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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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Welcome to St. Elizabeth Seton!
If you would like to register, forms are available
at the church entrance or the parish office.

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Please introduce yourself to
Fr. Roy Roberts after Mass



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St. Elizabeth Seton School
905-853-0340
Our Lady of Good Counsel
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Sacred Heart High School
905-895-3340

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024



Pastoral Team

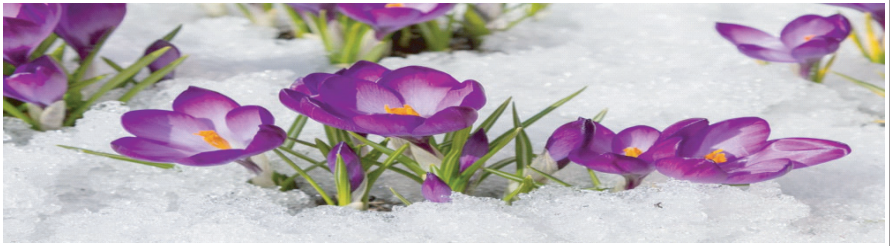
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Deacon Marian Pawlitzko
Deacon Stephen Pitre

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch
Sacramental Coordinator
Baptisms, First Communion & 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 January 8th

10am: **Maureen McGregor**

Req. by: Barbara, Lynda, Marie

Tuesday January 9th

10am: **Vincenza Darmanin**

Req. by: Cupe 1571

Wednesday January 10th

10am: **Alan McLuskie**

Req. by: Cupe 1571

Thursday January 11th

10am: **Luis & Manuela Gaspar**

Req. by: Family



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

There is nothing like a bit of snow before Christmas to enliven one's spirits and to turn one's thoughts to heartstring things. Christmas always seems to be a little diminished without the falling snow and cushion of white on the ground. As much as I have enjoyed the milder weather so far, I would gladly sacrifice a mild sunny day for a fresh evening with snow gently falling casting a magical spell of Christmas. A green Christmas to me seems like an oxymoron. A tropical Christmas, no matter how upbeat the Caribbean music might be, is in no way enticing. My humblest apologies to Boney M and Bob Marley. Though Christmas here was without snow, except for the residual pile in the corner of the parking lot, when I gathered with my family for our Christmas, it was a different story. We had a beautiful dusting of snow that just heightened the event. We gathered on the Saturday after Christmas. It was mandated so that even though some of the nieces and nephews could have picked up shifts at work, if they dared to do so, they would return home with their suitcases packed and outside the front door. It was an unusual event as all four brothers were going to be present. We tried to figure out the last time such an event took place. With the reality of in-laws and significant others, and priests who could be too Mass weary to do anything on Christmas day, Christmas at mom and dad's could be spread over the span of the week. This year would be the first time in over a decade, maybe close to two, that we would be together as a family. It seemed unbelievable as we recognized that fact. It meant that there would be three brothers, three sisters-in-law, three nephews, two nieces, two significant others, two huge dogs, and one skinny – well, er, skinnier priest. I was still the big brother, chronologically and physically. FYI, my one brother texted me after asking what program I used, and if I could send him some information on it. Since he was a close second in size, I guess he is scared and on the run. What a merry Christmas gift that was. I didn't have a lot of time to spend as I had to be off to a 60th wedding anniversary, but once we were assembled, it seemed like that time lapse evaporated on the spot. I was happy to see that my youngest brother, with the 'mousy brown hair' (a term coined decades ago by my grandaunt that has become a bit of a weapon to use against him) that the mousy hair was taking on a rather greyish hue, and crows' feet adorned his eyes. Our family gatherings are generally pretty informal, so there were plates of raw vegetables and dip (and I didn't cheat on my diet), I had the veggies without the dip' and a huge charcuterie board of delicious bite sized tidbits. Most of the time we all hung around the kitchen island and simply engaged as family. It was one of the nicest gatherings I remember in years. Of course many conversations remembered mom, and it would have been great if she could have joined us, but then that circle of life thing. We talked that it would be twenty years since dad passed away, and yet, it still seems like yesterday. As always, there were the requisite family lore that we hope the next generation will claim as their own. All in all, it was a perfect Christmas day, relaxed, and fun, and with a beautiful icing of snow on the ground. Certainly the spirit of mom and dad pervaded the event, and I guess that was the spirit of Christmas. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...



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High School Community Service Hours

Are you looking for a fun way to collect your required Community Service Hours for you High School graduation requirements. Have we got a deal for you.

We have some Parish events that might interest you. There are our fish fries, and Spaghetti dinner to name a few. If you might be interested, please give us a call and leave your name and contact number and we would be happy to have you on board.



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.

Soup & a Movie

On Thursday, January 11, we will be showing episodes 1 & 2 of Season 3 of the Chosen. Join us for lunch and a great show. Movie starts at 12:00 noon sharp.



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.



Ann will not be in the Office from January 8 - 12. Something about a new grandchild or whatever.... The Office will be on a skeleton plan, and may be a bit chaotic, but we will try our best. Thanks for your patience.

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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Wanda Tolazzi
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Jake Tallon
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Trice Hawkins
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Cheryl Tuck
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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



CWGW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA

SUNDAY **21** JANUARY

2:00 PM

Seton Hall

All ladies of our Parish...
Please join us for an afternoon
of tea and fellowship.

Membership Dues will be collected:
\$10.00 per member

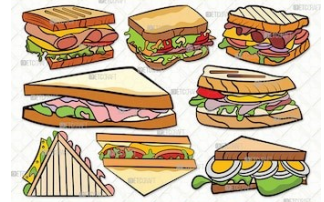
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desserts, will be served.

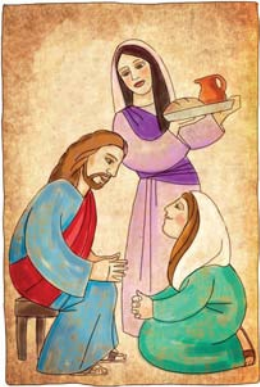


Parish Ministry Profiles

Sometimes life throws us curve balls that cause us to halt all our normal routines and leads us into a roller-coaster ride of surreal activities. Death is one such event and when the passing of a loved one occurs, there is a flurry of events that demand our time., Prime among them is the funeral. Inevitable the question arises about how many people will show up, and what do we do to feed them. Our society has made a funeral reception a kind of expectation, and the family in the midst of grief and loss, with a myriad of other things that must be done, there is very little time to make sandwiches and cut vegetables for an unknown number of family and friend attendees. Well, this is exactly where our **Mary & Martha Ministry** fits in.



Usually with a couple of days notice, the call goes out to offer a family in grief, a beautiful sense of hospitality by offering to organize a proper Funeral Luncheon. It goes without saying that the Egg Salad sandwiches are the best, and a staple fare for such an event. Sandwiches, vegetables, desserts, drinks and a setting fit for a family gathering are a mainstay of Parish hospitality. It is a constituent part of a Corporal Work of mercy.



The **Mary & Martha** is an organization of people who can help out when they can. Usually a group of eight people can handle a reception of 200 people. Sometimes it can be difficult to assemble such a team on short notice but luckily there is a roster of helpers which means the workload is spread out over many helpers.

This wonderful ministry has been a great outreach into the Community and has been a tremendous source of comfort to families and witness to our understanding of Eucharist in action. It is a great service to others and a great fulfillment to our **Mary & Martha** team. If you are looking for a great way of being involved with a great group of People and being of a great service to those experiencing some hardships, then give us a call and we can put you in touch with the **Mary & Martha** leaders. You can only help when you can, and we understand that and are thankful for whatever assistance you can offer.





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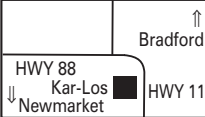
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