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Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am
All will be lived streamed.

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*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday
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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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905-895-3340

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 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
Rectorry 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, March 6th

10am: Angelo Staffiere
Req. by: Cupe 1571

Tuesday, March 7th

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

Wednesday, March 8th

10am: Louis & Manuela Gaspar
Req. by: Family

Thursday, March 9th

10am: Michele D'Elia
Req. by: Cupe 1571

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.



February 26th

Offertory	\$6,478.11
SES Building	\$3,385.00

Month of January PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

Ruminations ...

The old adage is that if March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb. I'm not sure if anyone has ever checked those statistics, but I think it is a way of coping with duration of winter. And as I sit here looking out the patio doors and see the fifteen inches of snow accumulated on the roof of the gazebo in the backyard, the weather prediction for this first day of March is undecided, maybe snow, maybe not, maybe rain, maybe not, maybe freezing rain, maybe not... Typical Canadian weather. One thing I have noticed is that the sun is much higher in the sky. There is just something about stepping outside and being greeted by the sun higher on the horizon. It can make even a frigid day a little more tolerable. Seeing geese flying overhead was always a sure sign that Spring was near. One cannot conclude that anymore. Geese have developed this uncanny knack of being able to find Winter sustenance flying from corn field to corn field. Back in Ajax, on the goose dropped shores of Lake Ontario, geese formations were a daily occurrence, heading north to the fields on the coldest of Winter mornings, and heading back to open waters to roost for the evening. They have long since lost their significance as a harbinger of Spring. The thawing of the snow reveals other life happening in the gardens. I have noticed that my garlic is pushing through the ground, as are the over 400 tulips and daffodils that we planted in the Fall. Some of the stalwart perennials are starting to show signs of life after the deep freeze. The melting snow reveals a great sense of life beginning. Such a Lenten theme. But along with those hopes of new growth and blossoms, there are bad signs too – voles. I have found too many signs of those nasty afflictions to the front garden. There are trails going from plant to plant, and holes dug into the roots of hardy plants. Those holes are those diabolical varmints tunneling to the roots of the plants on which they feast for their Winter food. I already fear that a couple of the showcase plants like the false indigo or the trumpet vine may not survive the infestation. Not sure if anyone has noticed, but a statue of St. Francis of Assisi is a typical addition to some gardens, especially other churches. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals. He welcomed them and apocryphal stories of him refusing to step on a spider and such, add to the mythology surrounding him and his life. Suffice it to say, I am not a Franciscan or a Francis fan, at least not where rodents, creepy crawly things, or things that go buzz in the night. Now if his statue would guarantee that those pesky fauna would leave my garden alone, I might consider placing such a statue in a place of prominence, but with the current assault on the 'lilies of the field', what with chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits, mice, voles, hawks, coyotes, and foxes all frequent visitors and destroyers at one time or another, in some form or another, let's just say Francis doesn't come anywhere near to my top ten saints. Wow, that sounds like a pre-Spring rant. On a happier note, as I was driving with my nephew the other day, we did happen to see a couple of beautiful swans flying overhead, heading north, and although the new resident goose phenomenon notwithstanding, as we squinted to watch them glide over head (as the sun was high in the sky) we gladly took them as heralds of the coming of Spring.



Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...

Soup & a Series "The Chosen"

The Chosen is a series now preparing for its fourth season. It depicts the life of Jesus with his apostles. It is a very intriguing and down to earth vision of what the interactions may have looked like without a typical overly pious, saccharinely approach. It will inspire, and inform and enlighten and challenge you. We have decided to offer it during Lent as our Soup and a Movie. Each week we will show two episodes from Season 1. Show will start at 12 noon and since the episodes are usually less than an hour in length, be finished by 2 pm. There is no cost, though donations to help defray the cost of the soup and buns is always appreciated. Please join us for this great journey of the greatest story.



**Thursdays during Lent
12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
starting Thursday, March
2, 2023**

**Please reserve by calling
the Parish Office**

Paper Bulletins



It has come to our attention that some people do not have access to email so are not able to receive the parish bulletin online. We are trying our best to stay paperless as much as possible but do not want our parishioners to miss out. If you could like a printed copy of the bulletin please let the parish office know and we will do our best to arrange to have a paper copy ready for you on Sunday's.



**Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, March 31st
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

\$12 per person or 25 for a family of 4

Turkey and Syria Earthquake Humanitarian Relief

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website –
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>

By phone through the Development Office –
416-934-3411

Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish – Turkey and Syria
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Community Bread

One of the truly great outreach efforts into those in need in our community, is Community Bread. If you don't know, each Monday night, teams of people from St. John's & St. Elizabeth Seton, among others, serve hot, delicious meals to an ever increasing number of people. It is run out of St. John's Parish hall because of its location and ease for people to attend. Infrequently they need an extra boost of finances to keep this essential ministry solvent. They are asking for our help this Week to support OUR efforts in serving the poor. Please give what you can. Thank You.

The Week of Reconciliation March 20 - 25.

We will offer times as follows:

Monday, March 20 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am
(provided there is no funeral)
Tuesday, March 21 from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Wednesday, March 22 from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 23 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 25 from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Please note that the Sacrament will not be available after April 5 as we enter into the Sacred Triduum.



Stations of the Cross



Join us every Friday during Lent at
7pm for the Stations of the Cross.

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
Hallie Lynn

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
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

Lent

There is an annual rhythm to the cycle of the Gospels during Lent, especially when we are in cycle A of the Sunday readings. The First Sunday Gospel is always a version of the Temptation of Jesus in the desert. The second is always the story of the Transfiguration. The third week is the Woman at the well. The fourth is the man born blind and the fifth is the raising of Lazarus which leads us into Passion Sunday. This rhythm is expressed so wonderfully in the song that is frequently sung during this time, 'Jerusalem, My Destiny.' Funny enough, I have heard that song for a couple of decades, and in my slow, musical intelligence, I never made the connection. When I finally realized the song encompassed the whole journey with Lent, it was a light bulb going off and now I enjoy it so much more and to most people's chagrin, especially the poor deacons, sing it with that much more gusto.

The significance of the Temptation of Jesus is obvious as a Lenten theme. It grounds our journey on the firm foundation of Jesus as Messiah, here to bring us back into right relationship with God as we embark on this journey. This week's Gospel, the Transfiguration, may not be so obvious. Scholars go back and forth as to why it is really placed here as a Lenten passage.

But even in the title itself, the Transfiguration, there is great insight as to the purpose of this whole discipline. As a society, we live mostly oblivious to our need to transform ourselves, and also the very institutions which shape our day to day lives. Sometimes the prospect of conquering the godlessness in this big, behemoth organizations are so daunting, and insidious, that we are numbed into a helpless submission. It seems too big and powerful and unconquerable.

That was the same situation Mother Teresa confronted in the streets of Calcutta. Her solution was to do what little she could, one dying person laying on the street at a time. She could offer this one person the comfort of not being alone, and having the forgotten or ignored humanity restored by the simple act of having their hand held or a sip from a cup of water. That was the essence of her ministry and she changed the world. The biggest Transfiguration was in Mother Teresa herself.

So too with us, by exploring the mystery of what it means to be baptized into the very life of Jesus, we are called to root out those fears and selfishness that stand in our way of truly becoming like Christ in this world. The more we enter into the very divinity inherent in our being created in the image and likeness of God, the more we surrender to the awareness of our own grace-filled lives, the greater awareness we have of life as gift, the more we will be transfigured.

This is precisely the journey of Lent for us. Anything less is paying lip service to our faith. So we stand atop that mountain, basking in the glory of Jesus, recognizing that that same glory is being offered to us if we but have the courage to accept it, and unleash it on our world. And the truth is, the world is in desperate need of the witness and example of us transformed.



The Life of Our Parish in March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am</p>  <p>1st Communion Retreat</p>	<p>2 Bible Study 7pm</p> 	<p>3 Stations of the Cross 7pm</p> 	<p>4 2nd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>1st Communion Retreat</p> 
<p>5 2nd Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>6 1st Communion Retreat</p> 	7	<p>8 K of C General mtg.</p> 	<p>9 Bible Study 7pm</p> 	<p>10 Stations of the Cross 7pm</p> 	<p>11 3rd Sunday of Lent</p>
<p>12 3rd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Daylight Savings time begins</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Spring Break</p>	<p>14 CWG General Mtg.</p> 	15	<p>16 Bible Study 7pm</p> 	<p>17 Stations of the Cross 7pm</p> 	<p>18 4th Sunday of Lent</p>
<p>19 4th Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>20 Solemnity of St. Joseph</p> <p>Week of Reconciliation</p> <p>Reconciliation 10:30 to 11:30</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Reconciliation 12:30 to 1:30pm</p>	<p>22 K of C Exec Mtg</p>  <p>Reconciliation 5:00 to 6:00pm</p>	<p>23 Bible Study 7pm</p>  <p>Reconciliation 7:00 to 8:00pm</p>	<p>24 Stations of the Cross 7pm</p> 	<p>25 5th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Annunciation of the Lord.</p> <p>CWG Pie Sales</p>  <p>Reconciliation 2:30 to 3:30pm</p>
<p>26 5th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>CWG Pie Sales</p> 	27	28	29	<p>30 Bible Study 7pm</p> 	<p>31 Stations of the Cross 7pm</p> <p>Fish Fry 5pm</p> 	

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