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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
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*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday
of each month except July & August

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Welcome to St. Elizabeth Seton!

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Please introduce yourself to
Fr. Roy Roberts after Mass



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905-853-0340

Our Lady of Good Counsel

905-478-4242

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905-895-3340

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Feast of the Holy Family
December 31, 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
Rectorry 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 January 1st
10am: **NO Morning Mass**
Req. by:

Tuesday January 2nd
10am: **NO Morning Mass**
Req. by:

Wednesday January 3rd
10am: **Anne Stokl**
Req. by: Stokl Family

Thursday January 4th
10am: **Virgilia Bertini-Moran**
Req. by: Roger & Bonnie Dupuy



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/



St. Vincent de Paul

You can donate online to the Newmarket conference at:

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

Parish Giving

December 10th & 17th

Offertory \$10,671.60
SES Building \$ 1,680.00

Month of December PAG (Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory \$3,959.72
SES Building Fund \$ 400.00
ShareLife \$ 272.00

Ruminations

Suffice it to say, New Year's was never high on the list of priorities in our family. As an occasion for festivities, it ranked about the same level as a rainy long weekend in May. It may have been that the week between Christmas and the New Year was filled with some hockey tournament. I kind of remember packing the car the day after Christmas for a couple day stint in a hotel for the annual Buffalo tournament. There was an air of reluctance in having to engage in the trip so soon after the exhausting days of Christmas with its mandatory family visits. It just complicated the season immensely, and the truth be told, I have absolutely no recollection of whether we won the tournament or not. So when the annual obligation of travelling to Buffalo ended, everyone breathed a great sigh of relief, and the memories of those days served to make us appreciate a quieter post-Christmas routine. I remember my first year home from university, one of my classmates was hosting a New Year's eve party where many of the recent grads assembled to regale each other with the newest adventures of life post-secondary school. It was so funny how, with each of us on different paths, and how the only thing that united us was a shared history of high school, that life's experiences that led us in different directions also served as an exit. As much as that party brought us together, the arrival of the New Year also marked a closing of a period in our lives. I think everyone sensed it and to this day, that group of people has never gathered again. There was no melancholy associated with it, but rather it was a permission and freedom to move forward unapologetically, and every once in a while our paths may cross in the haphazardness of life, but that experience put the 'New' in New Year's. My favorite New Year's Eve happened while I was a seminarian stationed in Collingwood. With some university friends who had settled there, along with associates, we rang in the new year cross country skiing under the light of a full moon, the evening cold and crisp. We were not even sure when the requisite count down was to take place, but crossing those fields and making our own tracks seemed like quite the metaphor. Much of the trek was spent in silence. It seemed no one wanted to break the magic of the moonlit night, and silence seemed like the only response to a new future opening up for each of us. That silence itself contained all the hopes and dreams of the future, and the moon that lit our path filled us with a glorious wonder and awe. It seemed that you could sense the angels themselves invisibly accompanying us announcing glad tidings of great joy. It was a perfect night. It was a silent night. It was a holy night. I remember arriving back at the house to doff our skis, and sipping hot chocolate to warm us up, the silence seemed to carry on, and it was with hushed tones that we bid each other a happy New Year as we left for home. That was almost forty years ago, and that little band of cross-country skiers have lost touch with each other, but I still remember it like yesterday, and each year as I recall it as the best way to ring in the New Year, it brings me back to that tranquility and contentment.

That is how I would like to celebrate each turning of the calendar, but in all likelihood it was a singular event, a privileged gift which was powerful enough, and beautiful enough to survive the relentlessness of time. Happy New Year.

Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events...

New Year Mass Schedules

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

Confirmation Candidates

Sign up in the foyer for the Cross Making workshop. This is a fun and mandatory part of the Confirmation preparations. There are two options;
Monday, January 15 & 22
Or
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!



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CWG QUILT RAFFLE 2023 WINNER

Congratulations to our winner...Barb Martin! Barb, as you enjoy this unique quilt, may it serve as a constant reminder of the goodwill that surrounds you and the connections that make our community strong.

Let us also take a moment to express our gratitude to Evelyn and Sharon James for their incredible talent and kindness. Their act of donating this masterpiece is a shining example of how art and generosity can come together to create something truly special. Thank you as well to everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle. In the end, we raised \$1386.00

Once again, congratulations, Barb. May the quilt bring you warmth and happiness for years to come.

The Catholic Women's Guild would like to express our deepest gratitude with our Parish community for a wonderful outpouring of support during the Holiday season.

















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

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Paul Jennas
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Jake Tallon
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Trice Hawkins
Carole Carter
Lawrence Cooper
Candice Cusinan
Cheryl Tuck
Stephen Murphy
Sarah Kraft
Marian Kulmatytskyi

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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
Daniel Juresic
Bernal Gutierrez
Tessa Stone

The Life of our Parish in January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Solemnity of Mary</p>  <p>No Morning Mass →</p>	2	3	<p>4 Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</p>  <p>Office Reopens</p>	5	<p>6 Epiphany Sunday</p> 
<p>7 Epiphany Sunday</p> 	<p>8 Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>Christmas Season Ends</p>	<p>9 1st day of Ordinary Time</p> <p>December CWG Exec. Mtg.</p> 	<p>10 K of C General Mtg.</p> 	<p>11 Soup & Series Season 3, episodes 1 & 2</p> 	<p>12 Feast of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</p>	<p>13 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Baptism</p>
<p>14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Baptism – 11am</p>	<p>15 Confirmation Cross Making Workshop 7pm</p> 	16	<p>17 Feast of St. Anthony</p> <p>Confirmation Cross Making Workshop 7pm</p> 	18	19	<p>20 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>
<p>21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>CWG Membership Tea</p>	<p>22 Confirmation Cross Making Workshop 7pm</p> 	<p>23 CWG Exec</p>  <p>1st Communion Parents Mtg. 7pm</p>	<p>24 Feast of St. Frances de Sales</p> <p>K of C Exec Mtg.</p>  <p>Confirmation Cross Making Workshop 7pm</p> 	<p>25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul</p> 	<p>26 Feast of St. Timothy & St. Titus</p>	<p>27 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>K of C Pub Night—Live music.</p> 
<p>28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>29 RCIA 7pm</p> 	30	<p>31 Feast of St. John Bosco</p>			



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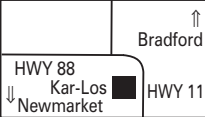
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