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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

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905-898-4264

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905-898-4137 ext. 226

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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



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor

Deacon Marian Pawlitzko

Deacon Stephen Pitre

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch

Sacramental Coordinator

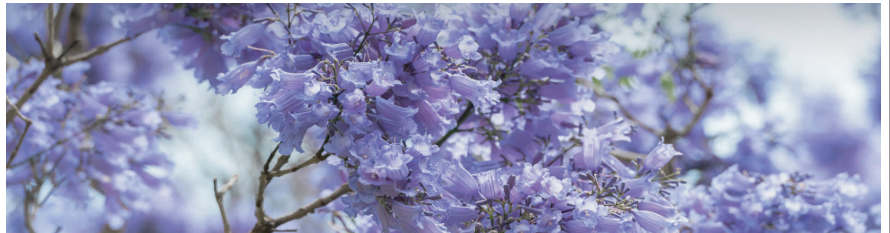
Baptisms, First Communion & Confirmations ~ Jennifer McAvoy

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, March 20th

10am: John Douris
Req. by: Gerow Family

Tuesday, March 21st

10am: Ana Nikolic
Req. by: Greta Soares

Wednesday, March 22nd

10am: Margaret Swain
Req. by: Doreen Fyse

Thursday, March 23rd

10am: Giuseppe D'urzo
Req. by: Anne & Peter Langan

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.

Parishioners are able to contribute online by going to:

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

Stations of the Cross



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

Envelope # 296 -

Who are you????

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

Parish Giving

March 12th

Offertory	\$5,249.41
SES Building	\$ 431.35

Month of February PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory	\$3,969.86
SES Building Fund	\$ 322.00
ShareLife	\$ 365.00

Ruminations

One of the scripture stories that I have dismissed off handedly as being rather insignificant was the woman who had lost one of her coins. She searches high and low and sweeps the house clean until she finds the coin, and when she does, she celebrates profusely. I guess she never had a St. Anthony to intercede on her behalf. There are many times when I have had recourse to the patron saint of lost items. Some of them have turned up, and some haven't. I am still waiting for the lost winning lottery numbers to appear, but alas, they remain elusive and at bay. In one of my moves from parish to parish, I lost a briefcase. I have lots of carrying bags for books and computers. It is not that I am in great need, but that briefcase has sentimental value. It was a Christmas gift from mom and dad in my third year of university. In my Sports Administration program, the third year transitioned into a heavy focus on the commerce side. The first two years, most of our classes were held at the physical education building and so the dress clothes were track pants and gym shirts. It was great because the shirts could be turned in at the phys. Ed. counter and exchanged as they would clean the old ones. The third year was a drastic educational and cultural shift. The expectations included even dressing appropriately in preparation for entering into the business world. NO self-respecting third year student would transport their text books and note pads in a mere knapsack. A briefcase was next to a necessity, and though I really had no intention of buying one, after Christmas I returned to classes in January with my first set of glasses (that was the year I began needing glasses for seeing distances like the blackboard – though I still do not need them to read). Suddenly I felt more like a business student, though if the truth be known, lugging a knapsack in the frigid winter temperatures was much easier and much warmer than leaving one's hand exposed to carry the briefcase, and windy winter winds could wreak havoc while walking to and from class. It has been gone for over two decades and I still have a lingering hope that one day it will show up. Again, alas. Well, last year I purchased a new iPod. It was a bit of an ordeal because I had heard that the iPod were going out of production, and I haven't shifted into the latest music resources like Spotify or whatever is out there. I always had visions of transferring all my CD collection onto an iPod but the machines never had enough space until the last version. I searched the various stores and found just what I was looking for at a store in Markham and so I reserved it on line and went and picked it up. My old iPod with the transfer of a D.J. friends repertoire of over 6,000 songs, plus part of my own collection of over 2,500 songs had maxed out the capacity. This new version should allow me to put my whole collection on it. Well, it went missing. It has been missing since October. I looked high and low, and swept the house, the office, the car, the gym bags, everything I could think of to no avail. Even recourse to St. Anthony turned up nothing. I was invited to present to the CWG about Lent, and so I was digging around some of my resources. I was looking for a memory stick (which is still missing) and I was digging through my computer bag which I hadn't opened since the priests' seminar back in October, and low and behold, what do you think I found – no, not the memory stick, but my long lost iPod. Though he was a little slow off the take, St. Anthony came through, and yes, like the woman who lost a coin, I was ecstatic, and the truth be told, I think my iPod was a little bit more costly than her coin. What was lost has been found.

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 and ending March 30th**

**Please reserve by calling
the Parish Office**

The Week of Reconciliation March 20 - 25.

We will offer times as follows:
(provided there is no funeral)

Monday, March 20 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am
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.



ShareLife

ShareLife Time is almost upon us. Its origin as a specifically Catholic Charity started in 1976 as a response to its Prolife stance. The primary charitable organization that was funding many of the charities at the time was the United Way. As the United Way supported organizations promoting abortion, the Archdiocese decided to deliberately separate itself from the Toronto United Way.

ShareLife was started to support organization which promoted Catholic values. To date, ShareLife supports over forty organizations serving: Families, Immigrants & Refugees, People with Special Needs, Seniors, Young Parents, Children & Youth, International Development & Missions, Vocations, and a whole host of others.

In our support of ShareLife, the Church works through us, and we become part of the outreach of the Church to those in need.

The Mission of ShareLife is:

**By supporting agencies that serve
those who are poor, vulnerable and
marginalized, and that operate in line
with the values of our faith, you bring the
hands of Christ to people in need.**

Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 31st

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

\$12 per person

or \$25 for a family of 4

The First Full Moon of Spring

The first full moon of Spring this year is Wednesday, April 5. This determines the date of Easter. The Sunday directly following this first full moon (liturgically called the Paschal Full Moon) is Easter Sunday.



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
Carmen Baldacchino
Mervin Correa
Leo Cadia Vaz

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
Trice Hawkins
Carole Carter
Lawrence Cooper

Laura Rostron
Richard Ayson
Gina Santagato
Alexis Carvajal
Jose Fonseca
Catherine Kirk
Albina Barber
Santiago Garcia
Hallie Lynn
Morgan Leung
Antonia Fabrizi
Theresa Wharton
Lita Malixi
Angel Malixi

Lent

It is hard to think of the season of Lent without considering the Sacrament of Reconciliation. People of a certain vintage know it more commonly as Confession, but the reality is, confessing one's sin is only a small part of the sacrament. Historically, the sacrament was celebrated much differently than it is now. We can thank the Irish missionaries for abbreviating the process.


In the old days, after sins were confessed, the penitent was placed in a group called the Order of Penitents. During this time of reparation, which could quite an extensive amount of time depending on the severity of the sin, the penitents were barred from receiving the Eucharist. When the time of penance was completed, the penitents would be received back into the community, usually on Holy Thursday. This revealed one of the effects of sin, the fracturing or harming of the Church. In a sense, the process of reconciliation set the sinners outside the community until they were ritually received in again. We certainly have lost that aspect of sin as it has become exceedingly individualistic and personal. Thus the order of the Sacrament was confession, penance and then absolution which restored to sinner into right relationship with the Church.

At its beginning, each member was allowed only one slip up, and one chance at being reconciled. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was not a repeatable sacrament. Thus emerged a tradition of trying to wait until the death bed to celebrate it. This mentality has been transferred to the Anointing of the Sick as people wait until the last moment almost like a "get out of jail free exercise."

This practice slowly gave way in many parts because of the Irish missionaries. The Celtic Church had a long history of its own development, mostly because of the remoteness of the Emerald Isle. As Ireland began sending missionaries forth, the order of the sacrament became confession, penance given at the time with the stipulation that it be completed, and absolution given conditionally on the expectation that the penance will be done. The missionaries didn't have time to wait around for an extended period of penance. In a sense, you were on your honour. This is the exercise we have today. Absolution is given on the condition that the penance is performed.

Realize that this is a quick overview of the history, painted with an extremely wide brush. It is an interesting history all the same, as is the history of the Celtic Church which was eventually quashed by Rome, especially through the efforts of St. Wilfrid of Canterbury in the 7th century. Our present day celebration of Reconciliation, along with the great Easter Vigil fire are few remnants from the Irish Church.

Reconciliation is one of those misunderstood and misused sacraments. The annual rhythm of twice a year has a lot of wisdom as a spiritual practice. The old practice of weekly confession was a bit of a misuse of the Sacrament based on a particular understanding of the true value of Reconciliation as a spiritual tool for growth. Most of the laundry lists that we were taught to confess miss the mark. Most times, those list items are symptoms of a deeper reality of which we need to get in touch, to recognize why we do what we do, and in that way, become aware of the patterns and motivations that shape how we live in our world. Until we confront them, we will never truly be free, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is all about Freedom.



**When was the last
time you celebrated
God's invitation to
be Free?**



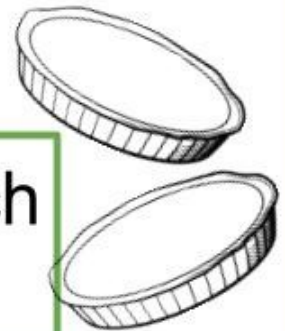
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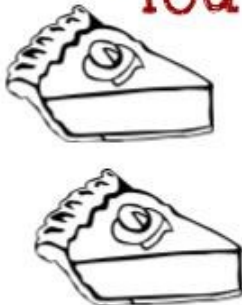
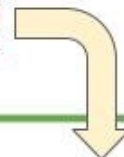
Pie Sales are back!!!

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Pick up your pie plates after each Mass on March 18th & 19th

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Pies and baked goods may be purchased AFTER each Mass on March 25th & 26th

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