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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:**

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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  
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Envelopes may also be  
acquired at the office.  
Please introduce yourself to  
Fr. Roy Roberts after Mass



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Our Lady of Good Counsel  
905-478-4242  
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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2024



**Pastoral Team**

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor  
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 February 5th

10am: **Peggy MacInnis**

Req. by: John & Wilma Bloye

### Tuesday February 6th

10am: **Luis & Manuela Gaspar**

Req. by: The Family

### Wednesday February 7th

10am: **Annamarie Lau**

Req. by: Chris & Theresa West

### Thursday February 8th

10am: **Zachary Rogerson**

Req. by: John & Wilma Bloye



### 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

### January 21st & 28th

Offertory	\$ 9,827.71
SES Building	\$ 550.00

### Month of January PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

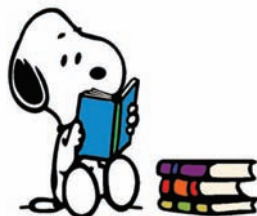
Sunday Offertory	\$3,959.72
SES Building Fund	\$ 400.00
ShareLife	\$ 272.00

## Ruminations ....

The other day, in the course of visiting the hospital, I was prompted to dig out my high school yearbooks. There are always a couple of fearful things associated with such an exercise. The first, so many years later, it is scary to look back on such youthful and hope-filled young people. As one can imagine, there are deaths of classmates over the decades that I have duly marked in the book. The truth is that I have very little contact with any of my classmates. In fact, it has likely been a decade or more since I encountered one of my high school contemporaries, even longer for people I chummed around with. This reality doesn't evoke sadness, just a bit of curiosity, and I guess that's one reason Facebook was created. The second problem with digging out the annals is because it is far too easy to get lost in the memories and adventures of old. My grade nine yearbook will soon be 50 years old, a half century. That fact floored me. Intellectually I am quite aware of the passage to those many years, but it still seems like yesterday, and even though the ground is getting farther away, and simple things can result in aches in pains in muscles I never knew I had, and even though the hair is changing colour and thinning a bit, and even know the term all-nighter now refers to not needing to get up in the middle of the night to do some biological functions, it doesn't seem half a century removed – it seems like yesterday. I don't ever remember contemplating the turn of the century back then, and yet here we are almost a quarter of a century into the 2000's. Being old fashioned, every once in a while I need to cut a cheque for something, and there have been times when I begin to write the year 19... and then need to make the 19 look like a 20. I still remember my phone number from back in my childhood, but I could not tell you the number of my cell phone. What generated this descent into nostalgia happened as a result of having a priest come and celebrate a funeral with me, Fr. Bob Ouellete. I have to say I have known Fr. Bob for almost 40 years. When we were in the seminary, Fr. Bob was one of those priests we considered in their waning days of the ministry, the older established priests who were the working force and heart and soul of the diocese. When my brother was in his pastoral year, (when seminaries participate in the parish for a year) he was assigned to Fr. Bob at St. Dominic's in Mississauga. I remember thinking of him as one of the old priests. Well as I was thrilled to be able to concelebrate a Mass with him, (perhaps for the first time other than our first Mass 34 years ago), it struck me that I am many years older than when I first met him, thinking he as long in the tooth and soon to be retired. Time is such a trickster. And every once in a while that trickster crashes through the delusion to open up a heavy dose of reality. Younger people become concerned with the phenomenon they call 'nesting' but I think we reach a point when we are more concerned with 'culling'. I have been divesting myself of boxes and boxes of books, and bags of clothes, and sorting through containers of Knick knacks. I was wondering what would become of my high school yearbooks, not that it matters, because the pictures contents are filled with meaning and memories to me, and to anyone else, there are merely pictures of people they will likely never meet. Let's face

it, most of them I haven't seen or heard from in the almost half century. One of the sayings that a class mate wrote struck me, especially knowing he had been killed in a car accident 45 years ago, "Remember Roy, all good things must come to an end." There was no truer saying written in those sacred annals.

Fr. Roy



## Announcements and Events...

### Lent is just around the Corner

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14. This year, Valentine's day is to be celebrated with Fasting & Abstinence because the start of Lent is a universal day of Fasting & Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses that day, at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm.

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is affectionately called Pancake Tuesday or Mardi Gras and so we will celebrate it on the Sunday before, Sunday, February 11, after both morning Masses, with the CWG hosting a Pancake Breakfast. This is a free event to help inspire us into the Season of Lent.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm, and watch for the dates of Fish Fries. First one is Friday, February 16.

### 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.



### 2024 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners

The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees is excited to announce the commencement of its 2024 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners.

This initiative is designed to aid parishioners interested in sponsoring family members seeking refugee resettlement.

If you are a parishioner and wish to sponsor a family member, kindly contact the **Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)**.

Interested parishioners will be asked to provide the necessary funds required for sponsorship.



### 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](http://www.ycdsb.ca), to register for classes starting in September.

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

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Betty Loft  
Bruce Firth  
Kathleen Todesco  
Joshua Perek  
Donna Stea-Cutting  
Andy Dube  
Elizabeth Ryan  
Matteo Savella  
Jackson Rowan  
Carmen Baldacchino  
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Marian Kulmatytskyi  
Joan Reagan

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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

# Parish Ministry Profiles

## Music Ministry

*“If you have only two coins, spend one on bread and the other on music.*

*The bread will give you the means to live, the music will give you the reason!”*

Throughout the course of human history, music has always accompanied our endeavours. Music has been able to bring people together, to bond them in a unified entity. Music has had the power to help bring comfort in times of grief; courage in the face of adversity; strength in weakness. It has been engaged around campfires, in kitchen parties, and in concert venues with thousands of people. It is endemic in every human culture. Music elevates, edifies and expresses the deepest part of our being. Music is one of the highest gifts of the human experiences.



It makes sense then that it is an integral part of human ritual, and specifically part of the Church's liturgies. Liturgy without music is sorely diminished to the point that it undermines the very dignity of the assembly that is called to become a reflection of the Kingdom of God. We are truly blessed as a Parish with our Music Ministry. We have three very distinct flavours of choirs, a wonderful children's choir which ranges in age from grade 1 and up; we have a more contemporary choir which is piano and guitar based; and we have a more formal choir. They are always looking for more voices and as any music teacher will remind us, anyone and everyone can sing. The only requirement is to be able to carry a tune, mostly, and know how to control your volume, and our masterful choir leaders will do the same.

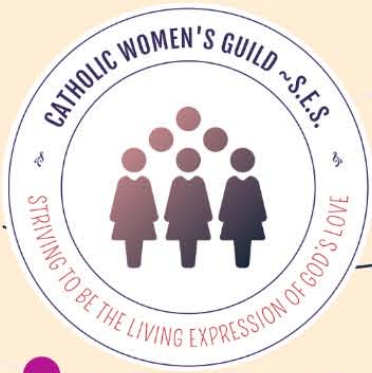
As St. Augustine said,

**“he who sings, praise twice!”**



# The Life of Our Parish in February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 	2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. (last vestige of Christmas)	3 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  Baptism
4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  Baptism 9am	5 Feast of St. Agnes	6	7	8 Soup & Series   Bible Study 	9	10 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  CWG Pancake breakfast 	12 RCIA 7pm 	13 CWG Gen. Mtg. 	14 Ash Wednesday 10am & 7pm  Kof C Gen. Mtg. 	15 Feast of the chair of St. Peter  Bible Study 	16 Fish Fry   Stations of the Cross at 7pm 	17 1st Sunday of Lent   1st Communion Retreat 10am to noon. 
18 1st Sunday of Lent  RCIA Rite of Enrolement	19 K of C Family Day Skate at East Gwillimbury Arena 3pm to 5pm 	20	21 1st Communion Retreat 6:30 to 8:30 	22 Bible Study 	23 Stations of the Cross at 7pm 	24 2nd Sunday of Lent  Full moon of Winter
25 2nd Sunday of Lent 	26 RCIA 7pm  1st Communion Retreat 6:30 	27 CWG Exec. Mtg. 	28 Kof C Exec. Mtg. 	29 Bible Study Leap Year. 		



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## 2024



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