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Mass Times:

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

All will be lived streamed.

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Monday to Thursday: 10:00am

All Masses are live-streamed

\*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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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

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023



## Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor

Deacon Marian Pawlitzko

Deacon Stephen Pitre

## Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch

Sacramental Coordinator

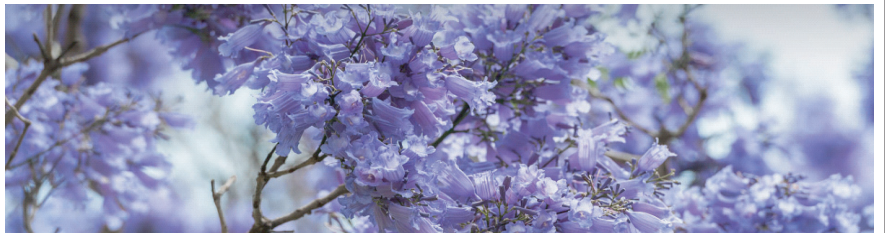
Baptisms, First Communions & Confirmations ~ Jennifer McAvoy

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, April 3rd

10am: Dario Dicenso

Req. by: Cupe 1571

### Tuesday, April 4th

10am: Gary Bannon

Req. by: Maryanne & Lindsay Brooks

### Wednesday, April 5th

10am: T.J. Harrison

Req. by: Loved ones

### Thursday, April 6th

10am: HOLY THURSDAY

Req. by:

### 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:

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## Envelope # 296 -

## Who are you????

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

**Thank you.**



## Parish Giving

### March 26th

Offertory	\$4,034.35
SES Building	\$ 120.00
ShareLife to date	\$9,220.00

### Month of March PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

## Ruminations ....

I was never a latchkey kid. It was not that mom and dad didn't trust me with a key to the house, the reality was that we didn't own a key to the house. Our doors were never locked. It didn't matter if we were away for mere hours or days, the doors were never locked. The first time that we did lock the door was the year the whole family jam packed the car to drive me to Sudbury to drop me off at the residence. It felt kind of weird. Preparations didn't just include packing things, it also included buying and installing a new door knob that came with a key. It felt so strange watching dad place the key in the door and lock it – for the first time ever. It was years later, after ordination, that I was given a key to the house. At first I refused it as it marked a passing of an era, and besides, either mom or dad were usually home anyway. Great personal caution was usually reserved for trips to Toronto. Whenever I would venture forth, I was always fearful of pickpockets and the like, so I usually walked with one hand in my pocket protecting my wallet. Trips to the Canadian National Exhibition, or the Eaton's Centre, or the Art Gallery of Ontario were always tinged with a heightened sense of awareness and vigilance. In the seminary, our classes were downtown Toronto and we had a daily commute on the subway. I have to confess that no matter how novel it was the first year of commuting, I never did get comfortable in the crowds, no matter how indifferent the other riders seemed. I guess you can never take away the small town boy. In fact, if I never went to Toronto for the rest of my life, I would die happy. Well, preparing for Easter has been in full swing here for a number of weeks now. At this time of year, I really miss Pier 1, and White Rose Nursery. I happened to pop in to HomeSense to look for a couple of items and came away with a couple of items which you will likely see on display with the Easter décor. It was such a beautiful sunny day that I opted not to wear my coat, but as I was wearing my track pants, it created a bit of a predicament as my wallet was a bit large and bulky. Notice I said was. Somewhere between the check out and my car, it must have popped out of my pocket in the parking lot. It wasn't even five minutes that I discovered that it was missing. Frantically I retraced my steps expecting to see it laying on the road way or at the entrance to the store. It wasn't there. I went to the service counter totally expecting that someone had just turned it in, but alas no. My driver's license, my health card, my S.I.N. card, my credit and debit cards (plural because I still had mom's banking card, my CAA card, my Aeroplan card, my Loblaws card, etc, etc, etc were now in the hands of someone else. There was also an undisclosed amount of cash because I had no idea how much was in there because I rarely use cash. And it was late Friday afternoon, so the banks had closed, the Ontario Service office closed. I was without i.d. It was a very helpless feeling, and then began the wait for Monday morning to begin renewing all the lost important items. I kept expecting the wallet to show up. I visited Home Sense four more times over the course of the weekend hoping that someone had turned it in. I kept checking the mailbox thinking that some kind Samaritan would drop it off as they could get my address from my license. Nothing showed up. It is disheartening to know that there are people who live with such little respect for others, so little concern for doing the right thing, and so little concern for the hardship they inflict on others. Now I happened upon the Scripture passage that states "those sins you retain are retained". I was tempted. I think the hardest loss though was my Bradford Greenhouse card which has a lot of points on it, and with the planting season soon upon us, I will be really upset if they realize it and spend all my points. Perhaps the wallet will yet be resurrected. St. Anthony, where are you?

*Fr. Roy*



## Announcements and Events...

### Holy Week Schedule



**Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)**  
 Saturday, April 1st, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 2nd, 2023 - 9:00 am  
 and 11:00 am



**Sacred Triduum**  
 Holy Thursday, April 6th  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
 7:30 pm



Good Friday, April 7th  
**Veneration of the Cross**  
 11:00 am & 3:00 pm.



Holy Saturday, April 8th  
**Office of the Readings &  
 the Blessing of Easter  
 Baskets** (English)- 10:00 am  
 Blessing of Easter Baskets (Polish)  
 12:00 noon

(Please note that we will not have a 4:30 mass  
 this day)



**Great Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm**  
 please note that this celebration will  
 be about 2 1/2 hours long



**Easter Sunday,**  
 April 9th, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Parish office will close at noon on April  
 8th and reopen at 9am on April 11th.

### **Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!**

The CWG would like to thank all of you for your tremendous support of our Pie Sales. The bakers really stepped with a wonderful variety of delicious pies and goodies. Because of your support, we are able to provide the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with a donation of \$1500. There is still time to work off all those calories before Easter.



### **CWG Meeting**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Starting with Mass at 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker:



Overwhelmed? Not sure where to begin? We know how challenging it can be to think about sorting through a lifetime's worth of possessions. Your Diva can work with you to start de-cluttering and find new homes for items you no longer want, use or need. Start small but start today!

### **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!

### **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

Holy week, just as the name implies, is the most important week in our liturgical calendar. It is marked by liturgies and ritual actions that are unique in our preparations for Easter. They are intended to help us focus on the revelation of our God. They are intended to speak to us at an existential level and can serve to immerse us into a deeper abundance in our own lives.










We enter into Holy Week with Passion Sunday. It is more affectionately referred to Palm Sunday, mostly because of the tradition of using palms to commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem prior to the crucifixion. Let's face it, the use of palms is really a Mediterranean thing. In colder climates where there are no palms, other items are used, like pussy willows, forsythia, evergreen branches or whatever happens to be available. The palms were used to celebrate victory and strength. In warmer climates, the Mass would begin outside and the whole congregation would process into the Church. It is the fullness of this procession that is abbreviated on a regular Sunday, but the marching in of the priests in ministers represents the whole church on its journey to the kingdom of God. Think of what this would speak to us about who we are and what our celebration would mean if we all processed in each week—highly impractical, but exceedingly meaningful.

The last Mass of Lent is not a parish event. In fact, there is no provision for a local celebration of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. The Mass on holy Thursday is called the Mass of the Chrism and is held only at the Cathedral where the Bishop presides with all the assembled priests. The three oils are blessed, the oil of the Sick, the oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism (which is consecrated, not blessed). At that celebration, the priests also renew their priestly promises. Usually this celebration has been transferred to holy Tuesday as the Sacred Triduum preparations take time and it is too hard to get back to the parish in time after the festivities.

The Holy Three days or the Sacred Triduum begins with sundown on Thursday. Lent is over and the Church enters into this organic three days. Our liturgical counting goes from sundown to sundown. Day one begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper where the institution of the Eucharistic meal is celebrated. It is celebrated with the Washing of the Feet. What does that tell us about Eucharist. That celebration does not end with a blessing or dismissal as the Church reconvenes on Good Friday (still day one of the Triduum) to recount John's Passion account leading to the veneration of the Cross. This is the main theme of the day. The Church is then silent for the remainder of day one, and day two. No sacraments are permitted - no baptisms, no funerals, no weddings, no nothing, except anointing of the sick in extreme danger of death. Finally after sundown on Holy Saturday, which marks the beginning of day three, the Church explodes with the Great Easter Vigil, the holies of all our liturgical celebrations and as St. Augustine called it, "the Mother of all Liturgies". We light the new paschal candle at the bonfire, we process into the darkness of the Church setting it aglow with our candles, we proclaim the Exultet and sing of 'O happy fault of Adam', we recount seven readings tracing our journey from creation to the resurrection, we initiate new adult members, we renew our own baptism vows, we ring out a cacophony of alleluias, and we enter into our fifty days of Easter celebrations. If you truly want to know who we are as followers of Christ, there is no better time than to immerse ourselves into the very rhythm and reflection of these holy three days.



# 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 &amp; 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>Women in Ministry</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> 						



St. Elizabeth Seton

CWVG



# Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 22, 2023

**TIME: 5:30 PM**

**COST: \$12 for adults**

**\$5 for children 7 and under**

**ALL TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME:**

- \* AFTER EACH MASS ON APRIL 15 - 16
- \* VISIT, CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE
  - >>> 905-853-5009
  - >>> [st.elizabethseton@rogers.com](mailto:st.elizabethseton@rogers.com)

- \* ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED/RESERVED BY THURSDAY APRIL 20

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