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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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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

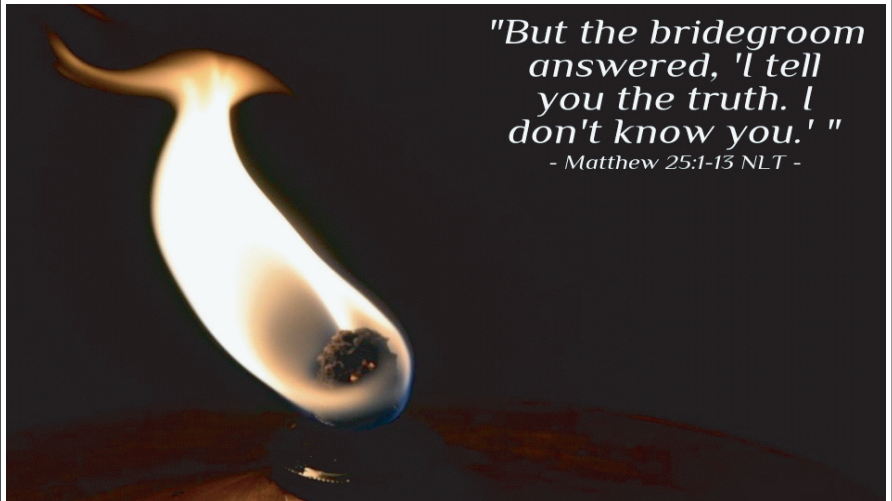
Our Lady of Good Counsel
905-478-4242

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905-895-3340

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 8, 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 9th

10am: **Special Intentions**

Req:

Tuesday November 10th

10am: **Annamaria Maietta (D)**

Req: Donna Maietta

Wednesday November 11th

10am: **Victor DeGaines (D)**

Req: Susan Perek & Family

Thursday November 12th

10am: **Vince Masci (D)**

Req: Carol McDermott

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

**Parish Office office hours
remain Monday, Tuesday
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

Thank you.



Parish Giving

Sunday November 1st

Sunday Offertory \$5,324.55

SES Building Fund \$ 521.00

Month of September PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory \$3,182.00

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

When they call November the month of the dead, it seems to be ringing true this year. I will be celebrating five funerals this week, some of the deceased whom I know, and some I have never encountered before which is par for the course. With us being in the throes of the pandemic, structures of funerals and practices have changed drastically, but it has also put a fine microscope on where people are at. I have celebrated dozens of funerals going back to the start of the pandemic including during the early onset when funerals were limited to ten people in the church, to the shutdown of the church, to the re-opening of the church. I have gained a whole new appreciation of the role of funeral home services. With all those funerals since March, I can report that not a single one was CoVid related which I find interesting. What I have observed though is just how we as a society have lost the language of grief and ritual. Often funerals are celebrated because it was the wish of the deceased party to have a mass. After celebrating my first mass without anyone coming forward for communion, I have started to look much differently at our ritual farewells. By and large, generations of families have become so distant from anything remotely religious that mass can be a very lonely place where mass responses and even something as basic and fundamental as the Lord's prayer are met with stilted and awkward silence. If it weren't for the cantor, mine would be the sole voice carrying the dialogue of the mass. I fail to see how those foreign and uncomfortable exercises can serve to bring comfort and consolation as family members clumsily endure the funeral rituals which have lost connection with how they express themselves. When we say it was the deceased's wishes for I mass, I think that endemic to that was the hope that the surviving members would be able to participate, and for the most part, I think the deceased would be rather embarrassed at the unchurchiness of the church celebration. When we understand that the funeral rite is really for the living, well, quite frankly, it becomes mute and ineffective. Funeral home services can be a better venue for such unchurched people. First, it is neutral territory and so the awkwardness of their estrangement is substantially lessened. Secondly, it has a bit more freedom to allow the family who has no understanding of the rubrics which govern church celebrations entry into the flow of consoling ritual. It permits the scaled down, less formal service to maybe bring some hope and comfort, which really is the goal after all. It also allows the Church to be present to the families in a less judgmental or imposing way. I have found that is a real benefit. I have found that this format is more benign on people estranged from the faith of their elders. It permit the families to remember the Church as a presence in their time of need, meeting them where they are at in their own spiritual journey. They remember a positive experience versus a uncomfortable

alienation. Yes there is a vast richness inherent into the tradition of the sacramentality of the Church that is available to them, but when it falls on deaf ears and awkward silences and no one coming forward to commune, maybe we need to concede that perhaps they are not ready for full blown Church, and so we need to offer what we can to help them on their way. Anyway, its God's job to bring them home, ours to help them along the journey.

Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events...

Sacramental Corner.....

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.sjcses or on the parish web sites. Donations can be made up until **Sunday, November 29.**

Thank you for your generosity.



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, Tuesday 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.**



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



ANNUAL CANDIES FOR KIDS!

We will be collecting wrapped candies and chips for Canadian Food for Children.

You can drop the candy off during office hours.

Please call ahead to let us know you are coming.

November 1st to 14th.

Thank You!!



Next year's First Communion



Although things are still up in the air as to what first communion will look like for the Spring of 2021, we will be accepting registrations starting this weekend. **Registration Forms can be picked up in the foyer of the church.**

Next Year's Confirmation Candidates



Because things are still in flux, how confirmation will unfold next Spring is an unknown. We will be accepting registrations sometime in the near future. Please keep an eye on the bulletin. Once we have finished with the First Communion logistics, we will start on Confirmations.

COVID PROTOCOL REMINDER

When Cardinal Collins accepted the Government's offer to open places of Worship with limited numbers of maximum 30% and with the social distancing requirements it meant our capacity is more like 17%, he laid out specific criteria or conditions.

First among them is that everyone who attends is supposed to check their temperature before they leave home to come to mass. It could be done at the entrance of the Church, but he was trusting in the cooperation of the people.

Second, he expected those considered part of the vulnerable sector with is a wide swath of people would be mindful of themselves and others and refrain from attending out of respect for a common good.

Third, he hoped that the assembling would not become an occasion for social gathering but that the people would depart in a socially distanced manner going straight to their cars so as not to invite the sharing of particulates.

So here are a few reminders:

- If you feel sick or your temperature is elevated, or you are experiencing any symptoms stay home.
- If you are sick or your health is compromised, you are not obligated to participate in Sunday Mass.
- Take your temperature before leaving home.
- Be sure to use the hand sanitizer at entrance.
- Masks are mandatory and we **must maintain 6ft. distance at all times.**

Together lets stop the spread of Covid so we can get back to being community.

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
Taylor Luck
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
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