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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

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905-898-4264

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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!



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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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022

God of Second Chances

-Luke 13:1-9



## 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

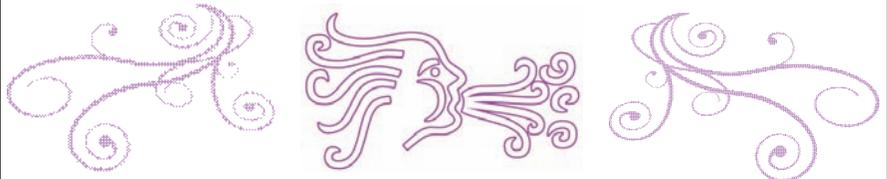
Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

## 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 21st

10am: Pietro Lodico  
Req. by: Cupe 1571

### Tuesday, March 22nd

10am: Fr. Patrick Byrne  
Req. by: Liz Pottie

### Wednesday, March 23rd

10am: Elena Mabardi  
Req. by: Cupe 1571

### Thursday, March 25th

10am: Jill Gorman  
Req. by: Mark & Toshia 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

### March 13th

Offertory	\$4,461.50
SES Building	\$ 540.00

### Month of February PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

## Ruminations ....

It seems like the restrictions we have lived by for the last couple of years will soon come to an end. It is not that the virus has magically disappeared, but rather, we are just going to have to learn how to live with it until the next one comes along, the same as we live with colds, the flu and Habs fans. The different pace of our lockdowns have meant a lot of decluttering has happened. Rooms and cupboards have seen a lot of much needed attention after years of neglect. I have to admit that I did love when the doors of the Church locked before Mass. It was such a reprieve with no late comers. One Mass Sundays were quite the luxury as well. The one Christmas when we were isolating meant that I could actually sleep in on Christmas morning, and after thirty years of midnight mass followed by early Christmas morning services, it was such a treat. There are a couple of repairs on the slate for the rectory. Mold is indeed a four letter word and it sparks a lot of action. Part of my bathroom needs some TLC, and this means that I had to empty some shelves on the other side of the wall that will be extended to accommodate the removal of the bathtub being replaced with a stand up shower. Clearing the shelves took me hours. It was not there was that much stuff, maybe 15 minute's worth of work, but I found a container filled with pictures, the old fashioned type, with negatives included in the packages that were developed at Black's Photography in the mall. I hadn't opened that box in over a decade and some of the pictures dated back several decades. So of course I had to go through them all. First, there were an inordinate number of pictures of my first born nephew, a few of my first niece, one of the second nephew and then there were none of the other two. I am justifying that by claiming that is when cell phones arrived. There were pictures of a couple of the parishes I was in, many faces and activities that are lost to time, and many of the people have likely left this world. There were pictures of travels to Cape Breton for a classmate's ordination and a subsequent journey around the beautiful Cabot Trail, and even one of fishing a lobster trap that must have broken free and drifted near the shore. There were pictures of my brother's wedding thirty years ago this year, which means it will be thirty years since the Blue Jays won the first World Series, it happened to be on the same day. There is a great shot of my mom with all four of her siblings, with only my aunt and my mom remaining alive. The scariest shots though, had to be pictures of this dark haired, much thinner young man. In a couple of shots, I hardly recognized him despite knowing him all my life. It was unbelievable to even think of me that young, and trim, and handsome if I do say so myself. As I finished looking through the box, it just reminded me how fleeting time is, and just how quickly it passes. One day you are excited about travel, and adventure, and you blink and then you are excited about getting rid of mold and a having a new shower. Where did the time go?

*Fr. Roy*



### The Sound of Music

The return of our Church Choir



As of May 02, we are permitted to have the return of our Church choir. Our Music Director, Theo, is looking for people interested in using their talents in the parish. We are looking for voices and instruments to join in raising our praise through music. The first rehearsal will take place on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact the parish office and we will forward your inquiries to Theo.

### 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

The date for the Retreat is Thursday, April 7 starting at 7:00 pm.



### Coffee Sundays

Remember them? We would like to start it up again. If you are interested in helping to host it, please let us know. A potential starting date would be April 3, provided we have some help. Between 2 - 4 people are necessary to make it run each week.



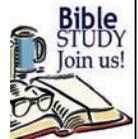
### Calling All Altar Servers



With restrictions almost fully lifted, it is time to welcome altar servers back into the Sunday ministry. It has been a while and we have two new years of young people to serve. Any young person who has made their first communion, can pick up a registration form at the back of the Church. We will have a meeting and serving session on Saturday, March 26 at 1:00 pm. Please fill out the registration form and place it in the collection basket. Welcome back.

### 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.

### Marriage Encounter



Next Weekend is another Virtual Marriage Encounter, from the luxury of your own home.

If you are interested in enriching your marriage and your life please contact Marge & Gerard MCAuley at 905-792-1925 for more information or to enrol.

### 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.

### Morning Prayer for Lent

For the Lenten season, we will celebrate morning prayer before the weekday masses on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will also live stream it. Join us as the Voice of the Church raises thanksgiving for the gift of Morning.



### 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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