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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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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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



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 21st

10am: **Special Intentions**

Tuesday December 22nd

10am: **Special Intentions**

Wednesday December 23rd

10am: **Special Intentions**

Thursday December 24th

10am: **No Morning Mass**

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

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 or email us and let us know when you would like to drop off your cards.

Offering Envelopes

The parish offering envelopes are available for pick up. Please call or email the parish office make arrangements for pick up. Unfortunately we are not able to mail out the envelope boxes out.



Parish Giving

Sunday December 6th

Sunday Offertory \$7,662.75

SES Building Fund \$1,300.00

Month of November PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory \$3,807.00

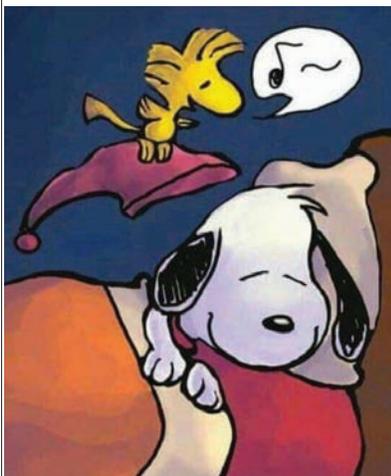
SES Building Fund \$ 272.00

ShareLife \$ 240.00

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

Ruminations

I have to confess that I was rather relieved when I heard that we would be locked down for Christmas. Not that it makes my life easier, because it does, and not because it will be the first Christmas in over thirty years that I will be able to sleep in, because I can, but there was this fear and foreboding surrounding the whole spectacle of Christmas Eve masses. For a few weeks now we have been fielding calls from people expressing their intention to attend Christmas Eve citing that they have avoided the church because of CoVid, but they really wanted to attend for Christmas. A very noble sentiment of course, but the reality is that with very limited capacity to seat people (we have needed to turn people away), the very thought of the people who have been coming on a regular basis, and those who had been coming prior to the pandemic, and then, those who only come at Christmas and Easter, the fact of the matter would be that there is no room at the Inn. I envisioned anger and hostility and disappointment and arguing and frustration at the entrance. Nobody needs that to start the Christmas season, or to have the church tell people that they are not welcomed. So I did breathe a sigh of relief and I slept a bit better than night. I still have a hard time with our limits because it is an awful liturgical sign to celebrate a sacrament of unity when from the very beginning, the community is fractured. Did I mention that I get to sleep in for the first time in thirty years. I did get my fix of young people over the last couple of weeks. I celebrated Mass with one of the schools – virtually, and I am in the process of visiting all the classes in another school – virtually. Our technology allows such marvellous opportunities though I must confess that it has been the occasion of some untoward language trying to maneuver through this wondrous technology. It was fascinating connecting into the classrooms. I could see they kids, and they could see me. I put a Christmassy backdrop behind me thanks to the google meet options. The one day I was wearing red and the kindergartens first thought that Santa Claus was visiting their classroom. No more red on these virtual meetings. We also had the children who are attending class from home. Now that was an eye opener. There was the young fellow who got into a fight with his brother on line. There was the young girl who just got bored in the middle of my visit and got up and started dancing and twirling around. There was the young boy who just left his chair and came back a couple of minutes later with a great big sandwich and glass of milk. My visits were slated for 20 minutes and having experienced what our teachers go through for the whole day, the amount of energy needed to try to animate kids in class and virtually – at the same time was absolutely exhausting. If truth be told, I had a little nap after my day of visiting – well maybe a bit more than a little nap. I know enough teachers and I have heard the pressures and difficulties that this new format was placing on them. Having experienced it first hand, in twenty minute intervals, as much as we owe a great sense of gratitude to our front line workers, our teachers are doing a herculean heroic job. So teachers, enjoy this Christmas break, a small reprieve for going above and beyond.



Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...

Sacramental Corner.....



Christmas Is Coming!!!

So the axe has fallen. The Grey Zone lockdown means that in person masses will not be permitted. All our celebrations will be live streamed.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24 at 4:30 pm
The 4:30 Choir will but on a little Christmas Music Concert starting at 3:45 pm.

Christmas Morning at 11:00 am.
Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday December 27 at 11:00 am

Monday—Wednesday, morning Mass at 10:00 am.

New Year's Day, January 01, 2021, 11:00 am
Epiphany, January 03, 2021 Mass at 11:00 am

Everything will be live streamed on the Parish Facebook Page. Not on Facebook, you can access it through the Parish Website.

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 or email us 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 or email us 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 weeks 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 Grey Zone— Lockdown

As of Monday December 14,2020 York Region has been moved to the Grey Zone which means we are once again in a lockdown. This means that parish is now closed to in person masses, both weekday and weekend. We will continue to stream daily mass, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10am and will have one Weekend mass on Sunday's at 11am.

No meetings are to take place in any church facilities and the Parish Office is closed until further notice. We can still be reached by email at st.elizabethseton@rogers.com or if you leave a voice mail we will get back to as soon as possible. These are tough times, we know, and we pray our parish family will stay home and stay safe so we celebrate together when all of this ends.

Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace
Greg Quattrin
Tarcisia Borg
Warren Pettifer
Mary Ann Ferrer
Larry Yarush
Alain Gerai
Betty Loft
Bruce Firth
Helen Bromley
Massimo Marcone
Rosa Santos
Judy MacDermott
Kyle Elkie
Maria Cavallini
Ron English

Evelyn Walsh
Merwyn Correa
Sebastiao P. Henriques
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Peter Aristotle
Albina Barber
Mary MacDonald
Kathleen Todesco
Joshua Perek
Julia Purdham
Donna Stea-Cutting
Maria De La O -Mejia
Judy Campbell
Jennifer Ma
Andy Dube
Lindsay Sawyer

Zeny Jose
Irene Zbyszynski
Edward LaPenta
Adam Wood
Mayling Meuses
Frances Leggo
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