

May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

Upcoming Dates

May 28	St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
May 31	Saint Colman Cookbook Recipe Deadline
June 3	St Elizabeth's Guild Rummage Sale
June 7	St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
July 27	112th Annual Monte Rio Variety Show
Aug 16	Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Mass Intentions

Sun 9:30 am Virgie Helt[†] req by John and Mary Helt

Readings

Acts 2: 1-11

Ps 104: 1. 24. 29-30. 31. 34

1 Cor 12: 3b-7. 12-13

Sequence Veni Sancte Spiritus

Jn 20: 19-23

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: George Sammon, Donald Champlain

Parish Donations

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

Collection Period	1 st Collection	\$959.00
	2 nd Collection	\$670.00
Thank you for your generocity!		\$1,629.00

Announcements

St. Elizabeth Outdoor Church Cleanup

St. Elizabeth outdoor masses are just around the corner and we're looking for volunteers! Clean up days are June 10th, 17th and 24th from 9 to noon. Volunteers should be ready with gloves and bring any of the following if possible: rakes, brooms and push brooms, large plastic bags or any tools that might help.

Temporary Church Office Phone Number

Until our church office at the rectory is restored, the temporary office phone number is (707) 486-8645.

Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 29th

10am Calvary Catholic Cemetery – Santa Rosa 2930 Bennett Valley Road

Fr. Tom Diaz

9am Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery – St. Helena 2121 Spring Street Fr. Manuel Chavez

10am Calvary Catholic Cemetery – Petaluma 304 Magnolia Avenue

Saint Colman Cookbook

St Coleman's is putting out a call to friends and neighbors for their favorite recipes! Pick out your best, (max 5) and submit them to stcolmancookbook@gmail.com. We're putting together a new and revised book and welcome all your submissions. Deadline is May 31st!

St Elizabeth's Guild Rummage Sale

It's that time again for St Elizabeth's Guild Rummage Sale, Saturday June 3, 9am-4pm. We will be accepting your donations on Wednesday May 31, Thursday June 1 and Friday June 2, 2023 from 10am to 2pm all three days. Please come and see us on Sat June 3 as this is our one big fundraiser for the year. Your donations help us to continue our work for the parish and community. Please no large furniture, electronics, and only gently used items. We can always use extra help sorting things out on Friday June 2 and setting it out on Saturday June 3 the morning of the sale. If anyone can give us a hand it would be appreciated, Thank you. For more info please call Francine at (707) 869-9341.

Celebrate Corpus Christi June 8th

Starting with 5:00pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, then follow the Eucharistic Procession through Santa Rosa to St. Eugene's Cathedral. No registration needed. More info or volunteer contact Stephen Morris via email-dsryouth@srdiocese.org

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

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

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1st Wednesday, 1 pm

Finance Committee Meeting 3rd Wednesday*, 4 pm St. Colman Guild Meeting 4th Sunday, 12 pm

St. Hubert Hall

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* of February, May, August and November

St. Colman

entertainment, auction items and raffle in the next two weeks - Stay Tuned! Our website is www.monterioshow.org.

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

Pentecost is a feast equal to Christmas and Easter in importance. It is the official sending of the Holy Spirit into men and women.

We have been hearing Jesus talk about this moment in the Gospels for weeks now. We have been hearing that he will not leave us alone, but will send the Spirit, the Paraclete, to us.

Now it has happened.

- The Father is so much within Jesus that if you know Jesus you know the Father.
- Just as the Father is within Jesus, Jesus will be within us.
- This will happen through the sending of the Holy Spirit, who is the "insides" of Jesus and of the Father. The Spirit is the love they have for each other, the closeness, the great sharing.

The first sign is that the apostles begin speaking in tongues. People from all different lands and languages gather and each understands the disciples' words without any translation (First Reading). No small thing.

The reading then tells who the people in the crowd were:

- Parthians, Medes and Elamites,
- inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, of Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia.

- Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene;
- travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism;
- Cretans and Arabs.

Language students of today wish they could talk in so many languages, don't they? But the real point is deeper than that. God's Holy Spirit means to bring us together, to allay differences, to let us hear other persons in the way they express themselves, not just to think about our own self. Each one has a "language" that expresses who they are (not a literal language, but an idiomatic way of speaking and acting that comes from the inside of who that person is). If you are able to hear, you can "listen through" characteristics and receive loving knowledge of that person, even if they have no intention of letting us in.

But that is so difficult, you say. Some people you run into are just plain annoying. "So-and-so just talks on and on and I think I will go crazy if there is a minute more." How in the world can we "hear" another human being?

With the aid of the Holy Spirit.

It is not magic. The work of the Spirit is to listen for the "insides" of the other person, as we saw above. If you take Jesus seriously in the Gospel, you will hear with the aid of the Spirit, the Paraclete, which is Love given to the deepest part of you. Not Love instead of your own freedom, but Love as a help, a push (not a shove) toward caring for everything in God, of course, and what is best in other people, even troublesome ones.

It takes time to learn all this, of course, to clear the various blockages inside us that keep the Spirit at bay. Remember, we are being invited into the greatest closeness possible, the great sharing that is God himself. Yes it does take time. And we make a lot of mistakes. But God is willing to make us "temples of the Holy Spirit," and to stay with us, strengthening us, guiding us, helping us to make Love a root in us.

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).

