



January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Dates

Jan 28 12:00 pm	St Colman Guild Meeting
Feb 4, 9:30 am	St Elizabeth Guild Farewell Mass
Feb 7 1:00 pm	St Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Feb 17 4:00 pm	Annual Crab Feed
Feb 21 4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

Mass Intentions

For all parishioners.

Readings

1 Sm 3: 3b-10. 19
 Ps 40: 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 (8a. 9a)
 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a. 17-20
 Jn 1: 35-42

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Pete

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	\$1,666.00
January 6-7	2 nd Collection	\$590.00
	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$2,256.00

Announcements

Christmas See's Candy Sale Results

The See's Candy Sale for Christmas 2023 was a record breaker! Thank you to all who purchased candy, helped with the sales, and Mary Helt and Chris Kollaja who helped with the accounting. Our net profit was \$3,468.75.

Christmas Cleanup

A big thank you to all of those who set up and took down the beautiful Christmas decorations. Tom Dooher coordinated purchasing the live trees, new lights and ornaments. Tom, Maricruz and Lolly Flores, Jesus Chavez, Josephina and Jose Robles worked several hours to set up and disassemble the decorations before and after Christmas. Thank you for your help in making the church look very festive for the holiday season.

Guild Farewell Mass, Sunday, February 4

St Elizabeth's Guild has been struggling the last few years asking parishioners for help with our projects and fundraisers and trying to encourage new members but it has been challenging and to no avail. Our current members have been working very hard for many years to support the needs of St Elizabeth and our Pastors but between the ages and health of our group it had become apparent that we can no longer continue our work without more help. We are all in agreement with this decision but have heavy hearts because we all would liked to have been able to support our Church and community as we have been. It has been decided to disband St Elizabeth's Guild, target date the end of February 2024. We thank the parishioners who have given us their time and help over all the years, it hasn't gone unappreciated. We hope you will all join us on Sunday February 4, 2023 at the 9:30am mass at St Elizabeth for our last mass honoring the living and deceased members of the Guild as we say farewell to our long standing club and all of our collective efforts making it successful for many years. We will continue to pray for our parishioners and Fr Luis and wish all the best for our beautiful Church. We will be purchasing a statue of St Elizabeth, Mother of St John, for the outside of St Elizabeth and hope it arrives for Fr Luis's blessing on the mass of February 4.

Francine Korn
 Guild President

Annual Crab Feed

Our annual Crab Feed will be held on February 17th, 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$75.00 per person and seating is somewhat limited so get your tickets early. Fliers available at the back of all the churches. Crab, Pasta, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Raffle too! If you'd like to volunteer please let me know (set up, serving and cleanup). I am also looking for underwriters for the crab again this year, and your help would

be greatly appreciated! Contact me for tickets, volunteering or underwriting; Linda 707 953-9166 or email cocomokidd@aol.com. Thanks for all your support in all our endeavors!

Sincerely,
 Linda

Russian River Food Pantry-St Vincent de Paul

We would like to thank all of the individuals who volunteer their time, and give financial support for the Russian River Food Pantry-St Vincent de Paul. The pantry is open the second Saturday of every month from 9:00 to 12:00. Without the support of the St Elizabeth Guild members and their willingness to volunteer for the food pantry, we would not be able to keep our doors open. In 2023, we served 770 families, many of whom are return clients and depend upon us to have our doors open. We provided them with dry goods, milk, cereal, bread and protein. We need to take into account what type of products our homeless population can use, many of whom do not have access to either refrigeration or the ability to cook. We supply a variety of canned goods, can openers, and shelf stable milk. For those that can cook, we always have rice, pasta, and some type of meat product and eggs. When possible, we also have fresh fruit and vegetables.

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.

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.

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.

Pastor's Desk

We are back again to Ordinary time before moving to the Lenten season. This Sunday is our Spaghetti gathering, and I hope everyone will take advantage of our gathering we are discussing what is happening this years' calendar and on what topic and time for everyone to be able to attend a parish retreat.

Please, join us this Sunday with our pasta gathering or Town Hall meeting [It's a bit formal if I call it a town Hall meeting]

Just a reminder that our Capital Campaign is on going and thank you for all who generously participated, for those who are doing the monthly donation for the capital campaign please, continue to do so, we can continue to plan for the next summer project which is the St. Elizabeth Church, it needed a roof as well as other fixing.

Every time I walk to the rectory it is nice to see it standing majestically with beautiful redwood trees behind it. What an accomplishment! Hopefully we can continue to renew our facilities but most of all for us to continue to renew and strengthen our faith this year.

As we heard, one of the disciples Andrew, followed and listened to Jesus. His time with Jesus convinced him that John the Baptist was right: Jesus was the Messiah, despite appearances and expectations. Andrew was so startled by this revelation that he had to share it with his brother Peter. Now Andrew, who had once needed to be helped to see that Jesus was the Messiah, was leading others to see as he saw.

This is the story that goes on and on. We are told in the book of Acts that Peter led thousands of people to encounter Jesus through his newfound church. Each generation of Christians will point out the way to the next. We who are gathered here today are called to keep this tradition going---to point others to Christ so that Christ may heal, inspire, and save them. May this tradition never cease until that day when Christ comes in his final glory. So, my brothers and sisters in Christ this is our task rather than just attending the social and Worship on Sunday we need to live our life to have a relationship with our Lord and to witness that life in us with Christ to others.

Peace and Blessings!
 Fr. Luis

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

