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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 Services

of York Region: 905-770-7040
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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

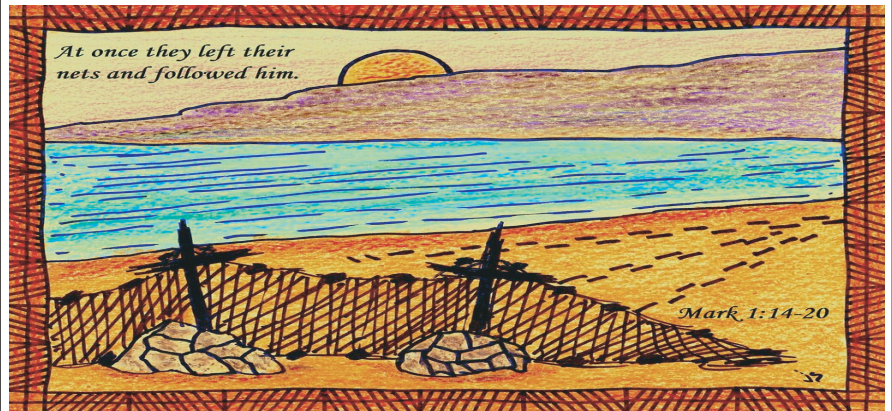


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905-895-0303
St. Elizabeth Seton School
905-853-0340
Our Lady of Good Counsel
905-478-4242
Sacred Heart High School
905-895-3340

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2024



Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor
Deacon Marian Pawliszko
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 22nd

10am: **Egidio Gullo**

Req. by: Family

Tuesday January 23rd

10am: **Pauvathapting Selvakumar**

Req. by: Cupe 1571

Wednesday January 24th

10am: **Colleen McGregor**

Req. by: Paul & Dawn Fleischaker

Thursday January 25th

10am: **George Emmett**

Req. by: John Ryan



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://sjcscs.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>

Parish Giving

January 7th to 14th

Offertory	\$11,733.20
SES Building	\$ 840.00

Month of January PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

Ruminations

Time is such a masterful trickster. It pulls and distorts, and shortens and lengthens and in the end, blurs the lines of our neatly perceived sense of moments and events. How often have we suddenly been shocked finding out that a favorite movie is almost half a century old, like remembering watching the first Star Wars movie with some grade 12 friends at the Odean Theatre on Main Street, Newmarket. Or perhaps being startled when we passed the 50th anniversary of the monumental when Paul Henderson scored that pride-inducing goal while we were sitting in the grade seven classroom, watching a live telecast from Russia on a black and white television. Or sitting in the hospital waiting room as the first nephew was coming into the world, and that nephew is no longer that precious little gift, strapped into a highchair for his first thanksgiving dinner with the family, and that nephew is now starting his fourth decade of life. All of it seems as present and immediate now all these years later. Yep, time is just an impossible companion, playing with our minds which can be a friend and an enemy. This week marks one of those occasions that gives pause to reflect on the somewhat cruel passing of time. Just over seven years ago, mom came to live with me. We recognized that she was not safe living on her own anymore, and despite her desire to stay in her home until she passed away, it couldn't be. She was here only for a couple of months which was an adventure, and what was a scary time as everyone had to adjust to the fact that mom was disappearing from us, or rather, we were disappearing from the mind of mom. When I couldn't guarantee her safety, whether it was her wondering at night, passing open stairways, or walking out of the rectory on bitterly cold days wanting to walk home and having to call the police to help find her, it was time to get her on a crisis list for a secure place who could provide much better care and safety than we could. She was on the crisis list for three weeks when I received the fateful call. We had two days to decide whether we would accept the placement, otherwise we could not try again for six months. There were a barrage of calls to all the brothers, and the decision, as hard and heart wrenching as it was, mom's safety was paramount. We accepted the room at Bradford Valley, just down the road from where we all attended elementary school. There was no way I could drop her off so I made my brother do it. Mom had no idea what was happening, so along with my brother and his wife, and mom's best friend, they had a nice outing to Tim Horton's and then brought her to her new residence. Her reaction was startling. She said, "If this is what my family thinks is best for me, so be it." In fifteen minutes, she accepted her new lot in life. The recommendation was not to visit her for a week to allow her to adjust. Mom didn't need that time – we did. Well, that adventure seems like yesterday, but it was unbelievably seven years ago this week. On the one hand, it is kind of a sad anniversary, but on the other hand, they have taken wonderful care of her, she is safe, well fed, and better off than she would have been anywhere else despite the fact that she escaped twice from a lock-down unit, though she wasn't heading anywhere, she just wanted to show her newfound friend her car. She didn't have a car. So mom, wherever dementia has taken from you, whatever is going on in that dementia mind of yours. Happy anniversary and we miss you.

Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events...



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Saturday January 27, 2024**

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Cost: \$25.00 (includes dinner)

Tickets available after all masses

Help Us Help You!!!

Coffee Sunday is need of some helpers for after 11:00 am . We need a few good people to be able to take a shift or two of offering hospitality to our parishioners following Mass at 11 am Sunday mornings. If you would consider becoming part of the team, please leave your name and contact information with the Parish Office.



***NOTICE**

Could the owner of **envelope box number 265** please contact the parish office. We are in need of some information. Thank you.

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.



Thank You! Merci! Gracias! Obrigado!

Your Society of St Vincent de Paul, St. John Chrysostom/ St. Elizabeth Seton Conference, would like to thank all the parishioners of both our Newmarket parishes for your wonderful generosity in supporting your parish Giving Tree and St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Programs.

Your generosity and commitment to ensure that all members of our community are cared for is amazing. You can be sure that the recipients of this kindness are deeply grateful. This year, through your donations, we assisted **164 families with gift cards so 241 children could have something special under the Christmas tree.** In addition, we also gave **Walmart cards to 91 single adults or seniors living on their own.** Food assistance was also provided by way of a Good Food Box and grocery cards. With the money remaining we will be able to continue supporting these families throughout the year with food assistance. Through the Giving Tree Program, **278 seniors, adults and youth in need were served.**

The Christmas season is a time for reaching out to those in need and your donations brightened up the season for many in our community.



*We wish you all peace, happiness and above all,
health for 2024.*

Kindergarten Registration

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for **children born in 2020.** York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked as one of the top-performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.

Let us pray for the sick...

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Kathleen Todesco
Joshua Perek
Donna Stea-Cutting
Andy Dube
Elizabeth Ryan
Matteo Savella
Jackson Rowan
Carmen Baldacchino
Mervin Correa
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Aria Crang
Andy Waldherr
Mary Macdonald

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Paul Jennas
Rose Marie Scott
Wanda Tolazzi
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Alexis Carvajal
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Theresa Wharton
Zeny Jose
Tammy Elkie
Marcus D'Mello
Lisa Stokl
Jeanette Barbosa
Daniel Juresic
Bernal Gutierrez
Tessa Stone

Parish Ministry Profiles

One of the very important jobs that takes place behind the scenes, or behind closed doors, is the weekly counting of the Parish Offertory. Each week a team of counters gathers to tend to the money collected at the Masses. This involves the counting, sorting, as well as the opening of the parish envelopes, but it is also done so that the money is deposited into the bank as soon as possible so no cash is lying around and is off the premises, safely within the bank vaults.



When our compliment of team members is complete, the ministry entails a once a month obligation. Generally we gather following the 9:00 am Mass and finish shortly after the 11:00 am Mass. It includes counting and sorting cash, and cheques and recording them to create a bank deposit. Cheques are copied and everything is made ready to input into the computer records so that at year's end, a tax receipt can be issued.

One of the new realities is that more and more people are choosing to have 'Pre-authorized Giving' or PAG for short. We provide all the training you need to accomplish this important task.

The Church takes seriously the generous contributions of our Parishioners. As much as these offerings help the Parish maintain a healthy financial position, the Offertory is so much more. It represents each and every person who has contributed as part of the living offering we make to God. It embodies the hopes and dreams, and especially the thanksgiving that people have for the gift of life. It is part of the sacrifice that is joined with the offering of the bread and wine.



If you can spare a couple of hours once a month, and would like step up to help with this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

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