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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

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 905-898-4264 Website: sjcses.blogspot.com

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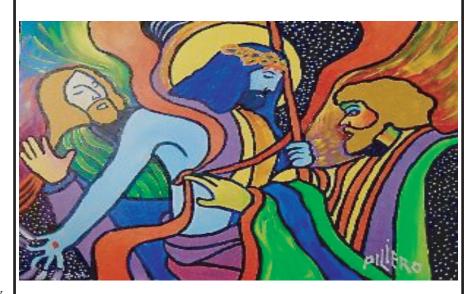
New Parishioner? Welcome to St. Elizabeth Seton! If you would like to register, forms are available at the church entrance or the parish office. Parishioners with a change of address, please inform the Parish office. Envelopes may also be acquired at the office. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Roy Roberts after Mass!

> Parish Schools 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

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2021



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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, April 12th 10am: Ida DeLucca (D) Req. by: Cupe 1571

Tuesday, April 13th 10am: Amelia Provenzano (D) Req. by: Cupe 1571

Wednesday, April 14th 10am: Fred Wicks (D) Requested by: Ida Pelosi

Thursday, April 15th 10am: Franciszek Strojeck (D) Req. by: Cupe 1571

Offering Envelopes

We still have 385 envelopes that have not bee picked up yet. If you have not yet picked up your box of envelopes, please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to help make arrangements to do so. Sorry but we cannot mail them out.



Parish & Giving

Easter Weekend	
Easter Offertory	
SES Building	

\$9,413.80 \$2,035.00

Month of March PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)	
Sunday Offertory	\$4,025.00
SES Building Fund	\$ 282.00
ShareLife	\$ 340.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT DURING THESE UNPRECIDENTED TIMES. STAY WELL AND STAY SAFE. GOD BLESS.

Ruminations

So I make absolutely no claims to having a green thumb, or being a proficient gardener. I do claim to love plants as being essential to life in the home and especially when studies indicate that certain plants help purify and de-toxify air in the home. I still consider the health of the poinsettias in the fover a first order miracle and perhaps they can be used for the cause of my canonization, and the success of the fig trees in the foyer that are now towering over the statue of St. Elizabeth Seton, resurrected from an Easter display over 5 years ago, and that almost died, is also attributable to divine intervention. St. Fiacre, an Irish monk of the seventh century is the patron saint of gardeners (and funny enough also the patron saint of hemorrhoid sufferers – go figure) and maybe he is watching over my efforts with a bit of humour and contempt. I am not a cactus fan, and as per my quirky nature, I am drawn to somewhat exciting and unusual varieties. And sometimes I think my real penchant is for flower pots. Many a time I have seen a pot in a store and then gone in search of a plant that will highlight or work with the plant. Most of the time I have no idea as to where to situate the new pot and plant, but that is always secondary to the joy of finding a new pot. Those impulse buys at the check outs in stores rarely attract me, but if they displayed unique flower pots, I'd be a sucker for them. Now, if I did indeed have the proverbial green thumb, my garage would not have boxes of empty flower pots. As much as I like the plants, the path to hell is lined with plants of good intention- either I forget to water them, or fertilize them, or in general, tend to them. So all those empty pots represent some plant that has gone to flora heaven. I recently purchased a new plant for my living room. As is the pattern, I discovered a perfect pot for the corner of the room at HomeSense. It took me a couple of days and a couple of nurseries to find a plant. It was some form of palm and had the right structure and height. It lasted several years, but recently declined rapidly and I couldn't figure out what was going on with it. I thought it might be Covid but nowhere on the internet does is say houseplants get Covid. I did find another plant which doesn't quite fit the bill, but it is in the dieffenbachia family. It has speckled leaves and it is rather pleasant. One day I began to notice a rather peculiar, organic smell wafting through the rectory. It was immediately noticeable as soon as you came through the door. I thought maybe fruit was rotting, or a dead mouse was decomposing somewhere. It took several days of sniffing and smelling to find the culprit. The dieffenbachia was actually flowering. I had never heard of such an event, but there it was in my living room. The funny thing though, it is not a pleasant aroma and instead of breathing deeply to enjoy a lavender

or lilac scent, you have to hold your breath and plug your nose. It kind of reminds me of that novelty plant that was at the Toronto Zoo that blooms only every couple of years called the 'corpse plant'. I maybe soon looking for a new plant that smells better and gift this one as a house warming gift to my brother who is trying to scrounge up flowers from our Easter display for his own garden.

Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events......

Fifty Days of Easter



Easter is the longest liturgical season that we have. The season of Lent/Easter comprises a quarter of the year.

The 50 day festival unfolds with several important moments. It begins with the Sacred

Triduum culminating with the celebration of the Lord's resurrection. For forty days we focus on that aspect of the Paschal Mystery until we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is likely the most understated celebration with huge implications. It is a message that humanity has been received into the heavenly realm.

The season ends with the feast of Pentecost (meaning fiftieth or fiftieth day). It is the commemoration of the sending of the very Spirit of God into the world. This too has something

important to say to us, that the fullness of the Spirit of God has been bestowed on creation. To speak of God giving us more grace is a bit misplaced. God has blessed creation so now the task is for us to open ourselves up to the grace that is already available to us.



And during this season of Easter, we visit the life of the early Church through the proclamation of the Acts of the Apostles.

The Lock Down

For us, the lock down changes nothing. Our limit remains 100 people and going forward it will be first come first serve, and once we reach that limit the doors will be closed.

The Cardinal sent out specific instructions and one of the points he made, and I quote directly from his letter:

"The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be strongly encouraged to remain home. They should not be attending church at this time. Livestreaming of services should continue where this practice is underway and the dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist remains in place. "

First Communion

Please pick up the First Eucharist Workbook in the Front Foyer. We are planning for the celebration of First Communion during the Easter Season.

Confirmation Candidates for this Year

You can pick up a package of your reflection forms at the back of the Church. Pandemic permitting we are planning on celebration confirmations in the Easter Season.

Reservations for Sunday Masses

The exercise of reserving a seat for Mass during Palm Sunday & the Triduum was done to prevent people needlessly being turned away. Even with our efforts people still showed up and could not be admitted into the Church for worship.



The limit of 15% and the limit of 30% happens to be the same capacity of 100 people. This is because of the 6 foot

distancing criteria. For this weekend Masses, NO RESERVATION will be necessary. BUT, we are still limited to 100 people and if we find that our numbers are approaching that limit, we will need to return to a reservation system.

The 8:00 am Mass has started up again on a temporary basis. It will be driven by attendance numbers at both the 8 and 9:30 am Mass.

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 Massimo Marcone Rosa Santos Judy MacDermott Kyle Elkie Maria Cavallini Ron English

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

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