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Mass Times

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am

*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday
of each month.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am

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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.

Envelopes may also be
acquired at the office.

Please introduce yourself to
Fr. Roy Roberts after Mass!



Parish Schools

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905-895-0303

St. Elizabeth Seton School

905-853-0340

Our Lady of Good Counsel

905-478-4242

Sacred Heart High School

905-895-3340

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor

Deacon Marian Pawliszko

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 December 14th

10am: **Ingrid Salt (D)**

Req: Cupe 1571

Tuesday December 15th

10am: **Mark Chetcuti (D)**

Req: Chetcuti Family

Wednesday December 16th

10am: **Josefina Aquino (D)**

Req: Marchewka Family

Thursday December 17th

10am: **Bernard O'Dowd (D)**

Req: O'Dowd Family

****Please know that Fr. Roy
will continue to pray for
these intentions****

**Parish office has been
reduced to Monday and
Wednesday from 9am to
Noon for
APPOINTMENTS ONLY.**

**We can always be reached
through the parish email at
st.elizabethseton@rogers.com**

Stay safe and Stay well



Offering Envelopes

The parish offering envelopes will be available for pick up in Seton Hall starting the weekend of **November 7th/8th**. You are also welcome to pick them up during our office hours **Monday or Wednesday** between 9 am and noon, please call ahead to make arrangements for pick up. The envelopes will be in **numerical order** so please take note of **your envelope number**.

Parish Giving

Sunday December 6th

Sunday Offertory \$5,024.00

SES Building Fund \$1,205.00

Month of November PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory \$3,807.00

SES Building Fund \$ 272.00

ShareLife \$ 240.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING
SUPPORT DURING THESE
UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. STAY
WELL AND STAY SAFE. GOD BLESS.**

Ruminations

I stopped playing hockey in my early teens. It wasn't that I didn't enjoy playing, but it was back in the era when you just couldn't do everything, and with four brothers playing hockey on three different teams, something had to give. I had wanted to learn to play the guitar and my parents wanted some form of physical activity and so I had my heart set on judo. After starting guitar at the local music shop across from the plaza, it wasn't long before I joined the choir at Holy Martyrs of Japan, mounting the stairs to the choir loft and strumming along with the other guitars. Musically it was kind of an exciting time. All this new music was being composed and this group called the St. Louis Jesuits were melding Scripture imagery with pleasing melodies, at least to these ears. There were some of the seniors who started attending the earlier mass with the traditional stalwart organ hymns. The new 'hippy' music was not for them. Many of the most enduring of their songs have become standard fare. One of the songs that always intrigued me was the song Earthen Vessels. Although the Scriptural roots are not in pottery, certainly it elicits images of clay and a potter's wheel. That harkens back to other Scripture passages that do in fact portray God as the master potter. I recently had the good fortune and privilege of taking ceramic lessons from one of our parishioners who has worked with us with our confirmation candidates in making ceramic crosses. One day I hope to coax her into doing a show in the hall. As much as some of her work is absolutely gorgeous, I love the earthiness of the whole art form. There are so many lessons in life about pottery and ceramics that I kind of think it should be taught at the seminary. There is a spiritual depth to it and something primal about it. I made two art tiles, a pencil holder/candle holder (its function is still to be determined), and a cup and creamer container. Now if truth be told, the creamer was supposed to be a second matching cup, but I guess sometimes we are not as in control of the clay as we would like to think. It is truly a fascinating exercise manipulating this concoction of sand and water that gets heated to extraordinary temperatures, coloured with glazes and emerges solid and colourful and beautifully organic. And it is a very courageous art form because one really needs to be free of constraints and fears to explore new possibilities. Only in freedom are all possibilities unleashed. I thought of colouring my cup blue and so it was dipped into this bright red mixture. I kind of thought that maybe the mentor heard me wrong but I thought it didn't matter so much anyway, it was about the creative exercise of moulding and shaping more so than the end product. Well, low and behold, the fire transformed the red into a beautiful shade of blue and I feel more the genius because of it. Rather than feeling like a step into the progress of technology, it feels more like a connection or exploration of a distant past, a time immemorial oneness. It has given

me a richer appreciation for many of our nativities that are made of clay. So thanks Teresa. What I have found though is that my artistic side has not been satisfied - it seems to have been ignited. Simple fire and sand, who knew?



Fr. Roy

Christmas Is Coming!!!



Many calls are starting about our Christmas event. The truth is everything is up in the air. There is a pending lock down, or maybe a restricted attendance, or no change to the current practice. Your guess is as good as mine. So our very tentative schedule will look like this: December 24 at 4:30, 7:00pm & 9:00 pm, and Christmas morning at 11:00 am. This is very much subject to change any time between now and Christmas Eve. **Stay tuned.**

Knights Christmas Trees



The trees sold out in record time. 8 days to be exact. Thank you to all who came out to support the Knights and sorry to those who were not able to get here in time.

Merry Christmas to all. Stay safe and stay well.

Wanted—Old Christmas Cards

Wondering what to do with your old Christmas Cards after Christmas? The Gift Wrapping Stations at the Mall make tags out of recycled Christmas cards. The profits go to support Community Living Newmarket and Aurora District. There will be a box in the foyer of the church. During Covid times please call ahead and let us know when you would like to drop off your cards.



Your Cancelled Stamps are Valuable!



Used postage stamps are collected and sold to stamp collectors and vendors. They generate money which is given to Redemptorist Fathers mission to help Canadian Food for Children. During Covid times please call ahead and let us know when you would like to drop off your stamps. Collecting stamps can make a difference!

Time for New Carpeting

We need to work on getting new carpet for the church & the hall. There are many reasons none the least of which is that the Insurance Company on their annual inspections have singled it out as a priority (and I think there is an implied or else in there). The building committee has been working to get pricing and arrangements and colours and the like. The long and the short of it is that the church prices out at \$30,000 and the Hall comes in at just over \$20,000. The CWG has pledged \$5,000; the Knights have pledged \$2,000 (with more to come depending on the sale of the Christmas trees so buy a tree) and the Fish Fry has committed \$4,000. We are almost half way there for the church. The church is the first on the priority list so as soon as we reach the magic \$30,000 we will proceed with its installation, and later if and when we can cover the cost of the hall, it too will be done.



The 2020-2021 **Living with Christ Missals** and the **Children's Missals** are now for sale. \$5.00 for the adult missal and \$7.00 for the children's missal. Please call the parish office Monday or Wednesday between 9am and noon to make arrangements for pick up.



First Communion 2020-2021

It was good to see so many parents at the Parent Information Meeting. There are a few things to emphasize from the meeting...

- *Sharing in the celebration of Sunday Mass is essential, families need to be present at the Church.
- *The Reflection forms in your child's yellow folder should be completed each Sunday.
- *Parents, please pick up your child's We Prepare for Reconciliation Workbook, available over the next few weekends in the Church foyer. This is a family based program ... a wonderful journey shared together with your child!



CONFIRMATION UPDATE!!

Good news for our young people... This Advent season marks the 'continuation of our preparations' for last year's Confirmation candidates. Parents please check your email for an important 'Confirmation letter' outlining how we will proceed. Please respond accordingly. We need to know if candidates are proceeding or deferring their Confirmation; either decision is a good one.

Registration forms for this year's Confirmation(2021) are available in the Church until December 20th. If you are intending to register it is important that you are able to return to Church for Sunday Mass.

We look forward to sharing in this journey with you.

The Red Zone Update

As of Tuesday November 24, 2020, we received word that at this time we can continue with the 30% capacity, however, we have also been told that that may change to 50 people maximum at anytime. Stay tuned. Parish halls are not to be used at this time.

No meetings are to take place in any church facilities and the Parish Office will return to phase 2 of the operations, which means it is extremely limited. The Parish Office is available only two days a week for appointments which will be Monday and Wednesday from 9am to noon, and all visits must be scheduled. **There will be no walk in or spontaneous appointments.** Much of the work will be done remotely.

Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace	Evelyn Walsh	Zeny Jose
Greg Quattrin	Merwyn Correa	Irene Zbyszynski
Tarcisia Borg	Sebastiao P. Henriques	Edward LaPenta
Warren Pettifer	Molly Nabuurs	Adam Wood
Mary Ann Ferrer	Peter Aristotle	Mayling Meuses
Larry Yarush	Albina Barber	Frances Leggo
Alain Gerais	Mary MacDonald	Russel Scott
Betty Loft	Kathleen Todesco	Elizabeth Ryan
Bruce Firth	Joshua Perek	Dave Dailey
Helen Bromley	Julia Purdham	Lindsay Veltman
Massimo Marcone	Donna Stea-Cutting	Elcy Cerres
Rosa Santos	Maria De La O -Mejia	Tony Vigliotta
Judy MacDermott	Judy Campbell	Francie Niekamp
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