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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

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022



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, February 21st 10am: Special Intentions Req. by:

Tuesday, February 22nd 10am: Joan Young Req. by: Cupe 1571

Wednesday, February 23rd 10am: Dina Colonello Req. by: Cupe 1571

Thursday, February 22nd 10am: Cindy Schwarzli Req. by: Lisa teBogt



<u>Old Christmas Cards</u>

Thank you for all the donations of your Christmas Cards. We have received more than enough for this year.



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://sicses.blogspot.com/ p/donate.html Tax receipts for one-time donations will be emailed immediately.



\$3,878.20

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Month of JanuaryPAG(Pre-authorized Giving)Sunday Offertory\$4,372.00SES Building Fund\$322.00ShareLife\$465.00

Ruminations

This is the 18th anniversary of the passing of my dad. Now, because of mom, we celebrate it on two different days. This has nothing to do with mom's dementia. It has everything to do with the circumstances around how he died. One of their favorite shows was 'Whose Line is it Anyway'. Instead of scooting off to bed at 11:00 pm as per her routine, this night she opted to stay up late. As luck would have it, in the middle of an uproarious laughter, dad suddenly passed away. At first mom thought he was joking and kept coaxing him to stop playing around. When she realized things were not right she called 911. In the middle of that call she promptly hung up to call my sister-in-law, a cardiac nurse who lived seconds down the road. In the meantime the firetrucks arrived first. Now the crew were all volunteer firefighters and they all knew mom and dad. By the time the police arrive, there was a phone call on mom's line for the constable in charge. It was the retired police officer who was the East Gwillimbury Officer before York Region took over, and he had known dad all my life from dad's baseball days. It laughably became an old home week. The paramedics began their revival efforts to no avail. Dad was rushed to Southlake just before midnight and the hospital team worked on him, but it was too late. This was not an unexpected adventure. Dad had been on cardiac borrowed time for twenty years. It was a whirlwind time as most family deaths are. My brother had worked at Roadhouse and Roads funeral home, so he was able to make the arrangements very quickly. Of course, arranging a funeral is second nature, I think it took 10 minutes to sort it out. When it came time to craft the obituary, mom wanted it known that dad had died at home on February 18. The official medical report stated that he died shortly after midnight on February 19. This remained a bone of contention with mom, even when we went to purchase a headstone. Mom insisted that she wanted her date of dad's death inscribed on the tombstone. I kind of just stood there rolling my eves as mom went on to explain at Luesby Memorial headstones on Main Street what the engraved date should be. She tried compromises like having both dates, or having a note engraved under the official date indicating that he actually died the day before at home. Now one might assume that all this was taking place while still in the throes of the loss of her husband, but in actual fact, this was five years after the event, and she still hadn't come to terms with it. She had finally started to clean out the closet and dispose of dad's clothes. In one of his jackets, she found a Valentine's card that dad must have got for her the year he died, just days after Valentine's. He had been sick that week, and I guess never got around to it. So to settle the argument, I threatened to call the police and have her arrested for fraud. Over the years it was a great source of amusement and

laughter. Every year though, we had to call mom on both dates, her preferred date of death, and the official date of death that is recorded in the official records with the Government. Anyway, as I often pass the tombstone on my frequent business at St. John's cemetery, I chuckle to myself every time I pass the headstone. We are thinking of suing the 'Whose Line is it Anyway" for wrongful death for making dad die laughing. We shall see. Happy Anniversary.

Fr. Roy

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Ontario Government Easing Restrictions & what it means for us

With the easing of restrictions, there is much confusion as to current protocols. For the Church capacity, despite what is seems to say, nothing changes for us and nothing will until the lifting of the social distancing of 6 foot. Masks remain mandatory during the Mass except for those with valid medical exemptions.

"Increasing capacity limits for indoor weddings, funerals or religious services, rites, or ceremonies to the number of people who can maintain two metres physical distance. Capacity limits are removed if the location opts-in to use proof of vaccination or if the service, rite, or ceremony is occurring outdoors."

Congregational singing may resume.

Offertory collections from the pews can resume, though we would need the Ministry of Hospitality to resume and at this point, it is not in the works. Many of our ministers are opting for safety first. Wise choice.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching; March 2. It remains a universal day of Fasting & Abstinence. We have received directives from the Archdiocese.

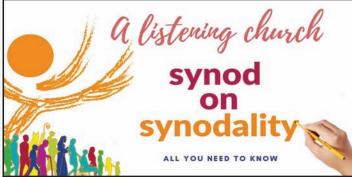
This year we are permitted to distribute Ashes at a live celebration. The procession is the same as for communion - single file down the centre aisle maintaining 6 foot distancing.

Ashes will be distributed at the 10:00 am Mass and we will have a 7:00 pm evening Mass with distribution. It is a first come first serve basis for seating and the doors will be closed 5 minutes before the celebration begins or when capacity is reached, whichever comes first.

Five New Children's Stories are Posted to Our Facebook

We have five new stories on our Facebook celebrating Black History Month. Check them out?

- Anansi, the Spider, 1.
- Moses: when Harriet Tubman led her People to 2. Freedom:
- 3. Freedom Soup:
- 4. Martin de Porres, the Rose in the Desert:
- 5. Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears



First Communion Candidates On the first Sunday of Lent, March 5 & 6, at all the

Masses, the children will be invited forward to present the Lambs of intent, asking us as a community to accept them as Official Candidates for First Communion. The cut-out, decorated lambs, complete with a small photo, will then be put up in our display cabinet.

First Communion Retreats

FYI - the First Communion Retreat dates sign up sheets will be in the foyer for you to register starting February 26 until March 6. Remember that spaces are limited because of Covid protocols. The dates for the Retreat are: Wednesday, March 30th, Saturday, April 02, and Monday, April 04.





Confirmation Candidates

On the Second Sunday of Lent, your letters of Intent are due. They are to be handed in during a little ceremony during the Mass on the weekend

of March 12 & 13. You will be called forward at whatever Mass you attend that weekend. We will provide some guiding questions over the next few weeks. Get that grey matter rolling. Because the Pandemic has robbed us of opportunities to journey more thoroughly with you, there will be a lot of emphasis on our Retreat. The date for the Retreat is Thursday, April 7 starting at 7:00 pm.

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 John O'Rourke Matteo Savella Gerber Aparicio Vito Greco

E. Turnbull Mat Hatzimalis Paul Jennas Rose Marie Scott Wanda Tolazzi Sean Coen Cathy Murphy Chad Buckley Corey Price Ana Apareció J. Gole Monica Flynn

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