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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

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905-898-4137 ext. 207

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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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

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 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 December 4th 10am: Mary Courtemanche Req. by: Ann Woolnough

**Tuesday December 5th** 10am: **Mary Rogers** Req. by: Kathrine Fitzgerald

Wednesday December 6th 10am: Claudio Delfuente Req. by: Spehar Family

**Thursday December 7th** 10am: **Mary Currie** Req. by: Maggie West

CANADA

#### 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/donatepages/donate-to-humanitarianrelief/



St. Vincent de Paul You can donate online to the Newmarket conference at: https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/ donate.html

Parish	Giving
November 26th	
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Offertory	\$1	0,123.41
SES Building	\$	165.00

Month of November PAG				
(Pre-authorized Giving)				
Sunday Offertory	\$3	,959.72		
SES Building Fund	\$	400.00		
ShareLife	\$	272.00		

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

The turning of the calendar onto the final month of December always reminds me of my third year of university. I was living on campus with four friends and some poor guy who got put in the apartment with us. The five of us had been together for three years, and this poor first year student always seemed like an outsider, not that we didn't include him in everything we did. In fact, he probably had a better social life as he was invited to participate in all the events. Anyway, the snow was covering the ground and we wanted to dress up the apartment for Christmas, so we went on a hunt for a real Christmas tree. Now this is Sudbury, and the campus was surrounded by forest. One night, under the cover of darkness, we went out searching through the bush with a saw in hand. We weren't really sure where we were, but the glow of the University library tower was our guiding light. After what seemed like hours, we came across this beautifully shaped tree about the perfect size for the apartment. So we let out our inner lumberjack and sawed that tree down and dragged it off to erect it and decorate it. It was perfect. It fit perfect. We could sit around the living room, watch the snow falling out the huge window that looked out over an island of trees and rocks, sip hot chocolate, and study for the upcoming exams. We enjoyed it so much until the day our campus newspaper came out. There was an article in it about the campus security looking for someone who cut down a pine tree that was on the golf course next door to the campus. Our hearts sank, and the curtains on the window in the loving room were drawn closed, never to be re-opened until what we thought was the perfect time and the tree was gone. Now the buddy that went with me on our tree-finding expedition tried to remember where exactly we had cut the tree down. We were sure it wasn't us but trying to retrace our footsteps proved impossible as we had wandered around and around. The promise of expulsion made us very nervous. So the build up to exams had an added burden. We discussed how to best get rid of the tree and where to dispose of it. I had the last exam so for three days I was alone in the apartment and so by default I drew the last straw. It was up to me to get rid of it as apparently it was my fault we were in this predicament. I decided to wait until after the last exam to act. In daylight, I went on a reconnaissance mission to determine the best direction and forest to re-locate the tree. After all, my last night excursion proved so fruitful. Still, we were convinced that the perpetrators of the golf course blunder was not us, but one never knows. Waiting for the operation Christmas-tree disposal, I thought it might be easier to saw the tree in pieces So once again, under the cover of darkness in the midnight hour, with most of the campus abandoned for Christmas holidays, I opened our living room window, made sure the coast was clear and chucked the pieces out of our second story window. I tossed it trying to direct it as far from a direct line under our window as possible so that it looked like it was coming from another apartment. Then I went outside and hauled it to its resting place. When I returned to the apartment, I breathed a huge sigh of relief. I wanted to text my mates or email them, but neither of those options existed, so in the morning I let them know

that the mission was a success. I vacuumed the apartment of every pine needle even getting down on my hands and knees pulling them out of the carpet. The only clue that there had even been a tree was the faint aroma of fresh pine that filled the place. I packed and headed to the bus depot to head home. Ho, ho, ho!  $\Im r. Roy$ 



#### Announcements and Events...

### Christmas Mass Schedules



#### **Christmas Eve Masses**

Sunday, December 24th 4:30pm Family Mass 8:00pm Mass

#### **Christmas Day Masses**

Monday, December 25th 9:00am & 11:00am Holiday Weekday Mass There will NOT be Mass on Tuesday, December 26th

> Sunday December 31st Feast of the Holy Family 9am and 11am **New Years Eve Mass** 4:30pm

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1st 9:00am & 11:00am

**Epiphany of the Lord** Sunday, January 7th **Regular Scheduled Sunday Mass Times Baptism of the Lord** 

Monday, January 8th **Regular Scheduled Mass Times** Thus Endth the Christmas Season



#### **The Christmas Trees Are Here!**

Once again the Knights are selling Christmas trees. The trees have arrived! Supplies are limited so if you are planning to support the Knight make sure to get yours early. The trees are locally grown and all proceeds will support local charities.



#### **Confirmation Candidates**

Sign up in the fover for the Cross Making workshop. This is a fun and mandatory part of the Confirmation

preparations. There are two options; Monday, January 15 & 22 Wednesday, January 17 & 24.



#### St. Elizabeth Seton Library **Every topic under the Sun**

Our Library is filled with all kinds of books, seasonal stories, stories of Jesus, stories of the Saints, and important helps to those big issues we must all confront including Birth and Death, essential parts of our humanity, dealing with Loss and Grief. We also have stories about Truth and Reconciliation, War survivors, and lessons of how much we are loved by God. Check us out!



#### **Offering Envelopes**

The Offering Envelopes are available for pick up this weekend, December 2nd/3rd in the foyer. **PLEASE** get rid of any 2023 or earlier envelopes that you may have.



The 2023-2024 Living with Christ Missals and the Children's *Missals* are available. \$5.00 for the adult missal and \$7.00 for the children's missal.



#### St. Vincent de Paul Christmas



If you did not get your gift in this weekend **PLEASE** do so **ASAP**. You can drop it off at St. John Chrysostom. Please ensure that the star is attached to the gift.

Thank you for your generosity.

#### 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 Mary Macdonald

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

Laura Rostron Alexis Carvaial 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 Daniel Juresic Bernal Gutierrez Tessa Stone

# ST. ELIZABETH SETON CWG QUILT RAFFLE 2023





Quilt Made and Donated by Evelyn & Sharon James

TICKETS available after each Mass Nov. 25-Dec. 17 \$2 EACH or 3 for \$5

Draw to take place at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, December 17th, 2023 **St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Newmarket** 

# Ladies.. You're invited C.W.G. ISHMU Wine & Cheese 20236:30PM MASS 12 DECEMBER TUESDAY followed by **BUSINESS ITEMS AND SOCIAL**

### ADMISSION: FREE FOR CWG MEMBERS \$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS



Please contribute items for donation to **Belinda's Place** in Newmarket, offering emergency shelter for women. UPDATED LIST: of items that are currently in short supply and would be greatly appreciated: Hair brushes/elastics, Shampoo/Conditioner, Body wash, Hand creams, Face wipes/wash/cream, Notebooks/pens, Calendars, Pyjamas in all sizes, Hoodies/Sweaters (all sizes), Socks, Gloves, Hats, Nail kits, Q-tips, Dental floss, Hygiene products, Hair dryers, Watches, Alarm clocks, Headphones, Clorox/Lysol wipes, Slippers, Sleeping bags, Water Bottles, Travel mugs, Craft supplies All donated items must be NEW and in a gift bag.





# The Life of Our Parish in December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Ist Sunday of Advent
3 1st Sunday of Advent	4 RCIA 7pm	5	6 Feast of St. Nicholas Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am	7 Soup & Movie Little Rock Bible Study School Advent Family Mass 6:30	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	9 2nd Sunday of Advent
10 2nd Sunday of Advent	11	12 CWG Wine & Cheese	13 K of C Gen- eral Mtg.	14 Little Rock Bible Study <b>ends</b>	15	16 3rd Sunday of Advent
17 3rd Sunday of Advent	18 RCIA 7pm	19	20	21	22	23 4th Sunday of Advent
O Wisdom	Lord & Ruler	Root of Jessie	Key of David	O Radiant Dawn	O King of the Nations	O Emmanuel
24 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Mass 4:30pm & 8pm	25 Christmas Day masses 9am & 11am Office Closed Until Jan. 4th	26 NO morning mass Feast of St. Stephen	27 Feast of St. John	28 Holy Innocents	29 5th Day of Christmas	30 Holy Family Sunday
31 Holy Family Sunday New Years Eve Mass at 4:30	I.					





# PUB KNIGHT

## Entertainment by



### **ST. ELIZABETH SETON Hall Saturday January 27, 2024**

**Dinner: 6:00 – 7:30 PM** Shepard's Pie (vegan available), Salad, Desserts

Entertainment & Dancing – 800 PM CASH BAR, WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS

Cost: \$25.00 (includes dinner)

Tickets available after all masses beginning December 16, 2023

Contact: Jim Avery: (905) 235-4044, ljavery@hotmail.ca

(Maximum 200 seats)

