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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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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

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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

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020



First
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

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

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 March 2nd

9am: **Anna & Sylvester Pitek (D)**

Req: Barbara Manuel

Tuesday March 3rd

9am: **Arthur Parson (D)**

Req: Family

Wednesday March 4th

9am: **Ann Andrews (D)**

Req: Monica & Theresa Houston

Thursday March 5th

9am: **Maria Gaspar (D)**

Req: Luis Gaspar

**Sunday Masses are for
ALL GOD'S PEOPLE**



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

March 8th

8:00 Sherrer Family

9:30 Mike Speckert/Reem Ohan

11:00 Betty Loft & Family

March 15th & 22nd

No Coffee Sunday—March Break!

**Join us after each mass for
coffee and fellowship.**



St. Elizabeth Seton



This years Tax Receipts have been mailed out.

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

—Pope Francis

Parish Giving

February 22/23

Sunday Offertory \$ 6,360.50

SES Building Fund \$ 60.00

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

Ruminations

When I was asked to administrate Victoria Harbour parish almost 25 years ago, I moved into a rectory that had been a convent for an order of nuns, the Grey Sisters, who were instrumental in bringing catholic education to Simcoe County. It was a small facility as convents go but was more than adequate for me. Unfortunately furniture was sparse. The living room had two lawn chairs and no television, and the parish had no money to do anything about it. In fact, two years previous, a parish in Oshawa provided them with a \$50,000 donation to help do some necessary renovations. It kind of reminded me of university living without the Thursday pub nights. Most of the parishioners had no idea what the Spartan life in the rectory was like and when the CWL found out, they offered to buy a couple of pieces. I had already bought a television, but they were going to fund a new sofa and chair. So off to Barrie I went to purchase a new couch. I found one that was rather inexpensive and nice and would be delivered within the week. It wasn't until the delivery truck arrived that I realized that everything in this convent was not of a standard size. The entrance doors were munchkin size and unfortunately the couch could not fit through it. There was a large window but it too was too small. So plan B was to measure everything and go back to Sears in Barrie. The salesman was very helpful and we measured a new acquisition. Instead of design we looked for size. The floor model would just squeeze through the door and so it was delivered the next week. Well who knew that floor models are not always a good gauge of the actual size, and even with removing the packaging and protections, it wouldn't fit through again. Of course this model was more expensive then the first attempt. Back to Barrie for a third attempt. The salesman commented that this must be some kind of house. This time he suggested a model that comes apart because it had a couple of recliners in the design and so would be delivered in pieces. Now it was substantially more expensive than the initial sofa. With great anticipation and fear the delivery truck pulled up. Luckily the delivery men found it laughable – the continuing adventures of the priest in Victoria Harbour. It worked. I now had a couch. The next thing was a chair. One of the parishioners from the mission parish in Mount St. Louis worked at a chair store in Midland. There was nothing I really liked and certainly not in my price range. He asked me to wait and he went downstairs. Apparently there was a chair that no one had ever bought and so they took it off the floor. It was perfect. I absolutely loved it and I would have picked it if it hand been on display. The bonus was I got a really, really discounted price for it which helped off-set the sofa debacle. All those memories flooded to the surface last week when the new refrigerators arrived for the parish hall. Of course they wouldn't fit through the door, that is until the door was taken off the hinges, and even then, it just scraped through, but no matter, they are up and running and hopefully they will work for another 25 years. They are bbbrrrrr-fect.



Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7pm- 7:30pm



SOUP and a Movie

Tuesday March 3rd

Our movie will be "Only the Lonely"

Please RSVP to the parish office.



WE CELEBRATE - WE BELIVE



The Rite of Election - We will celebrate the Rite of Election with our catechumens on Sunday, March 1st, 2020, 3:00 pm at St. Clare of Assis parish in Woodbridge. This is the second step in the process of Christian Initiation and marks the close of the Period of the Catechumenate and the opening of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. The season of Lent calls the Elect to a more intense time to prepare to meet Christ through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

We hold our Elect intentionally close in prayer throughout this final period of preparation as all the baptized prepare to renew our baptismal promises at the font on Easter.

We also hold our Candidates as they journey to complete their full initiation into the catholic faith in the midst of the St. Elizabeth Seton community.

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"Blessed be God who calls you by name- holy and chosen one".



Ministry of Presence Invitation

Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

**Wednesday, March 4th, 2020
9:00 AM Mass**

Please join us for a light continental breakfast in the hall.



Stamp Collection

"Thank you for your donation of cancelled stamps. Last year \$2,900.00 was raised for Canadian Food for Children. So far, this year, 6 large envelopes have already been collected. Please continue to donate your cancelled stamps. It really can make a difference helping those in need."

Sacramental Corner.....

First Communion



The Enrollment Ceremony is this weekend. Children need to bring their decorated Lambs to Sunday mass.

Together, as a Parish community, let us remember all our candidates for First Communion & Confirmation in our prayers. Let us pray, that each of these young people grow in faith and understanding of what it means to build God's kingdom & may their experience of God's abiding love transform their lives.



Confirmation Enrolment Sunday 2019



For the young people preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, your **Letter of Intent** will be accepted at any of the Sunday masses on the weekend of **March 7th/8th**. Fr. Roy will call you forward as a group and you are to bring your one page letter asking permission to be confirmed.

The **Letter of Intent** should address the following:

- ◆ What does Confirmation mean to me?
- ◆ What does it mean to live out my Catholic Faith?
- ◆ How do you plan on living out our Catholic faith?
- ◆ Since Sunday Mass is the hallmark of our identity as Christians, where does it fit into your life?
- ◆ Why should the Church accept you as a candidate for Confirmation?

Reflect! Pray! Talk about the questions with your parents, before writing your letter. Hand in a thoughtful, heartfelt letter. It is important that the letter indicate a sense of reflection, thought, and honest effort in order to be accepted. If you have any questions please speak with Fr. Roy or Jennifer McAvoy. Enjoy this endeavour!

Breaking Open Word

Our young candidates are becoming more insightful as they reflect on the Sunday gospel, homily and how it relates to their lives. Great effort!



"Lent is a time to focus on Where God is calling me... a time to be spiritually transformed." Will you accept this invitation from our Lord?

Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace
Janet Brockway
Greg Quattrin
Tarcisia Borg
Wincenty Stoch
Warren Pettifer
Mary Ann Ferrer
Vince Masci
Larry Yarush
Alain Gerai
Betty Loft
Susan Perek
Bruce Firth
Helen Bromley
Orlando Carrera
Massimo Marcone
Rosa Santos
Taylor Luck

Evelyn Walsh
Merwyn Correa
Slawomir Demianczuk
Sebastiao P. Henriques
Molly Nabuurs
Audrey McDonnell
Peter Aristotle
Bob Leggo
Albina Barber
Mary MacDonald
Kathleen Todesco
Joshua Perek
Julia Purdham
Donna Stea-Cutting
Maria De La O -Mejia
Maria Mandjick
Judy Campbell
Jennifer Ma

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