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Mass Times:

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 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 Services

of York Region: 905-770-7040

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St. John's Cemetery

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

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St. Elizabeth Seton School

905-853-0340

Our Lady of Good Counsel

905-478-4242

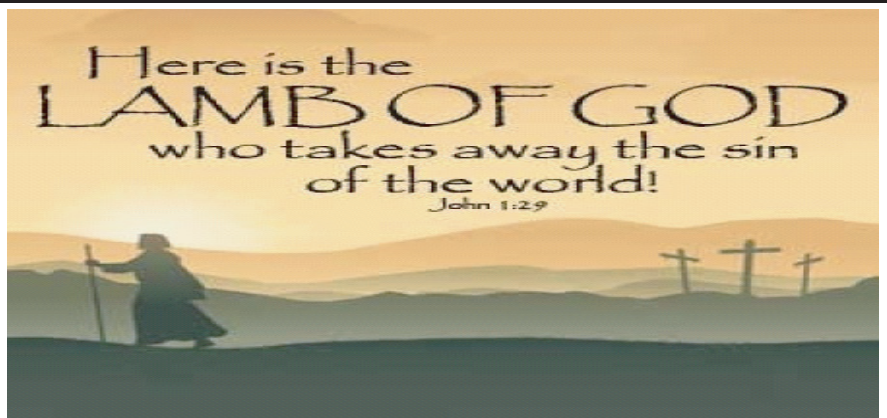
Sacred Heart High School

905-895-3340

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023



Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor

Deacon Marian Pawlitzko

Deacon Stephen Pitre

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch

Sacramental Coordinator

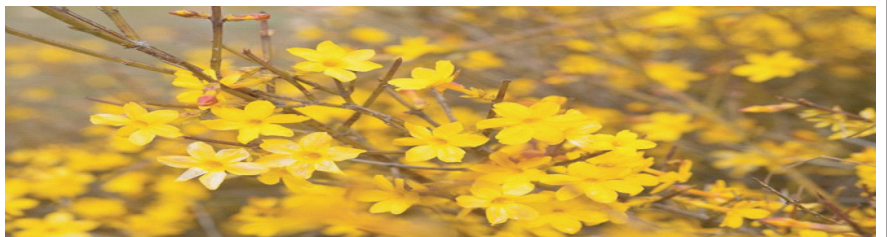
Baptisms, First Communions & Confirmations ~ Jennifer McAvoy

Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

Regular Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm

Friday 9am to 1pm



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

**"Cheerfulness prepares a glorious mind
for all the noblest acts."**

St. Elizabeth Seton

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 16th
10am: **Onalee Fenner & Bruce Cutting**

Req. by: Cutting Family

Tuesday, January 17th

10am: Manuel Conquint
Req. by: Curriculum Dept.
YCDSB

Wednesday, January 18th

10am: Gaetano Leone
Req. by: Dino

Thursday, January 19th

10am: Paul Wharton
Req. by: Mary Ellen LaSota

Ukrainian Relief Fund:

In addition to praying for the situation, parishioners can contribute to the Ukrainian Relief Fund, which the Archdiocese has established to help suffering Ukrainians.

Parishioner are able to contribute online by going to:

www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-humanitarian-relief/

2023 Offering Envelopes Important information

Reminder to please pick your 2023 envelopes. Because every year we have more and more envelopes left over we have scaled back our amount ordered by 200 boxes. This means that anyone with a number from 541 up will be reassigned a new number. **PLEASE** get rid of any 2022 or earlier envelopes that you may have as starting January 2023 that number will no longer exist.



Parish Giving

January 1st to 8th

Offertory	\$5,804.90
SES Building	\$1,470.00
New Year	\$6,694.95

Month of December PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

Ruminations

As Mark Twain is often misquoted, “The reports of my death are highly exaggerated.” Not speaking of death, but if one is familiar with the rhythm of priests in parish ministry, in the Archdiocese of Toronto, a pastor is installed into a parish for a stint of six years. This is different than associate pastors or administrators. There is no specific term for them. In fact, they can be moved at a moments notice. One of the parishes where I was assigned was Victoria Harbour with a mission church of Mount St. Louis attached. I was made administrator, not pastor and on an Ash Wednesday I was told that I was being re-assigned to another parish on the following Monday. It was a little bit of a rush, and luckily I was early on in my priesthood, and I hadn’t yet accumulated ‘stuff’. My mom and dad came up to help organize things for the move. Upon being assigned here, my mom called me in early March all in a huff because she had found out I was transferring here and I hadn’t told her. It was hard to convince her that it was the first time I heard of it, and I swore that I wasn’t moving, as I had heard nothing from the Chancery, and that if I were moving, I would have been informed in January, not March. Two weeks later, on April 1st, I retrieved a message from my phone from Priests’ Personnel informing me that I was indeed moving at the end of June. I had to call my mom and inform her that she was right. Of course, her response was that ‘mothers always know’. When I had a conversation for the Personnel Director, I asked him why my mother knew two weeks before I had any inkling, but the answer was utterly unsatisfactory. By that time in my priesthood, I had accumulated a lot of stuff which made the packing exhausting, even allowing for the fact that I had a couple of months versus a couple of days. Over the last few years, I have been trying to de-clutter, and I have packed up over 25 boxes of books that have found other homes. All I have remaining are 10 boxes of my closest, important volumes that I can’t part with – yet. Since September I have started hearing rumours and entertaining inquiries about an up-coming move to another parish. I know there have been people who started the countdown to my move since the first day I arrived. They were acutely aware that a priest’s duration is 6 six with a second term of 6 years permitted. And so my twelve years are up this June. In fact, once a priest turns 65, he won’t be transferred unless he wants to. I am delighted to say that I am not yet 65 years of age, and so back in October, the Personnel Director began the conversation with me about the completion of my ministry here. Since retirement age for us is 75, that wasn’t really an option – just a hope and dream. But there are extenuating circumstances – various cards that I could play. The most poignant one was the fact of my mom having dementia and me being an essential caregiver for her. It is significant, especially when she is taken to hospital. I wrote to the Cardinal pleading my cause, hoping that this card would prove a trump card. The fact that my diabetes medical team, my doctor, my dentist, my optometrist all are local were secondary. Just after Christmas, a letter came from Cardinal Collins. I took a deep gulp and breathe as I opened it. He thanked me for my recent letter and granted me an indefinite extension. For those who have been counting down they days, reset your clock. So it seems as long as mom holds on, so will I. Once again, mom to the rescue, and she saves the day.

Fr. Roy





CWG MEMBERSHIP TEA

Our annual Membership Tea is fast approaching! We welcome all the ladies of the Parish to join us on Sunday, January 22nd at 2pm for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship in Seton Hall. A tasty selection of sandwiches and desserts will be available and tea will be served in fine china cups. We will also be accepting annual membership dues. We hope that you will join us as we continue our faith and come together as we welcome current members of the CWG and new attendees to this annual event.



Your Cancelled Stamps are Valuable!



Used postage stamps are collected and sold to stamp collectors and vendors. They generate money which is given to Redemptorist Fathers mission to help Canadian Food for Children. Used stamps can be dropped off in the foyer! Collecting stamps can make a difference!
 *FYI, although we are collecting stamps we will NOT be collecting Christmas Cards as in pervious years.

A New Year, A Fresh Start

It is exciting to see the crowds returning to our Sunday worship. As things are revving up again, we are looking for people to help out in various capacities. Here is a partial list of areas where we hope you will consider getting involved:

- Altar Servers
- Funeral Ministry
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Music Ministry
- Ministers of Hospitality
- Confirmation Group Leader
- RCIA Sponsor
- RCIA Team
- Martha & Mary Funeral Luncheon
- Finance Council
- Children's Liturgy of the Word

Many hands make light work.

Sacraments' Corner

Parents of First Communion Candidates and Confirmation candidates are required to attend the Parents' Catechesis. You have two options, either Tuesday, January 17 or Thursday, January 19. The Meeting begins at 7:00 pm and it is for Parents only. Sign up sheets are in the Church Foyer. **The meeting is mandatory.**

First Communion Parents' 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 on Thursday, January 12th from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Attention Confirmation Candidates

CROSS MAKING WORKSHOPS in January. Each candidate has two nights they must attend in order to complete their unique ceramic cross. Please make sure you have these important dates on your calendar to ensure your child will participate in this activity. Any questions or concerns please call Jennifer. We are looking forward to these evenings of creativity and fellowship!



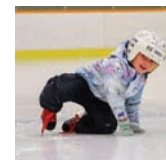
Mark your calendar

for our

Annual Family Day Weekend Family Skate.

This is a free event hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The Skate takes place on Monday, February 20 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Sharon Arena. Helmets are mandatory for all young people & highly encouraged for all.

Hot Chocolate is available.



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 Matteo Savella Gerber Aparicio Jackson Rowan	E. Turnbull Paul Jennas Rose Marie Scott Wanda Tolazzi Sean Coen Cathy Murphy Chad Buckley Ana Apareció J. Gole Thomas Lauber Anna Zaryczanska Jake Tallon	Carmen Baldacchino Mervin Correa Leo Cadia Vaz Laura Rostron Trice Hawkins Carole Carter Lawrence Cooper Richard Ayson Gina Santagato Alexis Carvajal Jose Fonseca Catherine Kirk
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Your Society of St Vincent de Paul, St. John Chrysostom/St. Elizabeth Seton Conference, would like to thank all the parishioners of both our Newmarket parishes for your wonderful generosity in supporting your parish Giving Tree Program and the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program.

Every year for over 20 years, you have been incredibly generous in supporting these programs. We are so very thankful for the kindness you have shown our neighbours in need through your donations. With the money raised, we were able to provide Upper Canada Mall or Walmart gift cards to 253 children in 111 families. Gifts donated to the Giving Tree helped individuals and families living with physical and/or other challenges, and residents of local shelters. As well, residents of local long-term care homes received Christmas assistance to make their stays more comfortable.

The Christmas season is a time for reaching out to those in need and your donations brightened up the season for many in our community.

Perhaps some of you might consider taking your generosity one step further by exploring whether you might enjoy giving of your time, serving Our Lord who likes to hang out disguised among those in need of food, clothing or shelter. To find out more call us: (905) 898-4264 x 6.

We wish you all peace, happiness and above all, health for 2023.

Terry McCann
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