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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:

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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

Good Shepherd School
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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 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
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email st.elizabethseton@rogers.com

Mass Intentions

Monday December 10th
 9am: **Madeline Barrett (D)**
 Req: Maureen Delaney

Tuesday December 11th
 9am: **Wanda Bolton (D)**
 Req: Doug Bolton

Wednesday December 12th
 9am: **Ernest Rodericks (D)**
 Req: Friends

Thursday December 13th
 9am: **Ann Lepage (D)**
 Req: Friends

*Sunday Masses are for
 ALL GOD'S PEOPLE*

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

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

December 16
 8:00 Hachkowski Family
 9:30 Mike Speckert & Zena/Reem Ohan
 11:00 Wilcox & Erentzen Families

Join us after each mass for coffee and fellowship.



Altar Linens Help Needed

 We are in need of help with washing altar linens for the month of **December**. 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. Thank you!

Parish Giving

December 1st/2nd
 Sunday Offertory \$7,158.85
 SES Building Fund \$2,881.47

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

Ruminations

For much of those formative years of school, the beginning of Advent indeed signaled a time of intense preparation, not so much for the coming of the kingdom of God at the end of time, and not so much for even the coming of Christmas. The start of Advent marked the onset of exam season. Back then, schools worked on a three semester system so all the metrics to fill out a report card needed to be completed before Christmas, Easter and the end of June. Elementary school exams were not nearly so onerous as the high school and university versions. Advent had turned into a season cramming and studying. The first set of exams in grade nine were daunting. We had eight classes a day, and most of those classes required exams during exam week. There were only three venues where the exams took place, the boys' gym, the girls' gym, and the auditorium. Over the weekend the custodians hauled most of the desks and chairs from the classrooms and dutifully lined them up in long rows transforming the venues into a measured and orderly hall of interrogation. Back in the days before computers, it must have been a monumental task of scheduling all the various exams and grade levels, including grade thirteens into three daily time slots, accounting for the number of students sitting down to write at any one time. For us, the dreaded fear was three exams in one day. On occasion there were conflicts and special accommodation needed to be arranged. One year my German exam was at the same time as my chemistry exam so I was sequestered in the library to write both exams. University was much the same with exams. The toughest year was third year when the exams were scheduled over five consecutive days all early in the morning, and the final exam on the final day was a five hour affair. As you were sitting at your desk scribbling and calculating away and watching the people who had an hour exam and two hour exam and then three hour exam all depart to start their Christmas vacation, it was a bit exasperating. Finally the only ones who remained were the sports administration and commerce students, all in a row or two in the vastness of a now almost empty gymnasium. The temptation to start thinking about home and Christmas was strong and you had to fight to keep focus on the task at hand. It was such a sense of relief to sign the exam papers and hand it in. Over the last half hour as people starting finishing up and leaving, shouts of joy and tension resounded in the hall as those finishing students signaled their exuberance. The end of the exams was the beginning of any thoughts of Christmas. The concerns then turned to how to get home, packing, arranging to get to the bus depot and catching the bus home. In that sense the student's life as very Advent-like, waiting, patient and anticipating, three key characteristic of this season. At least for most of us, the prospect of exams is long behind us and our journey through Advent is more sedate and measured. Happy Advent.



Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...

Sacramental Corner.....



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.



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....**Olivia T., Emily P., Avery E., Peter S., Serena V., John C., Erin D., Christaan K.**

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.



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!

Redemptorist Mission Stamp Burse



The money raised from the sale of the postage stamps goes to the Canadian Food for Children Mission Fund run by Dr. Andrew Simone who sends food, clothing and school supplies to 3rd world countries through local missionaries. The Redemptorists match the donations made from the Stamp Burse.

In four months, April to August 2018, \$650.00 worth of stamps was bought by the collector. The Redemptorist matched the funds and sent \$1,300.00 to Canadian Food for Children.

Your cancelled stamps can make a difference. Christmas cards may soon be arriving! Do you receive a lot of mail at work, at home? Please donate your stamps in the box located in the foyer of the church. Thank you.



Days of Reconciliation

**Monday December 17th,
Tuesday December 18th and
Wednesday December 19th
From 7pm to 8pm
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish**

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.

Wanted—Old Christmas Cards



Wondering what to do with your old Christmas Cards? 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. Please bring your old cards and deposit them in the box in the foyer starting in January.



CHRISTMAS CAKES

Proceeds going to support the vital work of **Campaign Life Coalition.**
Cakes will be for sale
December 8th and 9th after all masses.
Loaf Cakes - \$20each*
Round Cakes—\$27 each*
Thank you for your generous support!!!
*price correction

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 Aloat
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
Rosa Santos
Evelyn Walsh
Fr. Paul Egan

Merwyn Correa
Peter Aristotle
Bob Leggo
Mary MacDonald
Kathleen Todesco
Joshua Perek
Julia Purdham
Donna Stea-Cutting
Jennifer Ma
Malcom Woo
Zeny Jose
Irene Zbyszynski
Edward LaPenta

New Years 's Wassail Celebration

Please join us in the Parish Hall after each of the masses on New Year's Day to toast the New Year with a delicious cup of Wassail—mulled apple cider and some goodies.



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