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Mass Times During
The Pandemic:

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:30am & 11:00am

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

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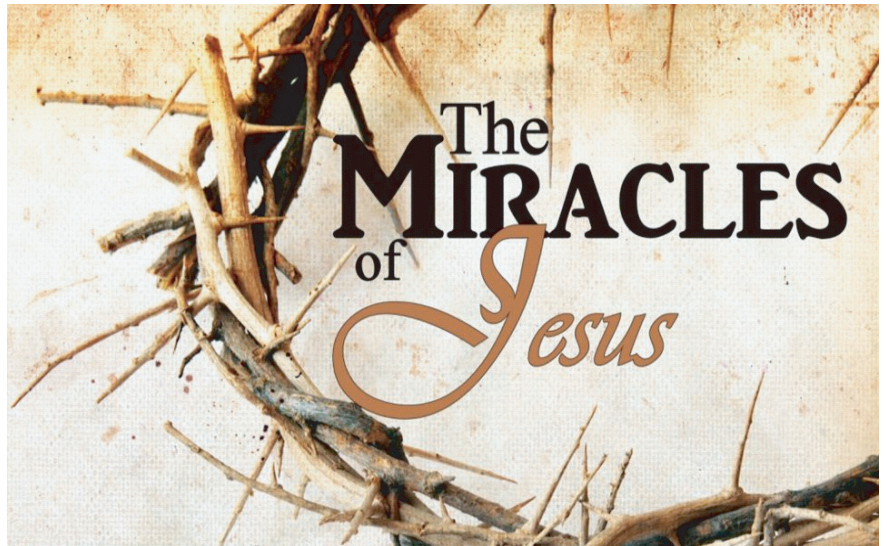
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St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time September 5, 2021



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, September 6th

10am: Mike Shields
Req. by: Darlene Hisko

Tuesday, September 7th

10am: Edward MacDonald
Req. by: McKenzie Family

Wednesday, September 8th

10am: Alice Finley
Req. by: Therese Alampay

Thursday, September 9th

10am: Specail Intentions
Req. by:

Our Next Project

We have been able to check off some major undertakings during the pandemic. Hopefully you have noticed the new lighting throughout the building, and the new carpeting in the church (please wipe your feet before entering). Once again the CWG & Knights will be spearheading our next endeavour, and that is to replace the carpet in the parish Hall. If you are able to help out and support this project, it would be greatly appreciated. We have no expressed timeline for completion but the sooner we gather the funds, the sooner it can get done, and if it looks half as good as the new carpeting in the church, it will be fantastic.

The Bulletin is remaining paperless

for now and can only be
found on line on our
Parish Website.
Just think of all
the trees we are saving.

Parish Giving

August 1st to August 29th

Offertory	\$27,993.23
SES Building	\$ 3,213.00

Month of August PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory	\$4,025.00
SES Building Fund	\$ 282.00
ShareLife	\$ 340.00

Ruminations

One of the annual things that happened at the last day of school in June was the distribution of free admittance to the Canadian National Exhibition. I don't ever remember taking advantage of those marketing ploys. Back then, it was like a full day just to get to the CNE and the prospect of managing four young boys amidst the crowds and confusion of those waning days of summer was not an inviting thought. It wasn't until my youngest brother reached a workable age that we all piled into the car, seatbelts optional, and walked through the turnstiles for a fun day of rides and food and the horse pavilion. I was a roller coaster junkie, not that there were a lot back then. I remember coming out of a ride called the 'Zipper' where as soon as the ride stopped and the operator opened the door, my youngest brother, as white as a ghost flew out and ran to mom, leaving his running shoes in the bottom of the car and I had to go collect them before the next customers could enter into the spinner of terror. When I was a bit older, able to hop on the bus from the Newmarket bus terminal (which sad to say was still in its infancy) and it took as express to the CNE grounds. Now one of the main reason I wanted to go to the CNE was not the rides or pavilions, or even the annual treat of a Belgian waffle with ice cream - it was to go to the Beach Boys concert with seats in the beautiful old Grandstand. It became an end of summer ritual. I went every summer to see the Beach Boys and they were really the only band I wanted to see in the Grandstand line up. The last CNE concert I attended was in 1980. It was a tribute concert in honour of the Olympic Athletes who missed the Moscow Olympics because of the boycott caused by the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. That country is still the source of global strife and problems. Harry Chapin, the Good Brothers, Carroll Baker were part of the entertainment line-up, Gordon Lightfoot was the headliner and that was the first time I saw him live and I saw him several times more in his annual appearance at Massey Hall. It may sound like I was a big concert goer, but I wasn't. After the CNE I saw Bruce Cockburn, Gordon Lightfoot three times, and my musical idol, John Denver at Kingswood at Wonderland. That is the history of my head-banging years which I am quite content to say are behind me. The thought of the huge gathering of people, the crowdedness and the volume are just too unappealing, and I really have no desire to purchase tickets much to the chagrin of my



niece who is studying to work in that industry. Oh to be young. So punctuating the end of the summer with a trip to the Grandstand is a distant memory, especially since the Grandstand is no more, and the Beach Boys are no more, and John Denver is no more and Harry Chapin is no more. Bruce Springsteen sang about that, 'Glory Days'. Happy Labour Day.

Fr. Roy

Stuck in Limbo

Parish life is still on hold. Directions were for the Parish Office to open full time commencing September 13, but that has subsequently been revised and the Parish Office remains on restricted hours and operations until the Government of Ontario moves us beyond the current phase - whatever it is called or whatever colour it is.

The only stage that will really matter is the removal of the six foot distancing requirements. That will allow us to open up the venue for meetings and activities. Currently the Parish Hall is partially opened for limited meetings but the preference of the diocese is still for those activities that can be done on social platforms should continue to do so until further notice.

Quite a Dilemma

Churches have been open for in person masses since mid-June. The Cardinal has continued to suggest that those people in the vulnerable sector should seriously consider their attendance, especially during the resurgence of the Delta variant.

To date, there has been no direction as to specific accommodations for those who have double vaccinations, single vaccinations, or no vaccinations as of yet. The whole province is still waiting delivery of instructions from Government policies, as are we.

At this point we have settled into three Sunday masses; Saturday at 4:30 pm; Sunday morning at 9:30 am & 11:00 am. The Church capacity under current restrictions is about 100 people though that fluctuates depending on the number of single people, pairs etc. Luckily we can now access the Parish Hall for overflow numbers, though the hall capacity is rather limited itself. The doors open half an hour before the Mass begins and closes five minutes before the Mass begins. Following the 9:30 am Mass we do need to disinfect the pews so there might be a bit of a delay in allowing people in until that task is complete.

There are no plans to re-instate the 8:00 am Mass at this time.

It is a valid question about our vulnerable children who remain unvaccinated, and although school has opened and many activities are starting up, do we want to expose them to one more gathering- a parental decision for sure, and either answer is valid. Gee such a dilemma.

First Communion Registrations

Most of the first communions from the spring of 2020 and the ones from 2021 are almost completed. The pandemic has sure complicated that last couple of years. At this time we still do not have complete plans for the up-coming journey with the new registrants but we are hopeful that we will be allowed to offer our regular preparations. Time will tell.

To that end we are now accepting registrations for the young people seeking to celebrate their first communion in the Easter season of 2022. We can pick them up at the entrance table in the Church at the Sunday masses (which includes Saturday evening). The registration form will need to be handed in no later than September 26. The registration form will need a copy of the child's baptism form with it.

If your child was registered for 2021 and you have opted to defer it again, you will need to re-register for the upcoming spring. We are not holding over any forms or certificates as we need to start afresh for our own sanity and organization.

Confirmation Registrations

We are accepting registrations for those young people seeking to complete their baptism through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration forms can be picked up at the entrance table at Sunday Mass. They must be returned by Sunday, September 26 with a copy of their baptism certificate attached.

Please note:

Registration forms for both First Communion and Confirmation are only available at the Sunday masses. We will not be emailing them or leaving in the mailbox and they are not available from the Our Parish Office during the week.

Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace
Betty Loft
Bruce Firth
Kyle Elkie
Mary MacDonald
Albina Barber
Kathleen Todesco
Joshua Perek
Donna Stea-Cutting
Andy Dube
Adam Wood
Elizabeth Ryan
E. Turnbull

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