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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!  
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Parishioners with a change of  
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Please introduce yourself to  
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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3, 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 March 4th**  
10am: **Raymond Lambert**  
Req. by: CUPE 1571

**Tuesday March 5th**  
10am: **Rozalija Moze**  
Req. by: Emma Shearer

**Wednesday March 6th**  
10am: **Luis & Manuela Gaspar**  
Req. by: The Family

**Thursday February 29th**  
10am: **Anthony, Jenny, Joseph, Zita, Therzsa, Shak Family, Katie**  
Req. by: Mary & Rose Shak



### 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

### February 18th & 25th

Offertory	\$13,388.16
SES Building	\$ 580.00

### Month of February PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

## Ruminations ....

I don't really remember too many memorial Spring breaks. It always amused me that we called it Spring break and most of the time it began before Spring have even. started. Perhaps it should have more aptly named 'Thank God winter is over' Break. In High School, it was basically time off from the busy routines. It might be used as a 'catch up on work' time, but we didn't do trips or camps. If there was still snow in the backyard, tobogganing was still a thing, or skating on the pond at the back. Even back then, weather was a big influencer and kind of dictated how the week went. My favorite Spring break was in my final year of high school. I would have said grade thirteen, but too many people really have no idea what that was. I had organized a couple of days at the university campus to tour it as a possible future student. I met the director of the program and got to wonder about the campus. Spring was trying desperately to overtake winter. All the snow sculptures that had been painted with water colour paint had severely melted into unrecognizable mutations of their original design, and patches of grass were visible. One of the University Library, a huge tower with many floors in their collection. I soon found out that the books I was looking for were housed in another building, the Science library. I was working on a project for Chemistry. It is hard to say which was my favorite subject in High School. I think I loved most of my classes, except Metal and Wood shop. It was a combined course, so you did both types. We switched halfway through the year. It didn't really matter, I sucked at both, and I always felt like a fish out of water. I didn't really care how many different types of hammers or saws there are. It was my lowest grade ever in my education career. I was more comfortable in almost every other subject, but chemistry was definitely up there. I suppose I was more of a math and science guy. So the opportunity to visit a 'real library' to cruise through the stacks and chase down volumes dealing in great depth with the topic was exhilarating. My topic was the chemistry of blood, and I had available to me more information in a couple of books there than I could ever have found in the closet version of the library at our high school. I came home with reams of notes and diagrams. So much so that I had to cull a lot of information that I was excited to include to fit within the size volume of parameters of the assignment. I could easily have doubled or tripled with paper with intriguing information. Once it was written, I had to type it on a manual typewriter. One of the criteria was there could be no whiteout on the page and so the number of times that a page got re-typed was frustratingly too many. It didn't help that there were a lot of unusual words from a medical perspective that too easily tripped up the fingers. Word processors were still a long way off. I think it took as much time to type out the essay as it did to collect and write the material. It was with great pride that I handed in the paper on the due date. Most of the class papers were limited to the sparse science volumes contained in the school library, but I must confess I felt beyond the limits, that I was at a real library. Funny thing was, that as I accepted admittance to that university, the nature of the course meant I never had to do such an assignment where I got to get pleasantly lost in the stacks. There wasn't much call for library work in Sports Administration. So as we approach Spring Break, and the weather promises to be more spring like rather than winter like, do something fun. Do something life-giving. And if at all possible, do something that when you remember it, brings a nostalgic smile to your face. Happy Spring Break.

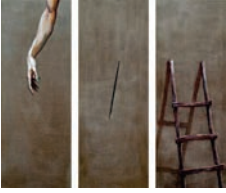
*Fr. Roy*



## Announcements and Events...

### 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.



### The Week of Reconciliation March 11 – 16

We will offer times as follows:  
(provided there is no funerals)

Monday, March 11 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Tuesday, March 12 - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13 - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Thursday, March 14 - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 16 - 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm



### The Next Fish Fry

Our next Fish Fry will take place on Friday, March 22, starting at 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Declared the best French fries in the area. Mark your calendar to join us in our Preparations for Easter.



#### \*\*\*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

#### Confirmation

Confirmation Retreat/ Thursday April 18th @7pm  
All candidates must attend. Parents attend  
from 8:30-9:00pm

### Soup & a Series

#### “The Chosen”

The Chosen is a series that depicts the life of Jesus with his apostles. It is a very intriguing and down to earth vision of what the interactions may have looked like without a typical overly pious, saccharinely approach. It will inspire, and inform and enlighten and challenge you. We have decided to continue to offer it during Lent as our Soup and a Movie. Each week we will show two episodes. Show will start at 12 noon and since the episodes are usually less than an hour in length, be finished by 2 pm. There is no cost, though donations to help defray the cost of the soup and buns is always appreciated. Please join us for this great journey of the greatest story.



**Our next Soup and a Series will be  
Thursday March 7th.**

**Please reserve by calling the Parish Office**

## ShareLife

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). The three scheduled collections are on the weekends of March 17, April 28, and June 2.

### 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  
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, R.C.I.A. & the Scrutinies

As we have discussed before, the journey through Lent parallels the journey of the People of God to the renewal of the baptismal waters of Easter. Part of the preparations for the 'Elect' during this path through Lent is pausing on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays for an intense inner reflection, or to coin a phrase, to 'Scrutinize oneself'. To that end, at whatever Mass the rite of scrutiny happens, the readings of the day are always taken from the cycle A readings. (The Sunday readings are on a three year cycle.)

On the Third Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the day and used for the Scrutiny, is the Samaritan woman at the well. As Jesus asked her what she really longed for, so we too, along with the Elect, we are asked to reflect on the same question—what do we truly long for out of life, for our relationship with God, and our relationship with ourselves.

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel for year A is the man born blind. It is again an invitation to look deeply within, to search what motivations, attitudes, and vulnerabilities that obscure our vision of the truth or 'blind us' from which we need to be healed. This is a journey in pursuit of Truth, truth about ourselves and truth about God.


























On the fifth Sunday of Lent, we encounter the story of the raising of Lazarus. As Jesus weeps and Lazarus comes out of the tomb, Jesus orders those around him to 'unbind him' - unbind him from the wrappings and entrapments of death. Relieve him from anything and everything that smells of death. We all co-exist with things that hold us back or prevent us from entering more fully into the gift of life.

Lent is a season given for the Elect who are preparing for the sacraments of initiation in a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. In support of them, in union with them, we participate in the same spiritual exercises, as spiritual guides and companions on that journey. It is the point of this season. The more we put into prayer and the other disciplines, the more we allow God to transform us.

This makes the renewal of our baptism promises, a key component of our Easter day celebration, a renewed commitment to living our faith, and expressing God's presence in our world.



# The Life of Our Parish in March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Stations of the Cross 7pm. 	2 3rd Sunday of Lent 
3 3rd Sunday of Lent  Vespers—7pm	4 RCIA 7pm 	5	6 Prayer Shawl Ministry 	7 Soup & Series  Bible Study 	8 Stations of the Cross 7pm. 	9 4th Sunday of Lent 
10 4th Sunday of Lent  Vespers—7pm	11 RCIA 7pm 	12 CWG General Mtg. 	13 K of C General Mtg. 	14 Bible Study 	15 Stations of the Cross 7pm. 	16 5th Sunday of Lent  CWG Pie Sales 
17 5th Sunday of Lent  Vespers 7pm CWG Pie Sales 	18 RCIA 7pm. 	19	20	21 Bible Study 	22 Stations of the Cross 	23 Palm Sunday 
24 Palm Sunday  Vespers 7pm	25	26 CWG Exec. Mtg. 	27 K of C Exec. Mtg. 	28 Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30pm 	29 Good Friday Services at 11am and 3pm. Day of Fasting & Abstinence 	30 Holy Saturday Easter Basket Blessing: 10am (English); 12 noon (Polish) Easter Vigil 8pm 
31 Easter Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am 						



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