



# August 14, 2022

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

### Upcoming Dates

Aug 17, Finance Committee meeting 4pm  
 Aug 28, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm  
 Sept 7, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm  
 Sept 18, Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ

### Mass Intentions

**Sat:** For all parishioners  
**Sun 9:30 am:** Kevin OShea† requested by Francine  
**Sun 11 am:** For all parishioners

### Readings

Jer 38: 4-6. 8-10  
 Ps 40: 2. 3. 4. 18 (14b)  
 Heb 12: 1-4  
 Lk 12: 49-53

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Yolanda Vital, Chris Kollaja, Paige Newman

**Who have been called to Eternal Life:** KC Bledsoe

### Pastor's Desk

To continue on the purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council, here are the primary activities of the parish pastoral council. They are...

- In the interest of both prudence and effectiveness, the parish pastoral council shall, using as a base the list of activities enumerated in the August 7th bulletin, assist and advice the Pastor in his determination of which parish pastoral goals have priority, and assist him in the development of plans through which these goals can best be accomplished.
- The parish pastoral council shall assist and advise the pastor in identifying those pastoral needs of the parish which demand attention.
- The parish pastoral council shall assist and advice the pastor as to which existing pastoral services require improvement, and assist and advise him in determining how best they can be improved.

- The parish pastoral council shall also assist and advise the pastor in determining which pastoral programs, if any, may require substitution or termination.
- The parish pastoral council shall assist and advise the pastor in determining short-range and long-range parish pastoral goals and objectives, and design the procedures and processes needed to carry out these goals and objectives.
- The parish pastoral Council shall strive to assure that, because of the pastoral life of the parish, the pastor is established and accepted in his role as the spiritual father of the parish, allowing him to integrate his dual role of leader and servant.

As I have said before, all the members of the Parish Pastoral Council are active and devoted to spiritual life. The members contribute financially, they are active in the events of the parish, and they participate in liturgical ministries. Last Sunday, Susan Poirier stepped out of her comfort zone to celebrate the Eucharistic Service with Otto Kobler as our lector, both are in our PPC. Thanks to both of you for helping in this way when I couldn't be here. Our PPC members are growing in their dedication to the spirit of Christian Discipleship. It would be a mistake for members to be on this committee because of any false sense of honor or power. Instead, members are meant to focus on their commitment to serve the church community. I'm happy to acknowledge that all members have this spirit of service. Thank you to our youngest member, Patrick McDonell, who is active in St. Catherine, and continues to encourage parishioners to participate in the Variety show.

So, as the summer is ending, please, remember us during the winter time. Remember us in your prayers and in your financial support if possible.

Fr. Luis

### Announcements

#### Monte Rio Variety Show Update

We are still processing income and expenses from our great event, but can let everyone know it was a combined record attendance and gross income. Once we have all the income and expenses processed, we will place the note in the bulletin. Until then, please accept our thanks to all of you who supported us in so many ways. We have never had such a diverse set of talents helping out on the event - all were needed and filled gaps that, in some cases, we did not anticipate until the last minute. Please know that the committee appreciates all who bought a ticket, promoted the event to family and friends, and/or provided talents leading up to, during and after the event.

*Even while we await the final financial outcome, we are planning for next year. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, July 27th, 2023!*

With gratitude,  
 Michele and the Variety Show Committee Team

#### Summer Pee Wee Golf BBQ

Sunday, Sept 18, 2022 at Pee Wee Golf in Guerneville.

#### Sign up to host Hospitality

We are inviting families to sign up for Hospitality. To prepare and pick up the donuts and coffee at Safeway for our fellowship after the 9:30 am mass. The items are already paid for. It gives family a chance to participate and know our community and it gives us chance to get to know your family.

#### Confessions

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays and before weekend Masses. Please call the rectory at 707-869-2107 to confirm with him, so that he knows to arrive early on the weekend, or stay late on Friday. Alternatively, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory.

#### Parish Donations

August 6 - 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$1,741.00	\$480.00
St. Catherine	\$290.00	\$147.00
St. Colman		
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,658.00

#### How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily donate online by using the donate button at [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com). Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit [smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577) to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

### Discussion Questions

*Courtesy of Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University*

#### First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

1. Jeremiah was a prophet thrown into a cistern to die for speaking out against the waging of war. Can you think of people in the present time that were/are treated the same way for speaking out against injustice? Are people listening now to those holding out against racism and climate change?

2. Besides Jeremiah, who else in this reading do you think you could count on if you were in trouble? Why? Do you have friends who will help you when you are in need? Are you such a friend to anyone else?

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

1. What is the "cloud of witnesses" Paul refers to? What does everyone in the "cloud" have in common with the others? Do you have favorites in this cloud? Did everyone in the "cloud" keep his/her eyes on Jesus?

2. If someone follows Jesus' plan of spreading God's love and unity to the earth, is there a chance of running into opposition—and being thrown into the cistern like Jeremiah or in jail like the Berrigans? Were many of the cloud of witnesses treated this way?

#### Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

1. According to this Gospel reading, what did Jesus come to earth to do? What is the "fire" he wants the earth consumed by? Will part of that fire consume you?

2. God seems to have a radical, unconditional love for us. According to Pope Francis can this love, like a fire, obliterate all obstacles in its way?

*Jesus confides his most ardent desire to his friends and also to us: to spread the fire of God's love on earth that enlightens life and through which mankind is saved. ... The fire of love, lit by Christ in the world through the Holy Spirit, is a boundless fire. It is a universal fire. This was so ever since the early days of Christianity: bearing witness to the Gospel spread like a beneficial fire, overcoming all division among individuals, social categories, peoples and nations. Bearing witness to the Gospel does burn. It overcomes all forms of particularism and keeps charity wide open to all, with a preferential option for the poorest and the excluded. ...*

*Adoring God and serving others—the Gospel truly manifests itself as a fire that saves, that changes the world beginning with a change in the heart of each one.*

*Pope Francis Angelus, 20th Sun  
 August 18, 2019*

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