



# November 12, 2023

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Upcoming Dates

Nov 12	Priest Appreciation Day
Nov 15 4:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting
Nov 26 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild meeting
Dec 6 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild meeting

### Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

### Readings

Wis 6: 12-16  
Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)  
1 Thes 4: 13-18  
Mt 25: 1-13

### Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Barbara Stephens, Yvonne Spencer, Mike Barry

### 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	\$1,521.00
November 4-5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$816.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,337.00

### Announcements

#### The Book of Remembrance

We will be praying for our deceased loved ones throughout the month of November. Names will be read from the Book of Remembrance at Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you have loved ones that you would like to remember, please email the names to [churchelizabeth@comcast.net](mailto:churchelizabeth@comcast.net), or, drop a list of names, written legibly, in the collection basket at Mass. Please indicate at which church you would like the names to be mentioned.

### Priest Appreciation Day

Hospitality Coffee in honor of Fr Luis and Priest Appreciation Day. Come and share coffee and treats at St Hubert Hall Sunday, November 12th after St Elizabeth 9:30 am Mass.

### A GriefShare Event: Surviving the Holidays

November 18, 2023, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Santa Rosa. Please join us for the parish workshop, Surviving the Holidays, a program from GriefShare. Father Ron will open the workshop, God will provide the Scripture basis for our discussions, and light refreshments and fellowship will offer you welcome and compassion. For more information or to register to attend this free event visit [www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/48739](http://www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/48739)

### A Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced/Separated Parents

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will be hosting a Life-Giving Wounds retreat in Menlo Park on November 17-19. Dealing with your parents' divorce is not easy but confronting this wound with faith can allow you to find great healing. Attending this 3-day retreat is a great way to start your journey of healing. The retreat focuses on overcoming the effects of parental divorce, forgiving our parents, and connecting with others from this background. This Life-Giving Wounds retreat has something for any adult child of divorce or separation, no matter how much healing you have received or need. Go to: [lifegivingwounds.org](http://lifegivingwounds.org) and click on the "Retreats" heading to find the San Francisco retreat. Or you can contact Ed Hopfner of the Archdiocese at (415) 614-5547.

### Christmas See's Candy Sale

Our 4th Annual Fundraiser! Please consider purchase of a favorite holiday or family candy tradition. Our list is inserted in the bulletin to accommodate preordering or you can use our online store (with an easy QR code link) to place an order directly. All sales benefit St Elizabeth's parish and our goal is \$2,000. Michele, Sherry, Barbara and Jeannine will be available after Masses beginning the week before Thanksgiving to deliver pre orders, selling available candy or answer questions about our online storefront. Many thanks to those who have already ordered, your early response is appreciated! Questions: email Michele McDonell at [mmmcdonell@gmail.com](mailto:mmmcdonell@gmail.com) or call/text her at (707) 486-1739.

### 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.

### Spirituality Of The Readings

*Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, Saint Louis University*

### Are We There Yet?

Our family car was half way to Colorado and I was about six or seven and I clearly remember asking my mother that famous, time-honored question of children, "Mommy, are we there yet?"

### 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).

It was a real question, and I wasn't quoting someone else. So I thought.

By now I have heard child after child ask exactly the same question of a parent, in exactly the same words. Maybe it is an innate instinct, like geese flying south or robins pulling up worms.

As we become mature, we human beings do learn to wait, to live with the "not yet." It is now called "delayed gratification." We may want to arrive at home, for instance, but to get there from work, we might have to walk to the bus stop, wait for the #10, hand over a fee, stand until there is a seat, sit down at long last, wait some more, get off, walk 50 blocks (it seems), unlock the door, and finally, finally, finally, say hello and put our feet up to relax. Some days this can be annoying, but usually "we get used to it."

But we shouldn't get overly used to it. That is the point of this week's readings. Since we are not children, we are able to overlook the joy or pleasure when our goal finally arrives. Do you even remember to taste food when you finally get your dinner? Did you remember to enjoy in quiet detail the friend you haven't seen in a year (at least virtually)?

Sunday's First Reading reminds us peacefully and beautifully to watch for God at dawn; to keep vigil because Wisdom (the Holy Spirit of God) actually is searching for those who are waiting. The Responsorial Psalm boldly names our craving for God! It says, "my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." And, the Gospel adds, stay awake, make preparations. Do not be foolish and sleep. Do not forget to be ready.

We are like parched ground without rain. We have huge cracks in our surface. Our souls ache for the gentle, courteous, tender outpouring that God wants to give—not something like hurricanes or floods, but like a mother feeding her newborn. Do you feel it?

Let's face it. You and I desire something like God, more than anything else. At the center of our souls is a thirst that will never be slaked unless the God of all creation comes in person to be living water for us.

"Your kindness is a greater good than life," the Psalmist says to God. (Responsorial Psalm)

What's that? But life is so essential, so to be preserved, so valuable that we fight like a cornered wolf when it is threatened. Even so, in spite of all our flurry, God's delicious kindness is a far greater good than anything else that we know, greater even than being alive. Isn't it worth the wait, no matter how long?

So, let us say "I want," like kids do. But also, let's be calm like an adult. And know that when our desires are thwarted we can wait, as wisdom waits for us

How can it be that the "typical questions" of children pass down from generation to generation? It seems that they do.

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

