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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

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

Catholic Community Servicesof York Region:905-770-7040Catholic Cemeteries:905-889-7467St. John's Cemetery905-889-7467

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!

> 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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 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, December 6th 10am: Jareslw Pracepat Req. by: Cupe 1571

Tuesday, December 7th 10am: Robert Gray Req. by: Cupe 1571

Wednesday, December 8th 10am: Weronika Dobranowski Req. by: Watters Family

Thursday, December 9th 10am: Mary Courtemanche Req. by: Ann Woolnough

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.



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.



November 28th	
Offertory	\$4,756.25
SES Building	\$ 215.00
	DAG

Month of October	PAG
(Pre-authorized Giving)	
Sunday Offertory	\$4,135.00
SES Building Fund	\$ 282.00
ShareLife	\$ 440.00

Ruminations

We always had an Advent Wreath in anticipation of Christmas. It was never put on the kitchen table. That would have been too inconvenient to move for each meal, and the reality of six people at the table, there was just no room for sentiment. The Advent Wreath found its home in the living room on a side table. It had many variations over the years. It was rarely real greenery. It was usually a fake wreath with the requisite four candles, three purple and one pink. As years went by, and summer jobs provided me with the freedom to purchase decorations independent of dad or mom's bad taste. My dad and I didn't really have disputes or arguments, (one of the perks of being an ideal child) except when it came to decorating for Christmas. Dad and I were polar opposites; he was a minimalist while I was more expressive; he was into realism while I liked impressionism; he was wrong while, well, it goes without saying.... So back in the day, the impressive store to shop for unique Christmas décor was Sears in the newly opened Upper Canada Mass. One of the little gems that I found was a pair of candle holders. They were whimsical angels holding containers for taper candles – one facing left, and the other facing right. In my mind they seemed perfect for a new advent wreath. The two weeks prior to the start of Advent, I purchased two pair of the candle holders. They came carefully wrapped in a precise box to protect them. My fear was not that I would drop them, but rather that when they were finely set in place in the living room, our dog would muster some way of knocking them over. He was a small breed of dog, we figure part terrier, part Chihuahua and part rat. He could get his excitable nose into too many places where he was not welcome. They say curiosity killed the cat, well many a time he lived on that edge, too curious for his own good. So the seasonal wreath came out and the regular candles were replaced with the new sets, adorned with three red and one white candle. I knew dad would not be impressed because he was set on purple and pink. I was guite enamoured with the new look. Mom was naturally enthusiastic, but that is exactly how moms are supposed to be with their less than favorite sons. Dad was typically politely indifferent. The next time I was earnestly excited about an Advent wreath was when we opened the new Worship Space in Ajax. It was a big new space and after toiling for seven years in a school gym, we felt the need to do something special. We constructed an eight foot wreath that would be suspended from the top of the ceiling. Every year we had to bring in a cherry picker to change lights so the Friday before Advent began seemed the perfect time to schedule this annual project. The wreath was strung up in such a way as to be able to lower it prior to Christmas without the hoist. It was massive and impressive and required a ten foot step ladder to light each week. There was no special lighting or permitting young ones to scale the heights and do the honours. My Advent in the house has not greenery, just a simple celtic

design that fits perfectly in the centre of the table. The candles, although I searched and searched for blue and gold (Notre Dame colours) I settled for purple and pink. As long as they count the four Sundays until Christmas, does it really matter?

Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events...

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Fríday, December 24, Vígíl of Chrístmas 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm ξ 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 25, Chrístmas Day 9:30 am § 11:00 am

Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family 9:30 am § 11:00 am

Fríday, December 31, Solemníty of Mary, Mother of God 4:30 pm

Saturday, January 01, 2022, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:30 am § 11:00 am

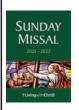
Sunday, January 02, 2022, Feast of the Epíphany 9:30 am § 11:00 am

All our celebrations are live streamed

**Please Note we are still working out the details of how we will welcome people into the Church during these Covid times. **



The Adult Sunday Missals have Arrived.



The Sunday Missals which begin on the first Sunday of Advent (beginning November 28 are available. At Press time, the Children's Missals haven't arrived. The Adult book is \$5.00 and the Children's book is \$7.00.





Offering Envelopes

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up. You are welcome to pick them up during our office hours **Monday**, **Tuesday and Wednesday** between 9 am and 2pm, please call ahead to make arrangements for pick up.

Knights Christmas Trees

They are here and will be going fast. The Knights very much want to ensure that our parishioners get first pick and so if you are planning to wait, a word to the wise is to watch the Knights' lot as the trees get sold off. The Knights



will be on the lot Monday to Friday 6pm to 8pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4:30pm

<u>A New Website</u>

We have been working on our New Website. It has been a labour of love, pain in the, well, let's just say a labour. It is on a new Archdiocese platform that has been customized for our Parish needs but includes some Archdiocese news and events. It is a work in progress, and we have been struggling with this since August but it is close enough to be accessed. We are not sure when the old website will transfer you automatically to the new one. It may happen before you receive this bulletin. We want to thank Jennifer Chase who put together our old website which was a God-send. There will still be some kinks and things that need to be adjusted as we learn how to use such a communications medium and because we remain confirmed luddites. Check it 011 at www.stelizabethsetonne@archtoronto.org or through our Facebook page.

<u>Canadian Food for Children</u> <u>Stamp Collection</u>

Your cancelled stamps can make a difference. Christmas cards may soon be arriving! Do you receive a lot of mail at work, at home? Please donate your stamps in the box located in the foyer of the church or by dropping them by the parish office. This is something we, as a parish family, can all do to help the missions and the work of Canadian Food for Children. Stamps are valuable in large quantities. The money raised from the sale of the postage stamps goes to the Canadian Food for Children Mission Fund run by Dr. Andrew Simone who sends food, clothing and school supplies to 3rd world countries through local missionaries. Together, we, can make a difference throughout the year in the lives of those in need, simply by saving our stamps.





Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace Betty Loft Bruce Firth Kyle Elkie Kathleen Todesco Joshua Perek Donna Stea-Cutting Andy Dube Adam Wood Elizabeth Ryan E. Turnbull Mat Hatzimalis Paul Jennas Rose Marie Scott Wanda Tolazzi Sean Coen Cathy Murphy Joe Legari Chad Buckley **If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick List please call the parish office or email us. We will keep your loved on our list for 4 weeks. Thank you. **

Looking for a unique Christmas gift??

CWG Cookbook Fundraiser

~The Pandemic Pantry Cookbook~

The Pandemic Pantry cookbook is a loving compilation of some of our family favourite recipes.

COST: \$10 each (cash or cheque only) Make cheques payable to: St. Elizabeth Seton CWG

They will make great Christmas gifts!

Call or email the Parish office today to order your copies. Telephone: 905-853-5009 Email: st.elizabethseton@rogers.com

-or-

Pick yours up directly after Mass:

- Saturday 4:30 Mass
- Sunday 9:30 and 11:00 Masses

Thank you once again for your continued support!

