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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

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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

Sacred Heart High School

905-895-3340

# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022



## Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor

Deacon Marian Pawlitzko

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, January 3rd

10am: No Morning Mass  
Req. by:

### Tuesday, January 4th

10am: Special Intention  
Req. by:

### Wednesday, January 5th

10am: Special Intention  
Req. by:

### Thursday, January 6th

10am: Special Intention  
Req. by:

## Ruminations ....

New Year's Day was a particularly uneventful celebration growing up. It was really more of a recovery day from the festivities of the past week since Christmas day. The rush of getting out to the farm for Christmas, then stopping by mom's parents, and then dad's step mom, (whom we only knew as Grandma Roberts), and then more often than not, heading to Buffalo the next day for a several days hockey tournament, made that octave holiday a time of rest and relaxation. I remember waiting in anticipation to watch the Rose Bowl Parade. The creativity and ingenuity of those floats certainly spurred on my own imagination. The magic of all those floats coated with some form of floral works and the stories of their constructions, and the number of volunteers that made it possible only added to the mystic and wonder. And that was all the while we had a black and white television. The year we finally got a coloured television made the experience exciting and satisfying. It was way better than even the Santa Claus parade that marched down Main Street Holland Landing each year. As the years went by, and the excitement about the Rose Bowl parade waned, the Day still was a recovery day with not much happening. Mom and dad were not big party goers, and a social life in our home was very sporadic. Let's just say we were the opposite of party central in contrast to the people across the road whose driveway and roadside was lined with cars most weekends. In those university years, New Year's Day could very likely also be the day of packing to catch the bus to make it back up to Sudbury to begin the new term. My favorite New Year's Eve remains the year I was in my pastoral year during the seminary when I was stationed in Collingwood for the year. There were friends from university that had settled there and so with them and some teachers from the school we went out on the crisp evening, bathed in the bright last quarter moon that illuminated snowy fields. We were cross country skiing and the beauty and simplicity of the night evoked a profound silence as we all schussed along in single file. At midnight we all paused and had a little treat to welcome the New Year. I can still feel the freshness on my face, and hear the silence echo in my ears. Over the years, I've often thought about the adventure that night. For me it was the quintessential celebration of ushering in a new beginning – immersed in the silence of the wonder of creation, the stars, the moon, the snow, the trees, and good friends. I remember thinking at the time that this will likely be my best New Year's Eve ever, and in many ways it was. So especially every year at this time, it matters not if I catch part of the Rose Bowl parade, or join in on some Eve festivities, I always harken back to that beautiful evening in Collingwood knowing that heaven had kissed the earth for a brief moment, and heaven and earth rejoice. Not a bad way to meet 2022. Happy New Year.

### **Wanted Old Christmas Cards**

Wondering what to do with your old Christmas Cards after Christmas? The Gift Wrapping Stations at the Mall make tags out of recycled Christmas cards. The profits go to support Community Living Newmarket and Aurora District. There will be a box in the foyer of the church. During Covid times please call ahead and let us know when you would like to drop off your cards.

### **Your Cancelled Stamps are Valuable**

Your cancelled stamps can make a difference. Christmas cards may soon be arriving! Please donate your stamps in the box located in the foyer of the church or by dropping them by the parish office. The money raised from the sale of the postage stamps goes to the Canadian Food for Children Mission Fund.

### **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.

## Parish Giving

### December 19th

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Offertory    | \$4,479.08 |
| SES Building | \$ 732.00  |

### Month of December PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Sunday Offertory  | \$4,144.72 |
| SES Building Fund | \$ 282.00  |
| ShareLife         | \$ 440.00  |



*Fr. Roy*

## Announcements and Events...

### New Recommendation from the Archdiocese

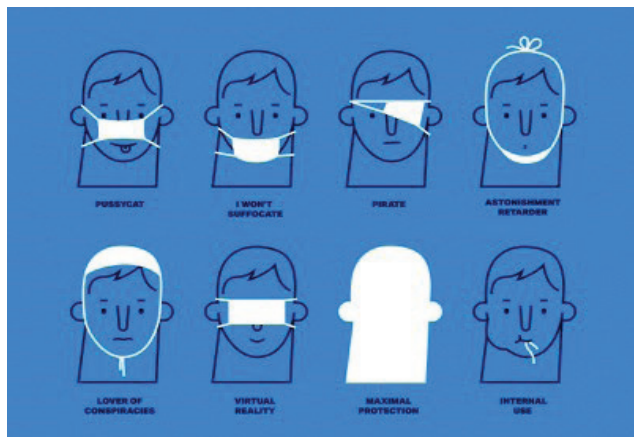
The Archdiocese has issued a new set of restrictions due to the recent upsurge in the Omicron Strain of Covid19.

- ◆ “The Archdiocese strongly recommends against congregational singing at this time. A cantor or small choir remains acceptable.”
- ◆ Virtual meetings are to replace in-person meetings.
- ◆ Remind parishioners that those feeling unwell should not attend Mass. People who are considered to be in the vulnerable sector should remain home.
- ◆ Remind those attending Church to maintain six for distancing during the Communion Procession.
- ◆ Remind parishioners not to congregate before or after Mass. Encourage them to go straight to their cars.
- ◆ Contact trace is now recommended at every parish in compliance with Public Health rules.

“The situation remains fluid and we will keep you updated with any additional information from the province or local public health units in the days ahead.”

“Thank you for your continued co-operation as we navigate these difficult days at such an important time of the year for everyone. Have a Safe and Merry Christmas season.”

So then, that means all meetings such as the CWG and the Knights and the Bible Study will be required to go virtual until further notice.



## Announcements and Events.....

### First Communion Parents' Information Meeting



There will be an important meeting for parents of our young people preparing to celebrate their First Communion in the Easter Season.

The meetings will take place in the Church. There are two dates to choose from:

**Monday, January 17 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**OR**

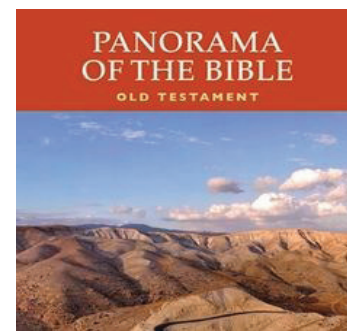
**Wednesday, January 19 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

There will be sign up sheets in the foyer starting on the weekend of January 8/9, 2022.

### New Bible Study

The next installment of Bible Study, they will be doing “Panorama of the Old Testament” from the Little Rock Bible Study series. This program surveys the variety of books found in the Old Testament. Uncover interwoven themes, the background of familiar characters, and God’s overall plan of salvation.

At the time of the publishing of this Bulletin, with the new restrictions coming into effect, we do not have all the information concerning where and when this will begin. We hope to provide more information in the next bulletin.



### Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace  
Betty Loft  
Bruce Firth  
Kyle Elkie  
Kathleen Todesco  
Joshua Perek  
Donna Stea-Cutting  
Andy Dube  
Elizabeth Ryan

E. Turnbull  
Mat Hatzimalis  
Paul Jennas  
Rose Marie Scott  
Wanda Tolazzi  
Sean Coen  
Cathy Murphy  
Joe Legari  
Chad Buckley  
Corey Price

**\*\*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. \*\***

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