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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**

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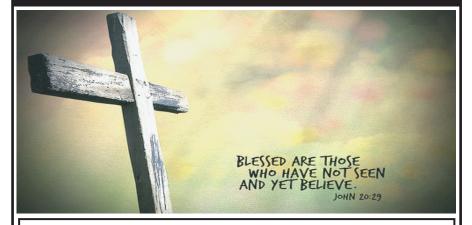
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905-895-3340

### St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023



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, April 17th

10am: All Souls in Purgatory Req. by: Loeky Gragtmans

Tuesday, April 18th

10am: George Poupard Req. by: Maureen Delaney

Wednesday, April 19th

10am: Sean Lennon

Req. by:

Thursday, April 20th

10am: Special Intentions

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: www.archtoronto.org/en/ contact-us/donations/donatepages/donate-to-humanitarianrelief/

Envelope # 296 Who are you????
Could the owner of
envelope #296 please
contact the parish office.
Thank you.



### April 9th

Easter \$21,619.95 SES Building \$910.00 Holyland \$2,326.00

#### **Month of March PAG**

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

### **Ruminations** ....

Sun up today was long before 7 am and sunset is just minutes before that 8 pm marker. We are getting to experience some extraordinarily warm spring days though in the forecast, there will still be nights when some of the more fragile plants may need to be protected from the possibility of frost. Easter was so early this year that the options for plants for the urns, and for inside the church were particularly limited. Next year Easter will be even earlier, the end of March, so maybe instead of plants for the urns, we will decorate with ice sculptures. That is one of the problems with celebrations having their roots in a Mediterranean climate. They have been experiencing spring for a couple of months already. The potential for snowstorms into May is unheard of. But while the nicer weather is here, it's time to take advantage of it. The first task was to dismantle the screens around the gardens, pulling out the stakes. It should have been an easier job, after all, some of the strong winds had blown a few of them out of their place but in some places, frozen ground still had a pretty good grip on them. Raking out the collected leaves and garbage opened up the gardens and revealed some interesting things. I have to admit, it evoked a few four-letter words – VOLE. There was lots of evidence of voles gnawing away at the roots of some of the plants. In a couple of weeks, I will find out which perennials survived and which were lost to that rodent scourge. There was so much damage in the front lawn that I think we will be calling in a service to deal with what looks like an infestation of the pests. If only they would create an artificial rodent eliminator – call it a 'Terminator' to seek and destroy them, I would buy in. We got to survey the damage that the last heavy snowfall did to the trees at the front. Two of them needed to be taken down. There is another one that has been tipped out of the ground and is just leaning there. We are trying to figure out how to salvage it as it is one of the nicest junipers up front. It certainly has left a few open spots along the front perimeter and so the decision needs to be made as to what to do. Do we replace them with junipers, or create something different? There is an arborist scheduled to come and take a look at the maple trees at the front which have come under stress over the last couple of years and so maybe he will have some ideas. It is just a bit early to tell which plants have survived, and which ones haven't. Most of the over 300 tulips and daffodils that we planted in the fall are pushing through the ground, though 300 over the 3000 square feet of gardens will hardly be noticeable. After a three year hiatus, the irrigation system will be turned on and most likely will need many repairs. We are up-grading it with some new technology. It will be able to detect rainy days and so instead of watering the gardens regardless of the rain, it will save the water and energy by not turning on. Likely some more irrigation lines will be added to cut down on the daily watering routine which on some days was taking 2 hours or more. Last year we purchased a couple of retractable hoses which made life so much easier. Well, I guess I have



to go and chase the two mallard ducks out of the garden – don't want them setting up a nest in the middle of the gardens, though apparently duck eggs are very tasty. Happy Spring.

Fr. Roy

### **Announcements and Events...**

### Those in Need - Need You

A Christianity without contact with those who suffer becomes disembodied, incapable of touching the flesh of Christ. We need instead to encounter the poor, to show preferential love for them, to let their voices be heard, lest their presence be ignored by a frivolous throw-away culture.

Pope Francis

One of the strongest and most important actions alive in the Catholic Church today, is an organization that was founded in 1833 in Parish, France. It is a lay organization, started by and run by lay people to service the impoverished people in the slums of Parish, France. We know it as the Society for St. Vincent de Paul.

For 190 years, this Society has been an important outreach addressing the many and varied needs of the people in our local communities. It is the Church in action. It is the Eucharist lived out. Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a cooperative effort between the two Newmarket Parishes, St. John's & St. Elizabeth Seton. It is a vital link between the Church and the poor whom Jesus mandated us to care for. If we do not have outreach to those in need, then we fail as Church, we fail as the Body of Christ.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message - by serving Christ through the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

We are truly blessed to have a dedicated few who carry out our Mission, who like the disciples were sent out in pairs to bring God's love & compassion to those struggling in this society. But, as everyone is well aware, the needs of the people, and the numbers of family in need are growing. Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul are very much in need of new members of all ages and ethnic backgrounds.

If you have it in your heart to lend a hand to our people in need, contact us at ssvpnewmarket@gmail.com or call (905) 898-4264 Ext. 6

Over 97% of all donations made to the Society are used in our mission of direct service to persons in need of all faiths & creeds!

### **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!

### **Dining at the Feast for the First Time**

This weekend, we begin welcoming our young people to the table of the Lord for the First Time. Our young people and their families have been preparing for this wonderful day. At every mass until April 30, a small group of young people will be joining us at the Table of the Lord for the first time. Please remember to support them with your prayers and witness and offer hospitality to their families.

### **Annual Cemetery Clean Up**

After a hiatus of several years, the annual spring cleanup of St. John's Cemetery will once again take place on **Saturday, May** 

6, from 9 am to 12 noon. Some tools will be provided but we need as many volunteers as possible with rakes and shovels. You don't need any experience and the more people we have the more fun it will be. This is an excellent opportunity for students to earn community service hours. Please consider joining us.



### 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
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Richard Ayson
Gina Santagato
Alexis Carvajal
Jose Fonseca
Catherine Kirk
Albina Barber
Santiago Garcia
Hallie Lynn
Morgan Leung
Antonia Fabrizi
Theresa Wharton
Zeny Jose



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

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Striving to be the living expression of God's love in our parish and beyond.



# Spring Easter Mood!

We invite you to a festive concert.

Our musicians will present a new program called "Spring Easter Mood!" The program will include classical and popular works by such famous composers as Beethoven, Bizet, Kreisler, Strauss, Elgar, Joplin as well as Ukrainian famous works.

Tickets can be purchased via <u>Eventbrite.ca</u> or at the door for 25\$. Limited seating available, advance ticket purchase is recommended.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall 17955 Leslie St, Newmarket Sunday, April 16th at 3:00 p.m.









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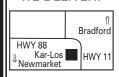
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