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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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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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905-895-3340

# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 27, 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, February 28th

10am: Saveria Melino  
Req. by: Cupe 1571

### Tuesday, March 1st

10am: Peter Lee  
Req. by: Mary Shak

### Wednesday, March 2nd

10am: ASH WEDNESDAY  
Req. by:

### Thursday, March 3rd

10am: Jill Gorman  
Req. by: Paul & Dawn Fleischaker



### Old Christmas Cards

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://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>

Tax receipts for one-time donations will be emailed immediately.

## Parish Giving

### February 6th

Offertory	\$6,657.00
SES Building	\$2,870.00

### Month of February PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory	\$4,372.00
SES Building Fund	\$ 322.00
ShareLife	\$ 465.00

## Ruminations ....

I visited mom on the anniversary of dad's death, the real date, not mom's date. I opted not to visit her on Family Day as I think one of my brothers was taking the opportunity. So Family Day became a catch up clean-up day. I had two somewhat larger tasks that have been hanging over me. One of my favorite comic strips, besides Peanuts, was the Family Circus, especially the ones where one of the children was sent off on a simple errand and the tracking of footprints indicates that the child is taking the long way around with many distractions and extra tasks. That is how my day went. One of the tasks was to clear the rectory foyer of the accumulation of paint cans from last summer's painting of my sitting room, the piled decorations from Christmas including some of the nativity items, and finally, to find a place to store the numerous plant pots that have amassed that had found a temporary holding place under the table there. So I started by finding a trolley that would make life easier. The trolley had some offertory envelopes in the room where all the uncollected boxes remain. So for the next hour I sorted the boxes, but to do that, I had to transport one of the nativity scene shelves which would work perfectly be a good storage. So then I filled the shelves, but to finish I had to put the table away. The table had a box load of recycling that had been waiting for a long time to be shredded. So I decided to complete the shredding. Well, the shredding bag was full so I took it to the dumpster, but since I was heading that way anyway, I knew there was some stuff in the garage. To get at it though, I needed to sweep up a lot of leaves, and I also had to re-arrange the shelving to make room for the flower pots. After I had made the trip to the dumpster, I remembered there were a couple of empty paint cans that needed to be disposed of, but I came across some other unrecyclable items that needed to be tossed. By this time I needed a snack. Now there are some hidden bags of cookies that were purchased before the pandemic for Coffee Sundays, and although they were passed their due date, instead of throwing them to the seagulls (a preferred way of dealing with them – by the way, the seagulls are not really partial to fruit) cookies became snacks. They don't taste past their date. I grabbed one or two cookies, but who's counting and settled in my office to take a break and check emails. Well, my desk was likely there, under almost two years of pandemic piling up, so I started clearing it so I could see it again. Finally, refueled with cookies and diet root beer, I was ready to tackle the flower pots. They were all piled on the floor and since the ground has become too far away, I was using the piano stool. It was only five feet way, which ended up taking half an hour. I had to go to piano so I switched it on and starting tinkling the ivory on a couple of pieces. I stacked the pots on the trolley that I retrieved about five hours earlier. I was wheeling them out to the garage but to do so I had to move my car out of the space. I remembered that I had ten rolls of Christmas lights (post Christmas sales are wonderful) and five bags of soil for the garden



in Spring. I had to rearrange the garage to bring in the trolley. Someone dropped by as the garage door was opened and talked going onto six o'clock, and it was still light out. The pots are stored, the paint supplies are waiting to be taken to the basement. It doesn't seem like I got my two tasks done, but there was a lot of little jobs done. My fitbit recorded over 8,000 steps. I will take it as a full day.

*Fr. Ray*

## Announcements and Events...

### Ontario Government Easing Restrictions & what it means for us

A lot can happen in a week. We have received preliminary instructions concerning Church capacity and the social distancing. Further details are slated to come but unfortunately they are arriving after our publishing deadline.

Indications are that the six foot social distancing will be eliminated which opens the Church to full capacity. Masks are still mandatory. We hope that this will be implemented rather slowly as it may take some time to get used to people being within our six foot radius. As someone who kind of liked people not entering too closely into my private space, it is going to be a while before I am comfortable with it. It will necessitate lots of patience in both directions. Do not take it personally if someone is not comfortable and decides to move to a more remote position.

When we get more directions, instructions we will be forthcoming. Light at the end of the tunnel???!!!!



### 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.



### Inspired by the Holy Spirit

Pope Francis has invited the People of God to join in a "synodal process" of discerning, listening and speaking. He has asked us to reflect on where we believe the Holy Spirit is leading the Church in our day. He has extended a

special invitation to those who feel marginalized, disinterested or even separated from the Church. Each diocese has designed their own process for gathering the inspired thoughts of people. However, some people may wish for more engagement and others may not feel comfortable sharing their thoughts through the regular channels. To this end Concerned Lay Catholic – is offering listening sessions for older Catholics, LGBTQ+ folks & their families and friends, victims/survivors of clerical sexual abuse, lay ecclesial ministers and others employed by the Church, people of other faith communities and people who are unable to participate in the regular diocesan or parish listening sessions. All sessions, with dates, times and registration information can be found on the CLC website:

<https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/synod-listening-sessions>.

## Announcements and Events.....

### Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are universal days of Fasting & Abstinence. These are two ancient Lenten practices. In Canada, Fasting refers to one regular meal and two lesser meals (no snacks!) for those between the ages of 18 and 59, and those medically able to do so. Abstinence means no meat, thus the development of eating fish on Fridays.

### 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

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

Monica Girón Amaya



## Report on the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Newmarket, for the Year 2021.

20 Feb 2022

Dear Fellow Parishioners.

Thank you for your continued financial support. Combined, the people of Newmarket donated \$132,770 toward the work of our SSVF Conference in 2021 – with most of that money coming from the parishioners of the two Newmarket parishes of St John Chrysostom and St Elizabeth Seton. This was an amazingly generous response in the circumstances. So, how did we use the \$130,487 that we spent of your donations?

Our Conference offers four main ways of helping the families and individuals in need who come to us:

1. **Good Food Box:** A monthly package of fresh vegetables and fruit valued at \$15 from the York Region Food Network; some families in need receive this twice per month. In 2021 we sponsored 998 of these Good Food Boxes.
2. **Grocery Food Cards** (Food Basics/Metro): Families and individuals in need also need to buy other groceries not available in the Good Food Box and may request food cards from our Society for this purpose *once every 3 months* - \$20 per family member plus \$40 for the household. *Is this enough? Of course not, but it is all our budget will allow.* In 2021 we distributed food cards to a total value of \$49,280 to 463 different families and individuals in need.
3. **Christmas Programs:** This last year, pandemic constraints again forced us to abandon the traditional way of selecting stars from the Giving Tree and bringing gifts. Nevertheless, your financial gifts this past Christmas enabled us to provide Christmas cheer for approx. 283 individuals who are seniors and homebound, and approx. 16 families in shelters. In addition, your contributions to our Christmas Program for families with children enabled 117 of our families in need to buy food for a festive meal and Christmas gifts for 272 children. We reported separately on this already in January. The total value of these two programs was \$54,628.

**Special Needs:** They say that most families in Canada are just one or two pay cheques away from being homeless. Sometimes a family finds themselves in a crunch and needs a leg up or a helping hand to keep their home (for example) or to have a decent bed for a senior with a health condition. We have a budget of \$500 per month to help one or two such families or individuals at a time.

Last year it is estimated that your Vincentians, all volunteers who see their work as a ministry to the Body of Christ, spent just shy of 2,500 hours ensuring that your donations went to the people who needed assistance, especially food assistance – for the low cost of only 1.93% on administration.

*If being a Vincentian sounds like something you would be interested to find out more about, please call our food assistance line and leave a message: (905)898-4264. Someone will get back to you within a few days. We especially encourage men, couples, people of colour and visible minorities to apply.*

**To support us financially, you can DONATE (once-off or monthly) by credit card on our web site:**

<https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>

Shalom  
Terry McCann  
President

St John Chrysostom/St Elizabeth Seton Conference



**“I was hungry.....”** Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. John Chrysostom/St. Elizabeth Seton Conference

# **Attention: Confirmation Candidates**

## **Letter of Intent**

In this topsy-turvy year we have not been able to help you much along your journey towards completing your Initiation. From our end, the most important preparation is self reflection. It is customary for candidates to write to the Bishop submitting a Letter of Intent, indicating why they think that the Bishop should accept them for the sacrament of Confirmation. Address your letter (typed or written) to either the Bishop or Fr. Roy, the Bishop's representative.

Here are some guidelines in our extended version of reflecting on Why you want to have the Church Confirm you in your baptism.

1. What was the most significant thing your parents remember about your baptism? Who was there at the Church for this celebration? Who were your godparents? Why did your parents select your name?
2. From the Church's perspective the most important reason for your baptism was so you can participate in the life of the Church each weekend at Mass and join us at the Table of the Lord. Your confirmation will be a continuation in the life of the Church where the expectation will be for you to attend Mass with us each week. What are your fears and or hopes for living your life as a confirmed Catholic?
3. Confirmation expresses specific gifts related to the Holy Spirit; wisdom, understanding, courage, right judgment, knowledge, reverence, and wonder & awe. The prayer of Confirmation includes these gifts and signals that you should be aware of them in your own life. Give an example of each of them as pertains to your life experience, especially as they relate to God-given gifts that are supposed to make your life more filled with integrity.
4. What does the Church have to offer you as a fully initiated member?
5. What do you have to offer the Church as a fully initiated member?
6. Why should the Bishop accept you as a candidate for Confirmation?

At all the masses on the weekend of March 12 & 13, the Second Sunday in Lent, the candidates will be called forward for a little prayer service at which they will submit their Letters of Intent.

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