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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 Website: sjcses.blogspot.com

Catholic Community Servicesof York Region:905-770-7040Catholic Cemeteries:905-889-7467St. John's Cemetery905-889-7467

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 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 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, May 15th 10am: Tony Apollinaro Req. by: Nina Giannotti 10am: Souls in Purgator Req. by: Loeky Gragtmans

**Tuesday, May 16th** 10am: **No Morning Mass** Req. by:

Wednesday, May 17th 10am: No Morning Mass Req. by:

Thursday, May 18th 10am: No Morning Mass 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/



(Pre-authorized Giving)	
Sunday Offertory	\$3,969.86
SES Building Fund	\$ 322.00
ShareLife	\$ 365.00

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

It was years and years before we ever got to celebrate Mothers' Day at home. For most of my life at home, we were always off to the Farm for a family amalgamation celebrations of everyone's birthdays all at once, and it always overtook Mothers' Day. I don't think mom minded too much because there was no cooking or dishes or planning to do. And the reality was, my grandaunts liked my mom more than my dad, even though these were dad's aunts. This was a family dynamic stemming all the way back to when my Catholic grandfather was courting my Protestant grandmother. There are stories of my grandfather being chased off the farm by shotgun, to no avail. Mom always claimed that she was happy that she had a household of boys and that life would have been overly complicated with a girl. That being said, before my youngest brother was born, whom they either hoped or thought would be a girl, mom and dad had only a girl's name picked out so when he was born, the name had to be quickly adapted from Christine to Christopher. We often tease my youngest brother that he was the girl that mom and dad never had. With four boys born in four years, you can guess that it was a rather rowdy and boisterous place at times. Mom was a very athletic person, so she fit in and gave nothing away when we were younger on the baseball diamond or under the basketball hoop. On a rare and disinterested time, we would hear about mom's prowess at ballet classes. She talked about dancing on point which meant nothing to us. Every year, those grandaunts would take us to see the Nutcracker Suite, so we had a clue as to what it was all about, and none of us was interested, but the old aunts thought it was important, and plus, it gave mom and dad a break. So one day was mom was trying to educate us on the finer points of ballet pliés and jetés, she decided to demonstrate her prowess with the pirouette. We had to clear the floor, move the coffee table and the area rug, and set the stage for her first ballet performance in decades. Mom did a bit of preparatory stretching and breathing. She took a commencing stance ready to push off with her right foot to pivot on the left foot. If only we had cell phones that would record this singular event, but alas, the only remnants of this event are those etched in our memories. Mom had such poise and grace as she entered into the spin, hands daintily spread as a balance. That great poise continued as she began to fall over and crash into a metal shelving unit that held many mementos. The three shelves were filled with little kerosene lamps that we had collected from the various towns and cities where we had visited for hockey tournaments. As the shelves began to collapse, the lanterns crashed to the floor breaking and spewing shards of glass everywhere, spilling kerosene on the wall and floor, and filling the room with the acrid smell of the gas, which persisted for days. After a moment of shock, everyone including mom broke out into choruses of laughter as dad got up to help lift mom off the floor. After the laughter died down people were running for a broom, the vacuum, and towels to wipe up the kerosene. Finally, it was time to take stock of the hockey tournament souvenirs. Only two survived the calamity, which as mom lamented, they were a pain to keep dusted anyway, but the steel shelves had a permanent dent that despite dad's best efforts, could not be restored or used

again. Even though the event did not occur on a Mothers' Day, it is one that has been recounted over and over again on the blessed day. Mom agreed that she would never make it into a Degas painting and that she would stick to baseball and that her solo dancing days were over. I must confess, that was the only ballet performance that I truly enjoyed,

#### Happy Mothers' Day.



### Announcements and Events...

The Big Container As you were driving into the parking lot, you may have noticed a big shipping container. This is the container we will be shipping up to Sanirajak this summer. Over the next weeks, the North of 60 project will be filling it with the items asked for by the People of Sanirajak. Sacred Heart High School students will be coming to paint a wonderful mural on it. We will keep you informed as to the progress of this exciting project.



**Recruiting Counters** Though the Covid Pandemic has been declared no longer a world health emergency, its fallout still afflicts us, including parish life. A few stalwart parishioners have been carrying more than their fair share of keeping our Parish running. One of the ministries that is really in need of some recruits is our Collection Counters. These are the People who count the weekly collection on Sunday morning and ensure that it makes it to the Bank. If you can spare

an hour or two, once a month, then please call the Office and we will be in contact.



## **Annual Priests' Retreat**

Just a reminder about weekday Masses this up-coming week. There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Fr. Roy will be away on the Annual Priests' Retreat. Each priest is obliged to have a retreat twice a year, and for ease of scheduling, the Archdiocese provides this

opportunity. There is usually a Retreat Speaker

who directs the retreat with a couple of reflections each day. Fr. Roy will be a way with 150 of his closest priest friends. Good Luck.





The "Prayer Shawl Ministry" of our Parish would like to invite anyone that would like a "Prayer Shawl" for whatever reason, to please contact Julie Smith - email - <u>shendis@sympatico.ca</u> or contact the Parish office at - 905-853-5009 with your request. A follow up will be arranged for pick-up.

There is NO charges for the shawls.

Wishing everyone a Happy Spring!



Andy Dube Elizabeth Ryan Matteo Savella Gerber Aparicio lackson Rowan Carmen Baldacchino Mervin Correa Leo Cadia Vaz Orsola Accardi

Ana Apareció J. Gole Anna Zaryczanska Jake Tallon Victor Dumas Trice Hawkins Carole Carter Lawrence Cooper

Santiago Garcia Hallie Lynn Morgan Leung Antonia Fabrizi Theresa Wharton Zeny Jose Cheryl Tuck





