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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

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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

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023

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FULFILLMENT OF
THE LAW

Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor

Deacon Marian Pawliszko

Deacon Stephen Pitre

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch

Sacramental Coordinator

Baptisms, First Communion & 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, February 13th

10am: Rose Ternes
Req. by: Jim & Janice Senger

Tuesday, February 14th

10am: Paul Wharton
Req. by: Harry & Jennifer McAvoy

Wednesday, February 15th

10am: Shirley Hicks
Req. by: Al & Theresa

Thursday, February 16th

10am: Cynthia Nazareth
Req. by: Steve Stokl

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/

Could the owner of envelope #296 please contact the parish office.

Thank you.



Parish Giving

February 5th

Offertory	\$5,394.66
SES Building	\$ 630.00

Month of January PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

Ruminations

The end of January and beginning of February were exciting times on campus. The anticipation of our reading week in mid-February was a nice carrot on a stick to ease the burden of the studies. It was also the time of the annual Winter Carnival, which trumped over Valentine's Day which usually occurred during Reading Week. Carnival was a week long series of activities, dances, parties, snow sculptures, spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts, Bonhomme Carnival, sports activities and the highlight of it all, at least from the Sports Administration students' perspective, the Spad Hockey Tournament. This was a tournament where intermural hockey teams from universities all over Ontario would participate. It will soon celebrate 50 years. It was a big deal. It was the fourth year students who organized this event, booking Sudbury Arena where the Sudbury Wolves Junior A hockey team played. It added a level of importance and professionalism. In my third year, my brother who was attending the University of Guelph, mostly because he couldn't get into Laurentian arrived to play in the tournament. Goalies were rare commodities in campus leagues, and seeing as my brother had played Junior Hockey, and in fact, had played in Sudbury arena, it felt like a bit of homecoming. As it turned out, he had been recruited by two different intermural teams and so he had a very busy couple of days in the tournament. Now in the programs, his name was only registered under one team. The other team listed him by a pseudonym. It was not permitted to play for more than one team. In fact, when he returned to the Guelph league, he was banned for life from their intermural hockey. I can't remember the exact reason, but it had something to do with the other goalie getting sick, so there was no intent to cheat. It didn't matter that much because both teams lost out of the tournament and went home empty handed. If I recall correctly, though I must confess that my mind might be a bit dodgy, after all, in the larger scale of life, winning a hockey tournament, even as prestigious and important as the Spad Hockey Tournament is, registers not in vivid memories of goals and body checks and shut outs, but only as faint glimmers of having the fun and excitement of playing with friends, most of whom have long since ceased to be a part of my life. I don't remember having any pictures of the games tucked away somewhere, probably mostly because few university students had cameras, and certainly not cell phones that could record the event. In fact, there were not even computers on campus except for the intro course to computer science which relied on the old punch cards being fed into a machine that instructed the computer that was hidden somewhere else in the building, and then to spit out the results on a dot-matrix printout. You had to race up the stairs to the printing room to retrieve your results before it got buried in miles of dot-matrix paper from all the other people working on their own computer assignments. Winter Carnival was a great way to defy the Sudbury winters and break the tension of the pressures of studies, and in the middle of winter, it was a welcomed ray of sunshine because the days were definitely longer, the sun was higher, and Spring was on its way.

Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events...

It's Hockey Night in St. Elizabeth Seton

Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus



**Join us on Saturday
February 18, 2023
Game time 7pm
Seton Hall**



Toronto vs Montreal

Free Admission

But we will be collecting non perishable food items.

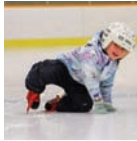
Mark your calendar

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.



**Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, February 24, 2023
From 5pm to 7pm**



*Ash Wednesday
Wednesday February 22nd.
Mass at 10 am and 7pm*

JK Registrations Open at York Catholic DSB

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2019. York Catholic provides a Christ-centred, innovative Catholic Education in its 102 schools across York Region. The York Catholic DSB is consistently ranked one of the top performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.



Sacramental Corner

First Communion

Enrolment Lamb Ceremony February 25/26
Decorate and bring lambs to Sunday Mass
First Communion Retreats March 1st, 4th or 6th
Parent and child attend. Arrive 10 minutes early.

Confirmation

Enrolment Sunday / candidates bring your Letter of Intent to any Sunday Mass on March 4th/5th
Confirmation Retreat/ Thursday April 13th @ 6:00pm
All candidates must attend. Parents attend from 8:30-9:00pm

CWG News: General Meeting:

All Ladies of the Parish are invited to attend the upcoming CWG General Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, February 14th beginning at 7pm with a Celebration of the Eucharist. We will then proceed into Seton Hall for an evening of fellowship. The meeting will focus on the upcoming CWG Events and updates within the Parish and a few surprises.

CWG Pancake Sunday

The CWG will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 19th in Seton Hall following the 9am and 11am Masses as we prepare for the discipline of Lent. We welcome everyone during the Family Day weekend and we hope that you are able to join us. Donations are greatly appreciated and we thank you once again for your support



Book Discussion

The bible Study invites all people to their Thursday, February 16 meeting. We will be discussing the recent book, 'Faith, Love & Loss' by our own authors in residence, Jennifer & Harry McAvoy. Starts 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
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
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Jake Tallon
Victor Dumas

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
Albina Barber

Dear Fellow Parishioners.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and financial support. Combined, the people of Newmarket donated \$113,035 toward the work of our parishes' SSVP Conference in 2022 – with most of that money coming from the parishioners of the two Newmarket parishes of St John Chrysostom and St Elizabeth Seton. This was a wonderfully generous response considering the increase in cost-of-living last year. So, how did we use the \$121,062 that we spent of your donations? (Yes, there was a deficit of about \$8,000.)

Our Conference offers a number of 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 received this twice per month. In 2022 we sponsored 884 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 would allow.* In 2022 we distributed food cards to a total value of \$58,430 to 288 different families and people in need.
3. **Christmas Programs:** Last Christmas, and after a break due to COVID-19, we were all grateful to return to our tradition of selecting stars from the **Giving Tree** and bringing gifts in a joint venture involving volunteers from our two parishes and your SSVP Conference. Also, your contributions to our **SSVP Christmas Program** enabled families in need to buy food for a festive meal and Christmas gifts for 284 children. The total cash value of these two programs was \$38,553, not including the gifts for stars on the Giving Tree. Your gifts and financial donations enabled us to provide Christmas cheer for approximately 800 people: seniors, people who are home-bound, and families, including families in shelters.
4. **Special Needs:** Many if not most families in Canada are just one or two pay cheques away from losing their home. 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.

North of 60: Started last year, this is an initiative to collect basic food stuff for the people of Sanirajak, an Arctic community in Nunavut. With the monies collected we will be buying in bulk to fill a container to be shipped from Montreal direct to Sanirajak on the shores of the Northwestern Passages, between Baffin Bay and Hudson Bay. Last year we collected \$22,201 of our target amount of \$25,000.

Last year your Vincentians, all volunteers who see their work as a ministry to the Body of Christ, spent just shy of 3,500 hours ensuring that your donations went to the people who needed assistance, especially food assistance – for the low cost of only 1.78% on administration.

*Our Vincentian Conference is always in need of new members. **To find out more about us, please leave a message on our call line: (905) 898-4264 x6.** Someone will get back to you within a few days. The Society of St Vincent de Paul is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion.*

Shalom, and thank you.

Terry McCann

President

St John Chrysostom/St Elizabeth Seton Conference

"I was hungry....."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. John Chrysostom/St. Elizabeth Seton



Taking on a Parish Ministry

Your Parish Needs You!

Counting Ministry

Each week, the Sunday Collections are counted and deposited in the Bank. There are Archdiocese guidelines that we must follow. This is an important contribution to the life of our Community, and from a security perspective, it is good to ensure that there is no cash remaining in the Building.

When the team is at full compliment, the commitment is for about 2 hours on a Sunday starting at 11:00 am, once a month. If you are interested in lending a hand , we would be happy to have you.



Funeral Ministry

One of our famed Corporal Works of Mercy is burying the dead. Funerals can be tough on many fronts. Seeing a smiling and helpful face as the family and friends of the deceased come through the door adds a great sense of comfort. In this day and age, with many 'un-Churched' people who may feel very awkward and uncomfortable in the Church setting, especially in the midst of sorrow and grief, this Ministry provides a strong sign value, that we as a Community of Faith, welcome them and are here to support them as they walk this journey.



So Funeral ministers welcome mourners, open doors, uses umbrellas when necessary, answers questions and provide a strong voice during the Mass. Ministers also provide guidance in setting up for the Funeral Mass, serve as Eucharistic ministers when needed, and help offer a strong witness on behalf of the Community of St. Elizabeth Seton. Families are very thankful for these ministers.

Martha & Mary Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Many funerals have a reception after the Mass. We are fortunate in our parish to have excellent facilities to host such an event. As much as the liturgical celebration is important, so too, is the opportunity for fellowship and meeting with the family. It is a vital part of the family's bereavement journey.



Funeral Luncheons

So our Martha & Mary Ministry serves this need in various capacities by providing food and service. Sometimes the family gathering is small, and sometimes not so small. Usually we receive only a couple of days notice and so there can be a bit of scurrying around at the last minute, but it is such a worthwhile ministry and provides a huge act of Hospitality.

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