity and our parish community. Let us pray that God will increase these virtues in us, and that he will bless our efforts to create a new legacy of love for our parish.

Finally, let us make love the foundation of our legacy, the motivation of our giving and the measure of our living.

### 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Rio Variety Show - Thurs, July 27

We are approaching our show date at the end of the month on July 27th. If you are attending and can offer volunteer time before, after or during the show, please see Michele or Patrick after the Masses or call/text Michele at (707) 486-1739.

Our raffle is set and tickets are available after Masses and at the show. Also, our auction items will be active as of 7/20, but you can go in now to see some of the items as we post them. <https://mrvs2023.ggo.bid/>

Raffle Tickets are 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00 and 8 for \$20.00

Raffle Prizes: Jelly Belly Basket: Value \$500 · Golf for 4 at Northwood: Value \$250 · Taste of Monte Rio with canvas handprinted bag by Ingrid (Gift Certificates including Kayak rentals, Bartlett's sandwich, 5 Yoga classes, Taste of Sonoma Ice Cream, Salvador Hair Cut; beach towel with MRVS imprint, Notecards from RRHS, RRHS Bag, and One Year Membership, Tye Dye Apron, Firefighter Tee, MRVS Cap/Beanie, MR School Tee) Value \$500 · Two (2) Tickets to 2024 Show with w Camp Chairs (we might even indicate "preferred seating" allowing the placement of their chairs by committee w/out having to "attend" the chair stampede?) Value: Priceless · 24 bottles of Taste of Sonoma County Wines with tasting and lunch for 8 at Freeman Winery Value: \$2,000

<http://www.monterioshow.org> for more details!

### Chicken BBQ

Saturday, August 5th from 4-7pm at St Hubert hall. Tickets are \$45.00. The menu: chicken, green goddess salad, corn on the cob, baked beans, cornbread and dessert. Come enjoy the delicious food and wonderful company!

### 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 8 members-Linda Payne, Barbara and Otto Kobler, Maryanne Gustafson, Susan Poirier, Patrick McDonnell, Chris Kollaja, and Mary Helt. 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

### 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).

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

*Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University*

#### First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

1. Care, justice, mercy, leniency. What would world history be like if all leaders had possessed these qualities? Are all people who work in law enforcement full of mercy, kindness and caring or could some use a little "topping off"?

2. Does it give you hope that you can repent for sins? How does this translate into your dealings with other people?

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

1. Discuss this quote from Prayer by Hans Urs von Balthasar:

*I have the conviction that my inadequate attempt to understand is supported by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit dwelling within me, that my acts of worship, petition and thanksgiving are borne along and remodeled by the Spirit's infinite and eternal acts."... "The Spirit breaks forth out of the very core of the believer's spiritual life, showing him the way, stirring him to action, thinking, willing and praying with him.*

2. Do you remember that the Spirit is present with you? What gives nobility to your small efforts, sufferings and weaknesses? Do you ever call on the Spirit when you are in need? Think of all the ways the Spirit has come to your aid when you have needed help.

#### Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Pope Francis, what is another reason that the man who sowed good seed in his field decides not to destroy the "weeds" right away?

*The servants' intention is to eliminate evil immediately, that is, evil people. But the master is wiser, he sees farther. ... Certainly, evil must be rejected, but those who do evil are people with whom it is necessary to be patient. This does not mean that type of hypocritical tolerance that hides ambiguity; but rather, justice tempered by mercy. If Jesus came to seek sinners more than the righteous, to cure the sick first before the healthy (cf. Mt 9:12-13), then our actions too as his disciples should be focused not on suppressing the wicked, but on saving them. Patience lies here.*

*Pope Francis, Angelus for 16 Ord A  
 July 19, 2020*

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

