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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

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

905-898-4264

Catholic Community Services

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St. John's Cemetery

905-898-4137 ext. 226

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

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018



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 Debbie Walsh

Seton Hall Banquet Facilities ...

A great location for Weddings, Anniversaries,
Business Meetings and other occasions.

For more information on bookings
call 905-853-5009 or
email st.elizabethseton@rogers.com

Mass Intentions

Monday December 3rd
 9am: **Baldessare Marchello (D)**
 Req: M. Marchello

Tuesday December 4th
 9am: **Maria Gaspar (D)**
 Req: Luis Gaspar

Wednesday December 5th
 9am: **Mary Courtemanche (D)**
 Req: Ann Woolnough

Thursday December 6th
 9am: **Joe Sant, Don Goldstone (D)**
 Req: Veronica & Frank

*Sunday Masses are for
 ALL GOD'S PEOPLE*



A simple cup of coffee becomes happiness when you share it with friends!

December 2
 8:00 CWG
 9:30 CWG
 11:00 CWG

December 9
 8:00 Sherrer Family
 9:30 Sagar/Heim Family
 11:00 Culligan Family

Join us after each mass for coffee and fellowship.



Christmas Pageant
Monday December 24th
at 4:30 pm

We will be having a pageant again this year. The sign up sheet can be found on the table in the foyer. Rehearsals will be Tuesday December 18th and Thursday the 20th from 6:30 to 7:30.



Parish Giving

November 24th/25th
 Sunday Offertory \$8,270.00
 SES Building Fund \$ 363.00

Alcoholic Anonymous meet every Saturday at 8pm Knights of Columbus room

Ruminations

Advent was an interesting time in our home. We were natural tree people and usually set out the week before Christmas to find a tree. My dad always reasoned that if the tree was put up too early, all the needles would fall off before we ended the Christmas celebrations at Epiphany. I don't remember the Baptism of Jesus ever being recognized as a Christmas event. The tree came down at Epiphany, or at least what was left of it. It was hauled way to the back of the yard to return to the earth on its own time and in doing so served as a wonderful refuge for the rabbits seeking protection. Every time we went down to the pond to play hockey, we passed the tree and tried to identify all the animal tracks that surrounded it. The big event was bringing out the advent wreath and the candle holders. Of course I was the big enthusiast about getting things out. Back then most of Christmas supplies came from either Zellers or Woolworths. Looking back I would suggest that one would describe our house and our tree as late sixties Zellers décor. When Sears finally arrived with the opening of Upper Canada Mass, a whole new direction in decorations emerged. My most memorable purchase was two pairs of sweet whimsical angel candleholders that we placed around the wreath and lit each Sunday night at our family dinner. Our candles were not the standard purple and pink but rather red. Why red one might ask. Well, in truth the purple candles just looked awful in the candle holders and the red seemed to glow beautifully - form over function. When advent was complete, the candle holders than served as Christmas dinner centre pieces. They were a long serving piece of our Advent/Christmas display. In fact, it was such a thrill when my mom, who had to take over the task of decorating the house included them in her little Christmas village that adorned our buffet. That buffet had been a wedding gift to my grandparents when they got married back in the 1920's. The little Norman Rockwell village display complete with lit houses, a couple of shops and of course a Church along with carolers, street lights and little Christmas trees bookended by the four angels, was the fascination and wonder of the next generation, my nephews and nieces. When they were



little, only able to watch the twinkling of the village lights by standing on tip toe, their eyes wide with awe, they would huddle around it asking grandma to turn the lights on and make the carolers sing. Since we had to sell the house, I have lost track of where the angels have gone. I know the Christmas Village is in Mississauga. Mom eventually conceded to a fake tree and that is here in the rectory. But as for the angels that would now be over 40 years old, your guess is as good as mine. Happy Advent.

Fr. Roy

CHRISTMAS CAKES
 Proceeds going to support the vital work of **Campaign Life Coalition**. Cakes will be for sale December 9th and 10th after all masses.
 Loaf Cakes - \$18 each
 Round Cakes—\$25 each
 Thank you for your generous support!!!



Day's of Reconciliation
Monday December 17th,
Tuesday December 18th and
Wednesday December 19th
From 7pm to 8pm
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish



Announcements and Events...

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Program



Parents in need of financial assistance urgently need your help this Christmas. St. Vincent de Paul will purchase gift card which will allow parents to shop for their children this blessed Christmas.

Please make a donation using a **blue St. Vincent de Paul envelope**; return the envelope by **Sunday, December 2nd**. Donations can be placed in the collection baskets, in the poor box or dropped off at the parish office. Blue envelopes are available at the back of the church.



The Christmas Giving Tree has arrived and is in the vestibule of the church. Each star represents a wish for someone living in a Group Home or a Senior Residence. Please take a star or two and make their wish come true by returning the stars and unwrapped gifts by, **Sunday, December 9th**.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!



Our next **Soup and a Movie** will be on **Tuesday December 4th**
Our movie will be "The Santa Clause"
Please RSVP to the parish office



Lessons and Carols Sunday December 16th at 7pm

Lessons and Carols is a traditional way of preparing for Christmas, of getting into the quiet and stillness of the season. It is a quiet and reflective time, much like Evening Prayer or Vespers. Our combined music ministry talents have been working hard to ensure this evening is fun and faith-filled. Be sure to join us



CWG WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

All ladies of the Parish are invited to join us for our annual Wine & Cheese Social on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. **Mass will start at 6:30 p.m.**, with social to follow in Seton Hall at 7:15 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to just simply socialize and enjoy the camaraderie of other women! There will be door prizes and maybe a game or two for the evening. Please bring toiletry items, as the CWG Executive will be gathering these items and presenting them to Belinda's House, an organization in Newmarket that helps women get back on their feet and our support is greatly appreciated. Please note that admission is free for CWG members, and due to ever increasing food costs, we will be charging \$10 this year for non-members. Hope to see you there!

Altar Linens Help Needed



We are in need of help for the month of **December** to clean linens. Contact the parish office for more information.



Library Help Needed

We are also in need of people to help in our parish library. Contact the parish office for more information. Thanks you!

Sacramental Corner.....



Breaking Open the Word

Each Sunday our youth preparing for Confirmation are spending some extra time reflecting on how the Word of God speaks to them. Everyone is making a very good effort.....**Abby W., Noah P., Gabriel P., Christopher M., Marcus A., Emma G., Serina V., Hayden W.,**

'The people make the Church what it is.' N.P.



'Sharing in Sunday Eucharist is the cornerstone of our Catholic faith.'

First Communion

The little ones, our First Communion candidates, also, have been enjoying their family and friend time while sharing in the celebration of Sunday Mass. Many of the children are enjoying **the music and the singing**. Their enthusiasm for being together is an inspiration!

Parents, it is very important to continue reading and discussing the **Reconciliation Workbook** with your child. This is a family based program.. as parents, our children need our full support. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available for all parishioners on Saturdays 3-3:30pm.

Children's Bulletins

Remember to pick up a copy of **Explaining God's Word** as you enter the church each Sunday. Take one home and spend time together, parent and child, with the Word of God.



The Word of God is alive and speaks to each of us in a unique way.

As we enter the season of Advent – a time to pause and considered this season of preparation, anticipation, and expectation. As we are busy preparing our hearts and our homes, you are invited to explore the Word of God and how it is speaking to you through **Breaking Open the Word** the first Wednesday of each Month 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. This is a time to explore the Word of God and to be nurtured in Word and community. Come as you are, all are welcome.

The next Breaking Open the Word gathering is: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 @ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m

Let us pray for the sick...

Michael Whelgan
Mavis Solomon
Maria Perek
Olive Hutton
Alana Brown-Wallace
Janet Brockway
Wally Pottie
Greg Quattrin
Carlos Abreu
Elena Olano
J. Legari
Mario Aloom
Mary Mead
Tarcisia Borg
Noah Lawlor

Maria DeRuiter
Pat Kramer
Martha Jackson
Mary Ann Ferrer
Vince Masci
Catherine Kirk
Dariusz Kirejczyk
Larry Yarush
Alain Gerais
Betty Loft
Stanley Perek
Susan Perek
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Evelyn Walsh

Merwyn Correa
Peter Aristotle
Bob Leggo
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