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Mass Times During
The Pandemic:

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:30am & 11:00am

All will be lived streamed.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday to Thursday: 10:00am

All Masses are live-streamed

*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday
of each month except July & August

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

905-898-4264

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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!



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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 Lent

March 13, 2022

Tonight we move the clocks ahead
one hour and spring forward.



After the winter we've had,
I'm all for anything with the
word "spring" in it!

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

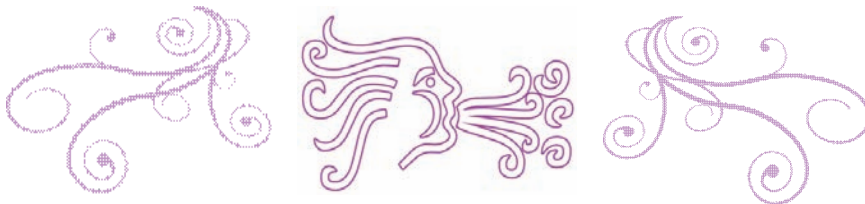
Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

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, March 14th

10am: Eleanor Reilly
Req. by: MacKenzie Family

Tuesday, March 15th

10am: Joe D'Costa
Req. by: Alice Dionne

Wednesday, March 16th

10am: Dillon McCarthy
Req. by: Louise McCarthy

Thursday, March 17th

10am: Jill Gorman
Req. by: Al & Theresa Fleischaker



Your Cancelled Stamps are Valuable

Your cancelled stamps can make a difference. Christmas cards may soon be arriving! Please donate your stamps in the box located in the foyer of the church or by dropping them by the parish office. The money raised from the sale of the postage stamps goes to the Canadian Food for Children Mission Fund.

St. Vincent de Paul

You can donate online to the Newmarket conference:
<https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>
Tax receipts for one-time donations will be emailed immediately.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office hours will now be Monday to Thursday from 9am to 3pm with the hope of increasing those hours over the coming weeks. Friday's we will be remote. We ask that you continue to call ahead should you need to stop by the office.

Parish Giving

February 28th

Offertory \$4,365.00
SES Building \$ 195.00

March 6th

Offertory \$3,735.10
SES Building \$ 760.00

Month of February PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory \$4,372.00
SES Building Fund \$ 322.00
ShareLife \$ 465.00

Ruminations

My grandfather on mom's side was one of those fiercely Irish patriots even though he was three generations removed from his off the boat great grandfather who arrived from County Cork, Ireland almost a century beforehand. With the lineage filled with names like Donnelly, Doyle, Scully, Leary, McNertney, Flynn and Lyons, there had to be an inherent affinity to St. Patrick somewhere along the line. That affinity was with my grandfather. Anything Notre Dame was an obsession with him. Our family was not big on football so the CFL or NFL never graced our television screen unless there was absolutely nothing else on TV worth watching. Back then, just when cable tv installed those converter boxes that augmented the number of stations available to watch from three to nineteen, it was very rare to see football on the agenda. At my grandparent's house, the exception was College sports, and more specifically the Fighting Irish football and basketball. In with my grandfather, St. Patrick's Day was never a Lent day, Friday or not! Part of our annual routine as children was to make both sets of grandparents St. Patrick's Day cards (a grand total of three cards because my dad's father, whom I am named after died before I was born). Of course the only real recognizable decoration for the occasion was a shamrock. Let's face it, even as St. Patrick's Day has become more popular, the choice of decorations is rather limited and usually somewhat tacky. Fighting Irish dolls, green and gold beads, and all kinds of options for drinking beer and whiskey. I must confess that my grandparents had mastered that aspect of St. Patrick's Day. Generally mom would cook up a big pot of stew. She called it Irish stew, but since no one in the house was a fan of lamb, I have my suspicions that it was just one of mom's regular batches of stew, replete with delicious dumplings, and she merely called it Irish. I loved the dumplings and there was never enough of it. I was never partial to stew. As one of those eaters that doesn't like mixing foods or having them touch on the plate, (mixed vegetables sends me into a panic), it was a chore trying to eat the stew in the proper order, starting from smallest to largest, peas first, progressing to potato chunks, and ending with the big hunks of beef. My mom was born a Donnelly and it was her great great grandfather who was the start of the Irish clan on Canadian soils. There was no relation to the historic Black Donnellys, but of course she was teased about it quite a bit, all in good fun. The story of those Donnellys reported that their mother disciplined the children using a cast iron skillet. Well, someone gave mom a St. Patrick's Day gift of a mini cast iron skillet. It was small enough and harmless enough, and useless enough for mom to keep in her purse as a conversation starter and remembrance of her Irish heritage. It was a family thrill with my nephew went over to Limerick to study at the university there. I have to admit I was a bit disappointed when he returned without even a hint of an Irish accent. He may have passed with honours, (top in his class – and yes an Irish trait is to work bragging rights into any conversation), but the lack of the accent, did he really succeed? Well, the word count of this article reveals another Irish trait- why say something in 25 words when 605 will do. Happy St. Patrick's Day.



Fr. Roy

Ontario Government Easing Restrictions & what it means for us

Here is what it will mean for us here at St. Elizabeth Seton:

- ◆ Social distancing is no longer required in the pews. As the Cardinal recommended, this can be lifted gradually to accustom people to this new reality.
- ◆ Holy Water can return to the font. We have done that which is funny, because in the past we had emptied it for the season of Lent which is a preparation for baptismal renewal, but we will leave it in until Palm Sunday.
- ◆ Once enough Ministers of Hospitality return, we will invite families to once again set the altar and bring up the gifts. When the Hospitality ministers return, we will begin to pass the collection basket again.
- ◆ Communion singing has returned, but for the choirs, they must maintain the 10 foot distancing, or sing through their masks.
- ◆ Our Communion Procession is no longer restricted to the centre aisle, but best practices suggest that we should still maintain the six foot distancing.
- ◆ Altar servers may return, but we will implement this slowly and we hope by Easter to be up to speed on this.
- ◆ Parish groups can begin to meet in the Hall, but outside groups are still on hold, likely until September.
- ◆ The Parish Office will slowly be adding to its hours of operation, easing back to full time on site.
- ◆ Shaking hands and communion from the Cup is still on hold.

A Special Thanks

The Knights of Columbus spent many hours removing all the green tape on the pews that were there to guide our seating limits. The tape had been on for two long and sticky years. With a lot of elbow grease, scraping and pulling, and the wonders of 'Goo gone', all the tape was lifted. Then with the polishing of all the pews with Lemon Pledge, the Church had the sweet aroma of lemons and glue remover. Thanks Knights.

Back by Popular Demand

Enough people have asked to be able to celebrate Morning Prayer, prior to weekday morning Mass, that we would extend the initiative to more than just Monday. It is a beautiful thing and so for next week we will try it twice next week. So Morning prayer will be celebrated on Monday & Wednesday next week and we will see if we extend it

for the rest of Lent. Morning prayer is live-streamed starting at 9:30 am followed by Morning Mass at 10:00 am. Morning Prayer is celebrated in person and live-streamed.



First Communion Dates

FYI - the First Communion Dates & Times Sign up sheets are available in the foyer for you to register. The sheets will be there from March 12 until March 20. Please indicate three choices for dates. We are trying to schedule many young people with a limit of ten per Mass. After March 20th, if you have not signed up, we will assign your date and it will be non-negotiable. Dates will be posted the week after.



Confirmation Candidates



On the Second Sunday of Lent, your letters of Intent are due. They are to be handed in during a little ceremony during the Mass on the weekend of March 12 & 13. You will be called forward at whatever Mass you attend that weekend. We will provide some guiding questions over the next few weeks. Get that grey matter rolling. Because the Pandemic has robbed us of opportunities to journey more thoroughly with you, there will be a lot of emphasis on our Retreat. The date for the Retreat is Thursday, April 7 starting at 7:00 pm.

The Bible Study is up and Kicking

Starting Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm, the Bible Study will commence.



We are studying the "Panorama of the Old Testament."

The books cost \$14.00 each. They are available at the Parish Office. The Office is open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Fish Fry



Mark your calendars. We are open for business. On Friday, April 08, 2022, we will host our first fish fry in two years. The fish is frying, the fries are cooking and it will be a great way to enter into Parish life in a fun and delicious way. Details to follow.

Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace
Betty Loft
Bruce Firth
Kyle Elkie
Kathleen Todesco
Joshua Perek
Donna Stea-Cutting
Andy Dube
Elizabeth Ryan
John O'Rourke
Matteo Savella
Gerber Aparicio
Vito Greco

E. Turnbull
Mat Hatzimalis
Paul Jennas
Rose Marie Scott
Wanda Tolazzi
Sean Coen
Cathy Murphy
Chad Buckley
Corey Price
Ana Apareció
J. Gole
Monica Flynn

Thomas Lauber
Anna Zaryczanska

During Lent

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is an ancient practice started in the early Church with pilgrims who would make their way to Jerusalem. Part of the trip was to walk the very steps of Jesus along the Via Dolorosa leading to the place of crucifixion. It was a spiritual accompaniment with suffering and death of Jesus. It wasn't until 1686 the Pope Innocent XI granted the Franciscan order permission to erect stations in the church. In 1731 Pope Clement XII extended this permission to all churches provided that a Franciscan father erected them. The number of stations was fixed at 14. Finally in 1862 all churches were permitted to erect 14 Stations without the need for a Franciscan priest to do it.



There are many ways of praying the Stations, and the practice as a meditation has grown to include Stations of Advent, Stations of Christmas, Stations of Creation as well as various versions of the Stations during Lent. Often, the Stations themselves dictate which version is used by the depiction of the story. Many are a combination of folklore and Scriptures. For instance, there is no mention of Veronica wiping the face of Jesus in the Gospels.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent starting at 7:00 pm. They will not be live streamed.

Divine Office—Lauds or Morning Prayer

The Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours is the official voice of the Church, answering the call to 'pray always'. It is a means of sanctifying time and has always meant to be communal, the exclusive domain of religious and clergy. In fact, the Second Vatican Council has called the Church to promote and invite this ancient form of Church life into the regular prayer routine of all peoples.

The Divine Office consists of a series of Major Hours and Minor Hours, and these differ in structure. The rhythm of the Liturgy of the Hours include the major hours of Lauds (Morning prayer at about 5 am), Vespers (Evening Prayer at the lighting of the lamps about 6:00 pm) and the Office of Readings (which can be prayed anytime or in conjunction with one of the other Hours.) There are also the minor hours of Matins (about 2 am), Prime (first hour about 6 am), Terce (third hour about 9 am), Sext (sixth hour about noon), Nones (ninth hour about 3pm), and Compline (Night Prayer about 7 pm just before bedtime)

We have on occasion celebrated Vespers or Evening Prayer, and during the blessing of the Easter Baskets, we pray the Office of Readings. Last year during Lent, while the world was locked down, we live streamed Morning Prayer from the Chapel with Deacon Steve. This year again we will offer Monday Morning Prayer. It will be in person and live streamed. **We will begin it at 9:30 am on Mondays for those who want to participate in person (we have purchased prayer books for those in person that you may use.)**



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