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Mass Times During  
The Pandemic:

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

All will be lived streamed.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday to Thursday: 10:00am

All Masses are live-streamed

\*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday  
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New Parishioner?

Welcome to St. Elizabeth Seton!

If you would like to register, forms are available  
at the church entrance or the parish office.

Parishioners with a change of  
address, please inform the Parish office.

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acquired at the office.

Please introduce yourself to  
Fr. Roy Roberts after Mass!



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905-853-0340

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905-478-4242

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905-895-3340

# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022



## Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor

Deacon Marian Pawlitzko

Deacon Stephen Pitre

## Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch

Sacramental Coordinator - Grades 2 & 7 ~ Jennifer McAvoy

Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

## Regular Office Hours

Mon. 9:00am—4:00pm

Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 9:00am—8:00pm ~ Fri., 9am—1pm

Sat. 2:00pm—6:00pm Sun. 8:00am—1:00pm



## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday ~ 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Or By Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage: Please contact the office.

For those interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children  
of Catechetical age please contact Fr. Roy Roberts

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 25th

10am: Shirley McLaughlin  
Req. by: Diane Tischart

### Tuesday, April 26th

10am: Margaret Loftus  
Req. by: Louise McCarthy

### Wednesday, April 27th

10am: Marguerite De Abreu  
Req. by: Louis De Abreu

### Thursday, April 28th

10am: Anthony Loftus  
Req. by: Louise McCarthy



### Your Cancelled Stamps are Valuable

Your cancelled stamps can make a difference. Christmas cards may soon be arriving! Please donate your stamps in the box located in the foyer of the church or by dropping them by the parish office. The money raised from the sale of the postage stamps goes to the Canadian Food for Children Mission Fund.

### St. Vincent de Paul

You can donate online to the Newmarket conference:

<https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>

Tax receipts for one-time donations will be emailed immediately.

### Parish Office Hours

Starting Monday April 4th the parish office will be regular office hours. Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm and Friday 9am to 2pm. Because Covid is still a concern we ask that you still notify the office if you are planning on coming in.

## Parish Giving

### April 17th

Easter	\$9,356.68
SES Building	\$ 355.00

### Month of March PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory	\$4,372.00
SES Building Fund	\$ 322.00
ShareLife	\$ 465.00

## Ruminations ....

For someone such as myself who finds the rituals and liturgies of this Paschal season truly inspiring and an absolute gift, there is a profound richness to these holy three days. As a Church community, I am not convinced that we have mined the depth of these events, including the transition from Lenten fast to Paschal fast. Not many of us have encountered the subtle shift in focus, or the reality of the Church's paschal fast. I have experienced those shocking realization when a loved one dies and the family is hoping to have a funeral mass on either the Thursday, Friday or Saturday of Holy Week, only to find out that they cannot. There may be a service, but no Eucharist on the Thursday or Saturday. There are no baptisms or confirmations, or weddings allowed, except in dire circumstances, and that means danger of death. This holds true for anointing of the sick and reconciliation. People can be miffed when they come on Good Friday seeking to confess, obviously not in any great life peril, only to be reminded that we have concluded our 40 days of preparation when such an action was foremost on the agenda. I love Holy Saturday with its Divine Office of Readings, my favorite reading of all the Breviary. One of the traditions that was not part of my life was the blessing of the Easter baskets. It is much more an Eastern European thing I think. I had never heard of it until I was in Ajax. I thought it was cute and we incorporated it with the RCIA candidates who came Holy Saturday for the pre-baptism anointing with the third sacred oil called Oil of Catechumens. They would make up little baskets of foods that they would share after their baptism at the Easter Vigil, or use the following morning to 'break the fast'. I had never really experienced an authentic 'blessing of the Easter baskets' until I witnessed Deacon Marian do his thing with the Polish Community. First, seeing the beauty and structure of these baskets with hand stitched clothes, decorated eggs and all the trimmings got the ol' stomach excited. Then the wonderful smells of the various meats and breads, and cheeses – it was a dining extravaganza. Each of these were a veritable feast in a basket. This past Saturday, we had about 30 people for the English version which was nice, but following that was the Polish version. The English version was like the meager opening show for the main event. There must have been over a couple hundred people coming to have the first Easter foods blessed, and the steps of the altar were filled with a smorgasbord of colours and foods and smells, like a high end delicatessen in the best sense. As I surveyed the delectable fare, I couldn't help but think that I had missed out in my own childhood of such a meaningful tradition. I thought of calling children's welfare and complaining about my parents' neglect on Easter morning breaking the fast. As I thought about it, I figured if we had created our own basket way back then, it would not have had meat and eggs, and salt and pepper and delicious breads. It would have been made up of a big bag of puffed wheat, a bag of powdered milk, and a loaf of 'Bambi White Bread'- hardly a celebration of the feast of Heaven. Anyway, I am going to bargain with Deacon Marian for next year and combine the two blessings into a bilingual celebration and invite everyone to this great way of ushering in Easter morning. I reserve the right to have my pick of the baskets, and I will let Deacon Marian handle the Polish part. Thanks for a wonderful, hidden gem of a tradition. I'm licking my lips already. Happy Easter.

*Fr. Roy*



## Announcements and Events...

### **Catholic Women's Guild Mothers' Day Plant Sale Beautiful Geranium Hanging Baskets**



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*Pick Up Dates and Times:*

**Friday, May 6th from 3pm to 5pm  
Saturday, May 7th from 10am to 1pm  
St. Elizabeth Seton Hall**

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**Telephone: 905-853-5009**

*(leave message with name and phone number)*

**or**

**Email: st.elizabethseton@rogers.com**

**Please note: Availability of Colour basket  
chooses is unknown at this time**

We appreciate your ongoing support.

## Announcements and Events.....

### **Ukrainian Relief Fund:**

In addition to praying for the situation, parishioners can contribute to the Ukrainian Relief Fund, which the Archdiocese has established to help suffering Ukrainians.

Funds raised will be directed to ORAT and CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association). This fund will provide humanitarian aid and refugee resettlement support to Ukrainians.

Parishioners are able to contribute online by going to:  
**www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/  
donate-pages/donate-to-humanitarian-relief/**

or through their parish donation, when they designate their donation to the Ukrainian Relief Fund.



### **Day of Reflection**

The CWG welcomes Jim Dunn as the guest speaker for the Day of Reflection that will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 8:30am to 12:00pm in Seton Hall. Jim is a Catholic teacher and Principal for 31 years and served as a Religious Education & Family Life consultant with two school boards. The theme of the Day of Reflection will focus on "Discipleship" and opening our hearts to God's grace in our lives. The Day of Reflection is sponsored by the CWG and will include a light morning snack and lunch at no charge. More details will follow in the bulletin after Holy week.



**It's Back!!!  
The Knights of Columbus**  
will once again be hosting a

### **Parish Mothers' Day Brunch.**

On Sunday, May 08,  
following the 9:00 am & 11:00 am,  
you are invited to join  
the Knights and our Mothers  
for a delicious breakfast in the Parish Hall.

There is no cost for this event  
though there will be a free will offering box.

After a two year hiatus,  
it will be wonderful to gather  
as a Parish family once again,  
what better way than  
to honour our Mothers.

Please plan to join us.

### **🎵 Saturday 4:30 Children's Choir 🎵**

With the Covid Restrictions loosening up, we are excited to invite any elementary or secondary aged musicians to join the Saturday 4:30 Choir...as singers and/or instrumentalists. We love to encourage, develop and share in the musical talents of the youth of our Parish!! Please reach out to Choir Director Donna Campbell before/after the 4:30 Mass or contact the Parish Office and we will forward your questions or requests to Donna on your behalf.

### **Let us pray for the sick...**

Alana Brown-Wallace  
Betty Loft  
Bruce Firth  
Kyle Elkie  
Kathleen Todesco  
Joshua Perek  
Donna Stea-Cutting  
Andy Dube  
Elizabeth Ryan  
John O'Rourke  
Matteo Savella  
Gerber Aparicio  
Vito Greco

E. Turnbull  
Mat Hatzimalis  
Paul Jennas  
Rose Marie Scott  
Wanda Tolazzi  
Sean Coen  
Cathy Murphy  
Chad Buckley  
Corey Price  
Ana Apareció  
J. Gole  
Monica Flynn

Thomas Lauber  
Anna Zaryczanska

# Ladies...Please join us!!

## CWG Day of Reflection

With Guest Speaker, James Dunn  
*Author of CrossWord Christian*

**DATE: Saturday, April 30th, 2022**

**TOPIC: Discipleship**

**TIME: 8:30am - 2:00pm**

**\*\*\*Refreshments and a light lunch included**

**Cost: FREE**

### **ABOUT JAMES DUNN**

James (Jim) Dunn was a Catholic teacher and Principal for 31 years, and also served as Religious Education & Family Life Consultant with two School Boards. Jim holds a Master's degree in Religious Education and after his retirement, he accepted the role of Manager of Hospital Chaplaincy, consultant and faith animator with the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. He is now a team member of the Office of Formation at the Archdiocese's pastoral centre. He believes that faith should be joyfully shared and that every individual is a unique "Disciple" of Christ.



**Ladies ...** Please join us for a spiritual day filled with scripture, music, storytelling, prayer and small-group discussions with Jim, as he leads us through a journey of Discipleship!!

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