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St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2024



Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor
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Deacon Stephen Pitre

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Sacramental Coordinator
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Regular Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 1pm



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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 12th

10am: **Betty & Ernest Novak**

Req. by: Family

Tuesday February 13th

10am: **Vincenzo, Giacita, Benedetto Cascone**

Req. by: The Family

Wednesday February 14th

10am: **Lisa Stokl**

Req. by: Steve Stokl

Thursday February 15th

10am: **Joseph Tixeire**

Req. by: Joyce D'Mello



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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.

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Parish Giving

February 4th

Offertory	\$ 6,674.45
SES Building	\$ 1,147.00

Month of January PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

Ruminations

There are just some days when lazily stretching out under the warm blankets, laying there between slumber and semi-conscious is a real treat. And the radio is on and there is just no sense of urgency to get up and greet the morn. Today was just such an occasion. As I listened to the radio, they were discussing what seems to be a big deal in the city of Toronto – the issue of tobogganing in city parks. Now for me, this is one of those episodes that reveals that we are living in a crazy world, and it is a world seemingly run by lawyers. The primary concern is over law suits with children being injured with the now requisite litigation happening. We have become a society which refuses to take ownership for our own actions, that somehow denies responsibility for the consequences of our choices. In their discussion they did recite the recent findings of a study that states that children greatly benefit from daring actions in their play. I grew up in a time when tobogganing was a winter right. It was one of the great things about winter. We were lucky because of how our property was situated. Our hill created an almost 500 foot run with two major drops that increased the speed that allowed you to glide over the flatter parts. There was a total drop of over 30 feet which made of an exciting slide. It was a gathering space for the local kids even though almost everyone had a similar backyard, but our run was the longest as it cross over several of the other backyards. We were fortunate too at school. There was a huge hill at the back of the schoolyard, though seeing it in later years, it wasn't so high, that served several functions for our school activities. The least favorite was during the cross-country running season. It stood as a formidable obstacle near the end of the circuit. The only redeeming thing about it was that the course was all downhill from there. The best part of the hill was in winter, back when winters were winters, and cold and snow were ever-present. During lunch with a letter of permission from the parents, and the daily okay from the teacher (a great motivation to make sure homework was completed and behavior was moderated) streams of kids grade four and up would run to the hill, well run as best as one could in the skidoo suits and winter boots. They would be carrying mini-toboggans and sleds, and the ever popular magic carpets which were long pieces of heavy plastic with a handle cut into the top. There were several longer toboggans that could hold a whole slew of kids. Now the more adventurous daredevil kids had constructed a rather substantial bump halfway down the hill, and it was the site of many a child spilling off the toboggan as it would sometimes flip going over the obstacle. On occasion there was a broken arm, and this was a great badge of honour, and people would line up to sign it. Of course it ended one's tobogganing season, but it was a kind of rite of passage. I grew up in the era of sledding, and snowball fights and snow forts, free of fear of lawyers and litigations. We climbed high trees, and swing set poles. We skated on ponds, and played around the river bank and balanced on fallen trees laying precipitously over the creek. We tormented snapping turtles and approached electrified fences and herds of cows. We rode bikes without helmets and dared to peddle with no hands, and pop wheelies. Kids fell and got hurt, broke bones, sprained ligaments, and in our minds, lived on the edge of danger as daredevils are want to do. And when one of those unfortunate events happened, which we called 'accidents', the only thing that was said was 'kids will be kids'.

Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events...

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We will celebrate the distribution of ashes at the 10:00 am Mass.

We will have a second Mass that day at 7:00 pm also with a distribution of ashes.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday remain as obligatory days of Fasting and Abstinence.



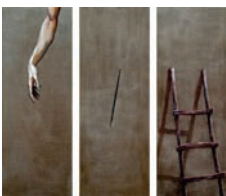
Rules of Fasting & Abstinence

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and specifies that Fridays are days of abstinence. This includes all Fridays year round, not just Fridays of Lent. Catholics, however, can substitute special acts of charity or piety on these days.

Abstinence refers to abstaining from meat. This applies to all people of all ages. Fasting means two smaller than usual meals and then a regular meal, and this applies to people between the ages of 18 to 59. Those in that age bracket who have chronic illnesses like diabetes are exempt.

Stations of the cross

We will celebrate Stations of the Cross every Friday starting at 7:00 pm during the season of Lent. The Stations are a time-honoured tradition rooted in walking with Christ to the Cross.



Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday evenings starting at 7:00 pm, we will celebrate Evening Prayer or Vespers in the style of Taizé. This is a very reflective and meditative preparation for Easter. Please join us.



***NOTICE**

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

Sacramental Corner

First Communion

Enrolment Lamb Ceremony February 18/19
Decorate and bring lambs to Sunday Mass
First Communion Retreats and mass times are posted in the display case in the foyer.

Parent and child attend. Arrive 10 minutes early.

Confirmation

Enrolment Sunday / candidates bring your Letter of Intent to any Sunday Mass on February 24th/25th. Parents will

be emailed with additional information.

Confirmation Retreat/ Thursday 18th @7pm

All candidates must attend. Parents attend from 8:30-9:00pm

Family Day Skate

Monday, February 19 is Family Day. The Knights of Columbus are once again hosting a free Skating Party at Sharon Arena. The ice is open from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of family fun with hot chocolate and treats. Bring a friend.



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.

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.

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

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
Joan Reagan

Laura Rostron
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

Lent

The fifth Sunday of Lent holds a unique position. On the one hand, it is the last Gospel before everything switches into an immediate anticipation of Easter and the celebrations of the Resurrection. The following Sunday begins Holy Week and we begin with a commemoration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

In the regular cycle of the Lectionary, the year A gospel presents the story of the raising of Lazarus. As much as we may marvel at Lazarus coming back from the dead, the thrust of the story is much more than a prelude to what we hope awaits us.

We ask the Elect preparing for the sacraments of Initiation to reflect upon the things in their lives that reek of death. Just as Jesus instructed the family of Lazarus to remove all the bandages and wrappings of death, so are the Elect and we along with them, are called to discern everything in our lives that takes life away.



















That speaks of the essence of our Lenten journey. It is an annual invitation look at our lives, but in a particular context—our lives in the midst of a society, as the lost Popes have described as a culture of death. It reminds us that sin is not just individual, but it is communal. We live in a society that is trying to make everything subjective—truth, beauty and ultimately reality. The individual becomes the center of the world, with little or no care for others or a common good.

It takes a bit of work to see how much the world influences our lives, our thoughts and outlooks. That is one of the reasons this season of Lent it called the Period of Purification & Enlightenment for those adults seeking Initiation. The title gives a hood hint as to the direction of our own Lenten journey. We are invited to Purify ourselves. This is more than merely calling to mind our sin, making a list and checking it twice. It is to discern what our authentic sin is—how it affects the Body of Christ—how it acts to keep God at bay - how it makes us lesser than we are called to be - how it cheats us of the very gift of life God has bestowed on us. We are invited to be Enlightened with our baptism spirituality. This enlightenment is about striving to see the world through God's eyes—to see our relationships through God's eyes—to see our lives through God's eyes.

All these things serve to enwrap us in a mantle of death that weighs us down. As they act to deaden our spirit and our hope, as they act to blind us or dull our existential hopes, they insidiously blur our goal and our relationship with God. Too many Christians have failed to encounter the genuine love of God. Too many fear that the love of God is conditional—conditional on doing the right thing (which is not bad), or saying the right thing (again, a good thing to do), or saying our prayers rightly (still not a bad thing), or attending as many masses as possible (not a bad thing). None of these can make God love us any more or any less. The Paschal Mystery is God's definitive statement to us that we are loved—all of us, the saint and the sinner, the rich and the poor, the homeless and the drug addict, the alcoholic and the torturer, the oppressed and the oppressor. The challenge is for us to live lives congruent with our Enlightened knowledge of how much and how eternally we are loved by God.



The Life of Our Parish in February 2024

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



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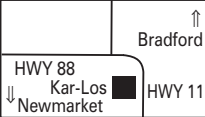
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