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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:

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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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

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 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 November 30th

10am: **Carl Lasota (D)**

Req: John & Wilma Bloye

Tuesday December 1st

10am: **Mark Chetcuti (D)**

Req: Chetcuti Family

Wednesday December 2nd

10am: **Souls in Purgatory (D)**

Req: Steve Stokl

Thursday December 3rd

10am: **Carl Lasota (D)**

Req: Roberta & Ross Nepean

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

**Parish office has been
reduced to Monday and
Wednesday from 9am to
Noon for
APPOINTMENTS ONLY.**

**We can always be reached
through the parish email at
st.elizabethseton@rogers.com**

Stay safe and Stay well



Offering Envelopes

The parish offering envelopes will be available for pick up in Seton Hall starting the weekend of **November 7th/8th**. You are also welcome to pick them up during our office hours **Monday or Wednesday** between 9 am and noon, please call ahead to make arrangements for pick up. The envelopes will be in **numerical order** so please take note of **your envelope number**.

Parish Giving

Sunday November 22nd

Sunday Offertory \$4,363.00

SES Building Fund \$ 675.00

Month of November PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory \$3,807.00

SES Building Fund \$ 272.00

ShareLife \$ 240.00

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SUPPORT DURING THESE
UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. STAY
WELL AND STAY SAFE. GOD BLESS.**

Ruminations

The advent of Advent always make me think back to my university days in Sudbury. It is not just because there was always snow on the ground, but the first Sunday of Advent marked the last big celebration before exams and the sporadic departure of students for home for the Christmas break. Those who were in French teachers' College always got to leave earliest. They never had exams as such and so on the first Sunday there was a mass exodus mostly to points north. Then over the course of the next couple of weeks, the rest of us would eventually finish exams and then pack up for home. It always seemed like the Sports Administration students had to remain until the bitter end. Bitter because as the residence emptied, this nagging jealousy started to grow especially as those friends who were already home would call and rub it in how much relief and fun they were having. But that first Advent weekend was a big deal. It was our Christmas formal. All the floors spend a week or two decorating the walls, painting glorious scenes of winter and Christmas, and wrapping their doors with Christmas paper. And the Student Council found time between studying for exams, or more likely to avoid studying for exams to prepare the meal. There was a schedule of activities that was followed precisely each year. Potatoes were peeled on Wednesday, and vegetables prepared on Thursday. The salad was tossed on Friday along with the buttering of the buns. Thankfully Frere Viau was in charge of the many turkeys that needed to be cooked to feed two hundred students, and he made the most amazing turkey dressing. The evening would begin with a big Mass celebrated in the Grand Salon. It too was festooned with Christmas decorations hanging from the ceiling, and covering the windows. The piece de resistance was always the huge Christmas tree that adorned the corner in front of the grand piano. It had to be fifteen feet high or more, and it required a big ladder to dress it with lights. The star on top was the only ornamentation other than the copious amounts of lights. I suppose one of the benefits of a northern university was access to beautiful giant Christmas trees. The mass was a Christmas celebration of sorts. I can't remember if we used the Christmas readings, but the music was all Christmasy in nature. One of my favorite musical memories was the Our Father sung to Gordon Lightfoot's 'Song for a Winter's Night'. With snow falling, and the tree aglow, and everyone present dressed for the formal occasion, it seemed perfect. One of the Jesuits who taught there was a concert pianist as well, and he always regaled us with incredible music to mark the occasion. After mass the Hall was cleared so the tables could be set up and the food brought out, and the serenity of Mass was replaced by the cacophony of nervous excitement of students letting loose before the onslaught of the exams. And as much fun as it was, it still paled in comparison of the excitement of getting home for Christmas. On the long, local bus ride home, there was lots of time for reflection, staring out the window and watching the snow and rocks and trees of Ontario's north. The pang of missing friends who had departed for their own homes melted the closer to home I got. When the bus passed the sign

welcoming us to Simcoe County, I felt like I was home, even though there was still an hour to the bus depot in Barrie and then another 35 minutes to home. That last hour seemed like a perfect transition – time to leave the stress of exams behind and anticipate and mentally prepare for the coming break at home. That sounds pretty much like a perfect Advent theme.

Fr. Roy



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Programs.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is launching its 2020 Christmas Programs this weekend. Due to the pandemic, we will not be able to have a Giving Tree as we have had in the past where families could take stars and purchase gifts. Instead, the Christmas Program and the Giving Tree are being combined to collect donations for both programs. For the Christmas Program that serves our families, your donation will continue to go towards the purchase of grocery gift cards for parents and gift cards from a local store so that parents can purchase a gift for the children in their family. For the Giving Tree program we will be accepting monetary donations that we will use to purchase gift cards for those living in group homes and to purchase select gifts that will be delivered to the assisted-living homes for them to wrap and distribute. Even under the current pandemic situation, your gift will still make a difference in the lives of those often left out at this special time of year. Any amount helps spread the joy and magic of Christmas to those in our community who need our help. Donations can be made before November 27 using envelopes that can be mailed to or dropped off at your respective parish or placed in the collection basket. You can also make donations via Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/42029>. This link is also available on the St. Vincent de Paul Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ssvp.sjceses or on the parish web sites. Donations can be made up until **Sunday, November 29.**

Thank you for your generosity.

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.



Next year's First Communion



Please be aware that registration for this years First Communion have ended. We look forward to our time shared with the parents and children in the coming months.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE!!



Good new 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 beginning December 6th 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 Red Zone Update

As of ,Tuesday November 24, 2020, we received word that at this time we can continue with the 30% capacity, however, we have also been told that that may change to 50 people maximum at anytime. Stay tuned. Parish halls are not to be used at this time.

No meetings are to take place in any church facilities and the Parish Office will return to phase 2 of the operations, which means it is extremely limited. The Parish Office is available only two days a week for appointments which will be Monday and Wednesday from 9am to noon, and all visits must be scheduled.

There will be no walk in or spontaneous appointments. Much of the work will be done remotely.

Let us pray for the sick...

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

Evelyn Walsh
Merwyn Correa
Sebastiao P. Henriques
Molly Nabuurs
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
Russel Scott
Elizabeth Ryan
Dave Dailey
Lindsay Veltman
Elcy Cerres
Tony Vigliotta
Francie Niekamp
E. Turnbull
Amy McBride



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 Monday or Wednesday between 9am and noon to make arrangements for pick up.



Diligence

The Cardinal has empathically reminded us that if we have any hope of keeping the churches open for some semblance of Christmas, we must be extra diligent in observing the Safe Worship Protocols. Maintain six foot distance, wash your hands, and do not dawdle after Mass but go to your cars.

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