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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



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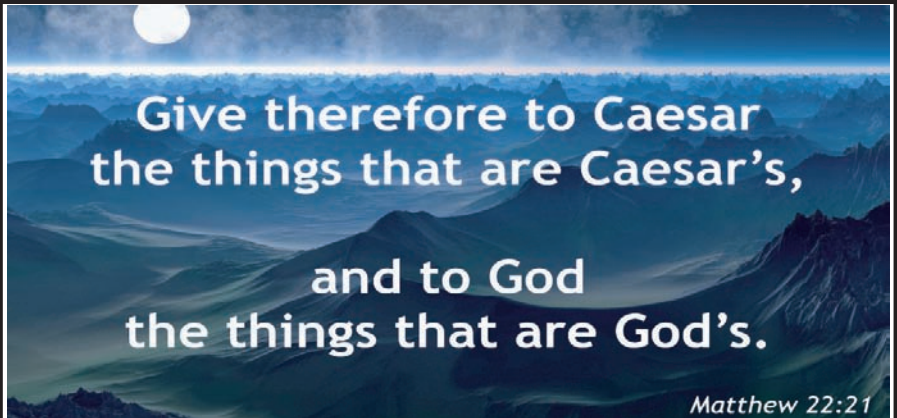
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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 22, 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 McAvo

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 October 23rd**

10am: **NO Morning Mass**

Req. by:

**Tuesday October 24th**

10am: **NO Morning Mass**

Req. by:

**Wednesday October 25th**

10am: **NO morning Mass**

Req. by:

**Thursday October 26th**

10am: **NO morning Mass**

Req. by:

**\*Fr. Roy is on Seminar this Week\***



### **Your Cancelled Stamps are Valuable**

Your cancelled stamps can make a difference. Christmas cards may soon be arriving! Please donate your stamps in the box located in the foyer of the church or by dropping them by the parish office. The money raised from the sale of the postage stamps goes to the Canadian Food for Children Mission Fund.

### **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/](http://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-humanitarian-relief/)



### **St. Vincent de Paul**

You can donate online to the Newmarket conference at:

<https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>

### **Parish Giving**

**October 8th to October 15**

Offertory \$11,812.80

SES Building \$ 2,025.00

**Month of October PAG**

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory \$3,959.72

SES Building Fund \$ 400.00

ShareLife \$ 272.00

## Ruminations ....

So one of the practices of priesthood is that each year, a priest is required to have a retreat. Ideally the retreat is supposed to be a 7-day affair, and preferably a silent one. As much as it sounds inviting and a refreshing escape from the nitty gritty of daily life, it can be exhausting and draining. I love experiencing a Jesuit retreat master- their first advice is always to take day one to rest up. Sleep in and take it easy because on day two, the work begins. The routine follows a rigorous schedule of meeting with the director and being given four scripture passages that will serve as the catalyst for four one-hour reflection periods and journaling about insights, thoughts and movements. By the end of the day, zonked just doesn't come close to describing the tiredness. The next day, you meet with the director again, discuss the previous day's adventures and set off with a new set of passages. By the time day seven rolls around, you are in desperate need of a vacation. Well, that is fine if you are on an individual retreat, but when you gather with 150 other people, the routine changes. Certainly the 7-day duration flies out the window. First there are not enough priests to fill in for absent priests. Second, it is hard to find facilities that would be able to accommodate that number of people. And third, and the organizers recognize this, there is much value in giving the priests social time. These gatherings are one of the few opportunities to get re-acquainted with classmates and friends. Each year we also have a quasi-form of professional development that we call the Seminar. It parallels the duration of the retreat, from Monday to Thursday. Each year the organizers try to find some topic or speaker that is relatively pertinent to the ministry of priests. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't, but again, one of the undercurrents of the event is to allow priests the chance to meet, socialize and commune. I remember my first seminar. It was held at Cranberry Inn in Collingwood, and the highlight of the seminar days was the happy hour. Now it was called a happy hour not because there was booze, but because it was an hour before everyone sat down to dinner and it was a lot of mulling and meeting, and sharing what was going on in parish life, and horror stories of bridezillas and the like. Through the years, the venues have changed until we settled on the Nottawasaga Inn near Alliston. It can accommodate the needs of over 300 priests, spread over two weeks. I am on the second week because it fell better into my schedule, but many of my friends were on it this past week. That means I get the scoop on what it is all about and can brace myself accordingly. The seminar is more lax with its scheduling which affords more opportunity to chill. I am looking forward to taking some time to catch up on some reading, and some thinking, and some chilling. Some of my seminary mates I haven't seen since well before Covid and it will be good to see them and share the continuing adventures of priests at large. There is one drawback though. In my first years of retreat and seminar, I remember looking at the priests who had twenty-five years of experience and more, and thinking how old they were, and we fresh young bucks had the energy and enthusiasm. Well now I am in that bracket with over 33 years under my belt (no wonder it is getting larger), and I figure the new young bucks are looking at my generation of priests through the same lens. But I get to look right back and surmise just how much they still have to learn about being priests. I guess that is the circle of life. Happy Seminar.

*Fr. Roy*



## Announcements and Events...



### St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program

The volunteers of the Giving Tree and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program are in full organization mode. Plans are well underway and we can't wait to tell you about some of the changes that we are making to the program. The Christmas Program launches next weekend and you will get all the information you need on that date to help make this year's campaigns a huge success.



### Help! Help! Help!

#### We need help Counting the Collection

Each Sunday, the Sunday offerings are counted, recorded and deposited into the Bank. It is a matter of opening envelopes, recording amounts, and creating a deposit. The task has been made much easier by the addition of a bills counter (thank you AT.) We are hoping to have teams of 3 or 4 people with a once a month obligation. To do that, we need between 6-8 people to step forward to help us out. It usually takes about an hour to an hour and a half (it would be nice for it to take longer meaning the collection was larger, but...). If you are able to help us out, please contact the Parish Office.



### Soup & a Series "The Chosen"

The Chosen, the series that depicts the life of Jesus with his apostles. Our next Soup & a Movie will be **Thursday November 2nd**. We 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.

**Please reserve by calling the Parish Office**

### ANNUAL CANDIES FOR KIDS!

We will be collecting wrapped candies and chips for  
Canadian Food for Children.

Boxes will be in the foyer of the church  
**November 1st to 13th.**

Please give generously of your  
Halloween treats!

Thank You!!



# CWG

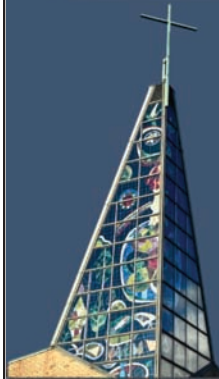


## Remembrance Vespers

**St. Elizabeth Seton Parish  
Newmarket, ON  
Sunday, October 29, 2023  
7:00pm**

Once again we will be celebrating Remembrance Vespers to commemorate our dearly departed. Names will be proclaimed during the Vespers Service and a candle will be lit for each family.

Please see the bulletin for details.



### The Annual Priests' Seminar No Weekday Masses this Week

Fr. Roy will be away on the annual Priests' Seminary this week with 150 of his closest priest friends.

There will be no weekday Masses this week.







#### Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace  
Betty Loft  
Bruce Firth  
Kathleen Todesco  
Joshua Perek  
Donna Stea-Cutting  
Andy Dube  
Elizabeth Ryan  
Matteo Savella  
Jackson Rowan  
Carmen Baldacchino  
Mervin Correa  
Leo Cadia Vaz  
Orsola Accardi  
Aria Crang  
Andy Waldherr

E. Turnbull  
Paul Jennas  
Rose Marie Scott  
Wanda Tolazzi  
Sean Coen  
Chad Buckley  
Ana Aparicio  
Anna Zaryczanska  
Jake Tallon  
Victor Dumas  
Trice Hawkins  
Carole Carter  
Lawrence Cooper  
Candice Cusinan  
Cheryl Tuck  
Stephen Murphy  
Sarah Kraft

Laura Rostron  
Richard Ayson  
Gina Santagato  
Alexis Carvajal  
Jose Fonseca  
Albina Barber  
Santiago Garcia  
Hallie Lynn  
Morgan Leung  
Antonia Fabrizi  
Theresa Wharton  
Zeny Jose  
Tammy Elkie  
Marcus D'Mello  
Lisa Stokl  
Jeanette Barbosa

# The Life of Our Parish in November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 All Saints Day</p>  <p>Prayer Shawl Min. 10am</p>  <p>Parents Catech- sis 6:30pm</p>	<p>2 Soup &amp; Move</p>   <p>Little Rock Bible Study 7pm</p> 	3	<p>4 Feast of St. Charles Borromeo</p>  <p>CWG Christmas Bazaar</p> 
<p>5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Times</p> 	<p>6 RCIA 7pm</p> 	7	<p>8 KofC Gen- eral Mtg.</p> 	<p>9. St. John Lat- eran Dedication</p>  <p>Little Rock Bible Study 7pm</p> 	10	<p>11 Feast of St. Martin of Tours</p>  <p>Reconciliation Retreat 10am</p> <p>Remberance Day</p>  
<p>12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Times</p>	<p>13 Reconcilia- tion Retreat 6:30</p> 	<p>14 CWG Gen. Mtg.</p> 	<p>15 Reconcilia- tion Retreat 6:30</p> 	<p>16 Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland</p>  <p>Little Rock Bible Study 7pm</p> 	17	18 Baptism
<p>19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Baptism 9am</p>	<p>20 RCIA 7pm</p> 	<p>21 Feast of the Presentation of Mary</p> 	<p>22 Feast of St. Cecilia</p>  <p>K of C Exec. Mtg.</p> 	<p>23 Little Rock Bible Study 7pm</p> 	24	25 Holyland Items for Sale
<p>26 Christ the King Sunday</p>  <p>Holyland Items for Sale</p>	27	<p>28 CWG Exec. Mtg.</p> 	29	<p>30 Feast of St. Andrew</p>  <p>Little Rock Bible Study 7pm</p> 		



**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
St. John Chrysostom & St. Elizabeth Seton Conference  
432 Ontario St.  
Newmarket, Ontario  
L3Y 2K4**

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” MATTHEW 25”*

Thank you for your interest in the Newmarket Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Our Conference consists of volunteers from both St. Elizabeth Seton and St. John Chrysostom Parishes. Our volunteers serve in many different capacities. As such, we are always looking for volunteers who are willing to use their time and talents in order to serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters within the Newmarket, Holland Landing and East Gwillimbury communities.

Provided below is a summary of the activities and responsibilities of Vincentians:

- Our primary method of serving the poor is by providing food gift cards. There are teams of Vincentians that rotate every Wednesday and deliver food cards to our clients. Other teams assist with packing our Good Food Box (when needed) and deliver the GFB to our clients at home. These systems are in place during for duration of the pandemic.

Some of the other activities and ways to help are as follows:

- Assisting with the distribution of the Good Food Box on-a-monthly basis.
- Assisting with the Christmas Program, or the Giving Tree or the Summer Camp registrations.
- Working with Vincentians to help coordinate the pickup and delivery of small appliances and household goods to our clients.
- Computer expertise (especially around Microsoft Access)
- Coordination of limited hydro or rental assistance payments on behalf of our clients
- Call-out volunteers, to help coordinate the Wednesday Client nights
- Responding to phone messages from people in need of assistance
- Participating in Annual membership drives and/or fundraisers
- Participating in our Annual Mass of Remembrance and taking an active part in the Spiritual development of Vincentians.
- Counting poor box money
- Taking on an Executive position within the conference
- Social Justice Initiatives
  - Low-income RESP program
  - Dental benefit for our client families
- More...

As you can see, there are many different opportunities to serve and many ways in which you can use your time and talents.

In addition to the above, we hold a general meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, between September and June to gather to plan and discuss our activities and ways to serve. (currently this is in person and on line)

We are always looking for new ways to serve and welcome new thoughts and ideas that you may bring.

We would again like to thank you for your interest in the Newmarket Conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. If you feel like you would like to move forward with an application, or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at [pmertens@bell.net](mailto:pmertens@bell.net) or 905-853-6727

May God Bless You

*Peter Mertens*  
Membership Chair

## Meet the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



### How did we start?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul started as a revival of a student run organization in Paris, France. The student run organization serving the slums of Paris in the early 1800's was suspended during the revolutionary times but was revived by a young lawyer, Frédéric Ozanam in 1833. The society has been serving the poor around the world now for over 190 years. It was a lay organization whose mission was 'the sanctification of its members through service of the poor'. They took St. Vincent de Paul as their inspiration and their patron and have developed a Catholic spiritual in helping its members grow in their faith and practice of service to God. The Society was introduced into Canada after a young Quebec medical student returned from his studies in Paris. Dr. Joseph Painchaud started the first Conference in 1846 in Quebec City. In 1848 a Montreal Society started up and one of their first missions was to visit a prison and immediately started about working for reforms.

The Society is now active in 153 countries world wide with over 800,000 members, actively serving the poor and those in need as living expressions of the Church alive, '*to serve Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and to help shape a more just and compassionate society.*'

### What do we do?

You likely have heard of the name, but there is much behind the name. There is a life-giving spirituality that immerses its members into a profound spirituality. From that awareness stems their outreach into the community serving the needs of the poor in our midst. They have various components to their work locally.

**Marygrove Camp for Girls:** this is a camp on Georgian Bay where young girls who would never have the opportunity to experience summer camps, are sponsored to spend a week communing with the beautiful area up near Midland.

**Christmas program:** a growing number of families are having great difficulty in having a joy-filled Christmas. This annual program assists family with joining in the festive nature of the Yuletide season.

**Weekly support:** we do have a consistent client base of people whom we assist each month providing food cards so they can have the dignity of shopping for their own groceries. Our clients are visited by Vincentians and encouraged through their hardships.

**Giving Tree:** during the Christmas season, there are lots of shut-ins and long-term care facility residents are overlooked and so our 'Giving tree stars' are answering a specific need of a specific person.

**Sanirajak:** this is a new initiative for us in conjunction with the 'North of 60' program, serving communities in the north of Canada. Our adopted community is north of the Arctic Circle. At the time of this article, they are experiencing only 8 1/2 hours of daylight.

### How can I help?

First, you can always remember the poor of our community in your prayers, especially when you sit down at a family meal and offer grace. Second, we have the poor boxes at the entrance of the Church, and every little bit helps. Third, please be generous in supporting our two Christmas efforts, the Giving Tree and our Christmas Program. Finally, if you can spare a couple of hours a month to live out your baptism, grow in your spirituality, join a great team of people, and answer Jesus's invitation to serve the poor, come join us.

***We can always use your help.***

# The Canadian Library

The Canadian Library (TCL) is a grassroots art installation project that is a memorial to all Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Children.

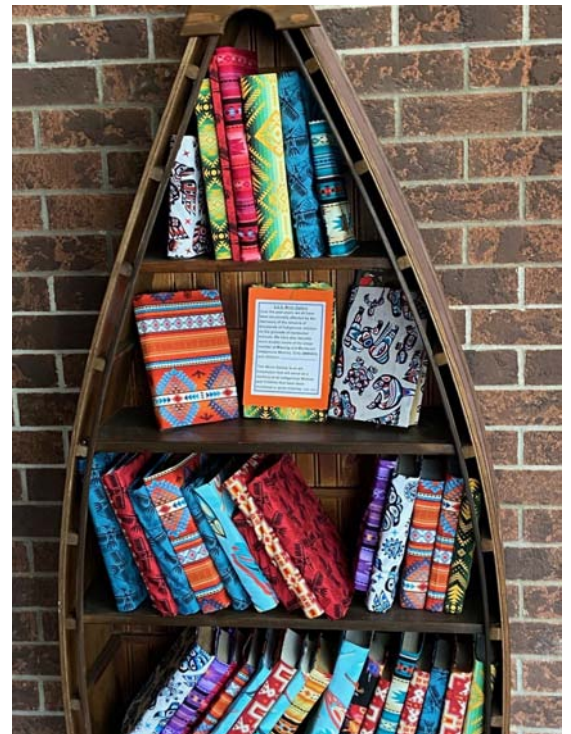
Across the country, a series of bookshelves (called Micro-galleries) containing random books covered with beautiful material adorned with indigenous motifs, designs, and colours that serve to draw attention to the struggles of the First Nations people to heal from the decades of abuse and struggles.

In order to move forward towards true reconciliation, we strive to increase the understanding amongst each other of the true history of Canada, the inequalities that exist to this day and to listen, to learn, and to practice self-reflection.

TCL facilitated the creation of Micro Galleries, as a visual lesson to raise awareness, to help settlers learn, to support and respect Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

Acknowledging the history and the wrongdoings that have occurred and are still occurring is the most important step. We provide a platform, a space where the stories of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls and children are shared.

Our C.W.G. has taken the lead on this project and kicked it off with a Day of Reflection led by Mim Harder, and indigenous elder who inspired, educated and invited us into the spirit of reconciliation.



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