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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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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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor

Deacon Marian Pawliszko

Deacon Stephen Pitre

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch

Sacramental Coordinator

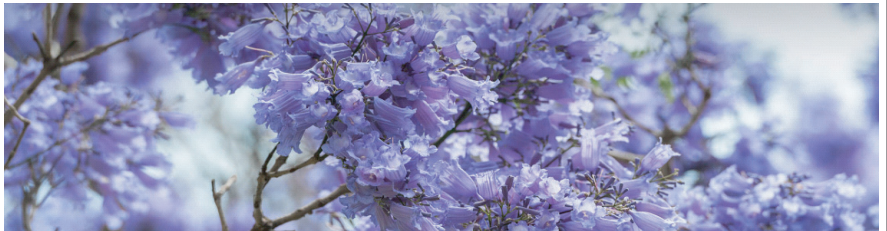
Baptisms, First Communions & Confirmations ~ Jennifer McAvoy

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, March 27th

10am: Aidan Moran
Req. by: John Beard

Tuesday, March 28th

10am: Barrie Brewer
Req. by: Liz Pottie

Wednesday, March 29th

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

Thursday, March 30th

10am: Bill McDonald
Req. by: Linda McDonald

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/

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 19th

Offertory	\$6,088.35
SES Building	\$ 145.00

Month of March PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

Ruminations

I suppose I must confess that I have become somewhat of a fair weather person. I concluded last October that this was not the year of the Stanley Cup returning to its rightful home in Toronto. Baseball is too slow a game to keep my attention, so unless it is the World Series involving the Blue Jays, I need to be pretty desperate to watch it. I can die happy without ever going to the Skydome or whatever it is called now. As the American College sports is in the midst of the throws of March Madness basketball (a sport which has far too many whistles and fouls) I only watch the Catholic universities and once they are out, well... and let's face it, my alma mater Notre Dame didn't even make it this year. This means that they didn't even crack the top 68 universities, behind teams with such names as the Paladins, or the Frogs, or Terrapins – it's a turtle, and the Fighting Irish couldn't beat a turtle? It is almost like an Aesop's fable. Anyway, it is unfortunate that this fair weather attitude has infiltrated my walking routine. There was a time when I would walk a certain route almost every night, unless the weather was exceedingly harsh. I would love walking in snow storms and rain, on windy nights and in cold. I'm not sure if it was a sense of bravado or defiance, or just enjoying the challenge – likely a bit of it all. Especially during the lockdowns of Covid, it was certainly a spirit of un-conquerability. Since all the restrictions have been lifted, my motivation has waned. It has been months since I went out for an invigorating walk. I would start to get dressed for an outing and then see the flags flapping in the breeze and figured the wind-chill was too much. Or if we had a recent snowfall, I surmised that the roadways (I walk on the road, not the sidewalk as they sidewalks with their uneven piece have been the cause of several bloody scraps and falls) may be too icy and treacherous. Or an episode of Blue Bloods comes on which I haven't seen, or I just didn't feel like it which is more the case. Well, in the first hours of Spring officially arriving I decided it was time to overcome the apathy and lethargy and get outside. It was a repeat episode of Blue Bloods so I had no real excuse. There was no wind to speak of and the thermometer was reading above zero. I had no meetings or appointments. Out the door I went embarking on my 45 minute hike. Other than the throngs of people who attend daily Bingo, there is little traffic in the industrial area behind the church. With my fixation with numbers, there was a time when I would count and record the number of cars that would pass me. So this first day back, there was a car speeding by who abruptly slowed down and stopped ahead of me. All kinds of things go through one's mind – do I know them; am I going to be kidnapped, is it a disgruntled Habs' fan seeking revenge? I cautiously approach him on the other side of the road, just in case. In my finest posture of strength, I kept my eyes straight ahead, trying my best to ignore him and portraying an air of nonchalance. As I was passing him he rolled down the window and asked, "Hey buddy, you out for a refreshing walk?" I replied yes and told him I needed to lose a few. I had a bulky winter coat on so he had no idea that it was really more than a few. He then said, "Good on you, I was just looking to see if you needed a ride." I was both pleased and relieved. But then I realized, I must have looked like a wearied straggler dragging his sorry butt down the street, rather than a seasoned walker out for the health of it. I think I need to keep walking more, but thanks buddy, that was a kind offer, even if he did have a Canadians bumper sticker. I called it my walk of lame.

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**

ShareLife

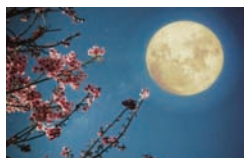
ShareLife Time is almost upon us. Its origin as a specifically Catholic Charity started in 1976 as a response to its Pro-life stance. The primary charitable organization that was funding many of the charities at the time was the United Way. As the United Way supported organizations promoting abortion, 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.**

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.



Breaking In A New Bishop

On Saturday, March 25, 2023, a new Bishop was installed as the Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Toronto. Bishop Francis Leo will be elevated to Archbishop & installed as the Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Every diocese has a bishop as its leader. Some dioceses are historically significant and the ‘mother’ diocese as new dioceses are formed from the ‘mother’ diocese. These ‘mother’ dioceses are elevated to the rank of an Archdiocese. Toronto is the largest English speaking diocese in Canada. It has also ‘birthed’ other diocese around it.

In 1842, Toronto itself was subdivided from the first English speaking diocese of Kingston. Later, the diocese of London, Peterborough, St. Catharine’s & Hamilton were subdivided off of Toronto.

The leader of an Archdiocese is always an Archbishop. Again, some of the more significant Archdioceses have the potential of having the Archdiocese elevated to the rank of a Cardinal. Toronto has had four Cardinals over its history. Cardinal James McGuigan was the first Cardinal here, back in 1946. He was followed by Archbishop Philip Pocock who was never elevated. He was followed by Cardinal Emmett Carter elevated on June 30, 1979. Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic was his successor and he was elevated to Cardinal on February 18, 1998. Upon his retirement, Thomas Collins took over and he was elevated to Cardinal on February 11, 2006. Who knows whether or not our new Archbishop will be so honoured. It is kind of the expectation.

Because the Archdiocese of Toronto is rather large, there are four Auxiliary Bishops to help with the scope of work. These Bishops serve various regions. Our regional Bishop is Bishop John Boissonneau. The others are Bishops Robert Kasan, Ivan Camilleri, & Vincent Nguyen.

Lenten Fish Fry Friday, March 31st

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

\$12 per person

or \$25 for a family of 4

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
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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

The fifth Sunday of Lent holds a unique position. On the one hand, it is the last Gospel before everything switches into an immediate anticipation of Easter and the celebrations of the Resurrection. The following Sunday begins Holy Week and we begin with a commemoration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

In the regular cycle of the Lectionary, the year A gospel presents the story of the raising of Lazarus. As much as we may marvel at Lazarus coming back from the dead, the thrust of the story is much more than a prelude to what we hope awaits us.

We ask the Elect preparing for the sacraments of Initiation to reflect upon the things in their lives that reek of death. Just as Jesus instructed the family of Lazarus to remove all the bandages and wrappings of death, so are the Elect and we along with them, are called to discern everything in our lives that takes life away.









That speaks of the essence of our Lenten journey. It is an annual invitation look at our lives, but in a particular context—our lives in the midst of a society, as the lost Popes have described as a culture of death. It reminds us that sin is not just individual, but it is communal. We live in a society that is trying to make everything subjective—truth, beauty and ultimately reality. The individual becomes the center of the world, with little or no care for others or a common good.

It takes a bit of work to see how much the world influences our lives, our thoughts and outlooks. That is one of the reasons this season of Lent it called the Period of Purification & Enlightenment for those adults seeking Initiation. The title gives a hood hint as to the direction of our own Lenten journey. We are invited to Purify ourselves. This is more than merely calling to mind our sin, making a list and checking it twice. It is to discern what our authentic sin is—how it affects the Body of Christ—how it acts to keep God at bay - how it makes us lesser than we are called to be - how it cheats us of the very gift of life God has bestowed on us. We are invited to be Enlightened with our baptism spirituality. This enlightenment is about striving to see the world through God's eyes—to see our relationships through God's eyes—to see our lives through God's eyes.

All these things serve to enwrap us in a mantle of death that weighs us down. As they act to deaden our spirit and our hope, as they act to blind us or dull our existential hopes, they insidiously blur our goal and our relationship with God. Too many Christians have failed to encounter the genuine love of God. Too many fear that the love of God is conditional—conditional on doing the right thing (which is not bad), or saying the right thing (again, a good thing to do), or saying our prayers rightly (still not a bad thing), or attending as many masses as possible (not a bad thing). None of these can make God love us any more or any less. The Paschal Mystery is God's definitive statement to us that we are loved—all of us, the saint and the sinner, the rich and the poor, the homeless and the drug addict, the alcoholic and the torturer, the oppressed and the oppressor. The challenge is for us to live lives congruent with our Enlightened knowledge of how much and how eternally we are loved by God.,



The Life of Our Parish in April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1 Palm Sunday</p> 
<p>2 Palm Sunday</p> 	3	4	<p>5 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am</p> 	<p>6 Holy Thursday Mass- 7:30pm</p>  <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>Office Closed at noon</p>	<p>7 Good Friday</p>  <p>Good Friday</p> <p>Services at 11am & 3pm</p>	<p>8 Holy Saturday</p> <p>Easter Basket Blessing: 10am (English); 11am (Polish)</p> <p>Easter Vigil 8pm</p> 
<p>9 Easter Sunday</p> 	10	<p>11 CWG General mtg.</p>  <p>Office reopens</p>	<p>12 K of C Gen.</p> 	<p>13 Confirmation Retreat</p>	14	<p>15 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>1st Communion</p> 
<p>16 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>1st Communion</p> 	17	18	19	20	21	<p>22 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>1st Communion Sunday</p>  <p>CWG Spaghetti Dinner</p>
<p>23 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>1st Communion Sunday</p> 	24	<p>25 Feast of St. Mark</p>	<p>26 K of C Exec.</p> 	27	28	<p>29 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>1st Communion Sunday</p> 
<p>30 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>1st Communion Sunday</p> 						

CWG Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Starting with Mass at 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker:

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We have raised over \$6,000 to help support our parish efforts of feeding those who need a bit of a hand up. Every Monday evening, a warm, delicious meal is provided for those in need. It is made by the hands of parishioners from St. John's & St. Elizabeth Seton. If you are interested in being part of this incredible ministry, email them at: communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

Spaghetti Dinner

It is back!

**Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner
hosted by the CWG.**

It will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023 following the 4:30 pm Mass.

Tickets will be available soon.

Mark your Calendar and plan

to pick up your tickets soon before it is sold out!

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