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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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Website: sjcses.blogspot.com

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St. John's Cemetery
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



Parish Schools

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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

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 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 18th

10am: **Mario Nasso**

Req. by: CUPE 1571

Tuesday March 19th

10am: **Gerry Sherrer**

Req. by: Don & Kathleen Kelly

Wednesday March 20th

10am: **Josie Moniz Carreia**

Req. by: CUPE 1571

Thursday March 21st

10am: **Egidio Gullo**

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

March 10, 2024

Offertory	\$4,393.25
SES Building	\$ 215.00

Month of March PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

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

Ruminations

Back in the day, I was pretty good at memorizing things. In High School, in our English classes, we were required to memorize assigned soliloquys from the Shakespeare plays that we happened to be studying that year. I suppose one of the benefits of being a bus student throughout my elementary and high school career, was that the time spent rolling to the school was prime test cramming time. So on the day when we needed to recite the particular passage, I simply zoned out on the ride and set to work memorizing various works from Macbeth, Julius Caesar, the Merchant of Venice or the Taming of the Shrew. For the most part, we looked at these assignments as mere inconveniences but who knew how valuable they could be later on. Many of the parts of the writings had become common expressions in everyday talk and conversations and concepts. They were ways of expressing deep and varied thoughts in a few, very succinct words. Things like “the quality of mercy is not strained”, or ‘et tu Brute’, or ‘a rose by any other name’ evoke a whole volume beyond the immediacy of the words themselves. I remember seeing a laundry detergent commercial reference Lady Macbeth’s “out d@*n spot” which brought a little chuckle mixed with a tad of disgust that they would demean such a lofty piece of literature, though I still admit that it was a clever piece of marketing. However for my brother who had not been exposed to Macbeth, it was kind of lost. Although I can’t remember the brand of detergent, I still remember the commercial itself. In grade nine, our teacher also made us memorize an inscription around a backgammon board in a book called ‘Moonfleet’, which I remember to this day, and I have to confess it has much more meaning now than it ever did at the cafeteria lunch table. “As in life, so in the game of change, skill will make the best of the worst of throws.” I have used that on occasion in funeral homilies, and it was after reading that book that we all learned in that class how to play backgammon. In fact, backgammon is the only game I have on my phone, I’m a little embarrassed to admit how many times I have played it, and these stats refer only to my latest phone because the games are not carried over from phone to phone, but let’s just say we are in the vicinity of five digits. Most of the soliloquys have been lost over time, except for a line or two here and there, but this week there was a flood of these reminiscences arising and I got chased down the rabbit whole of pulling these versus up on Google. I still remember entering Mr. Elliott’s classroom, the one with the door painted with the planets and music staves wending their way through the universe. He was one of the teachers who terrified me, but I stood by his desk as he invited me to begin Lady Macbeth’s speech, and then the next month, Macbeth’s lament which remains one of my favorites, “Tomorrow, and tomorrow and tomorrow....” It is uncanny how these wonderful pieces of art that the teachers were exposing us to, mostly

kicking and screaming and grumbling, have served to give voice to the realities of life. I guess it gives new meaning each year as these memories flood back. “Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow...” Perhaps that is why they say,
‘Beware the ides of March.’

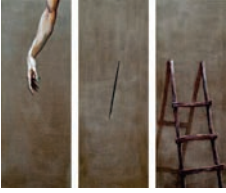


Fr. Roy

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.



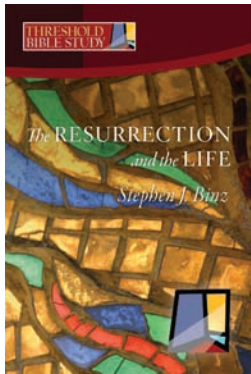
Lent Evening Prayer

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.



New Bible Study Session Beginning

Starting on Thursday April 04, the Bible Study will be investigating 'The Resurrection and the Life; from the Threshold Bible Study program. We will go until May 09.



If you are interested in journeying through the Mystery and significance of the Resurrection, join us for some wonderful discussion and growth. Please contact the Office if you are interested and we will put you in contact with the Bible Study leaders.

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.



Holy Week Schedule

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Saturday March 23, 2024 - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday March 24, 2024 - 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28th
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29th
Veneration of the Cross 11:00 am, 3:00 pm.

Holy Saturday, March 30th - 10:00 am
Office of the Readings & the Blessing of Easter Baskets (English)
11:00am - Blessing of Easter Baskets (Polish)

Great Easter Vigil - Saturday March 30th at 8:00 pm
please note that this celebration will be about 2 1/2 hours long.

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 9:00 am & 11:00 am



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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
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Rose Marie Scott
Wanda Tolazzi
Sean Coen
Chad Buckley
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Trice Hawkins
Carole Carter
Lawrence Cooper
Candice Cusinan
Cheryl Tuck
Stephen Murphy
Sarah Kraft
Marian Kulmatytskyi
Joan Reagan

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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
Tom Sagar



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Doors open at 5:00 PM

DINNER SERVED: 6:00 PM

COST: \$12 for adults

\$5 for children 7 and under

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**All tickets must
be purchased
ahead of time:**

* After each Mass on April 6-7 and 13-14

* Visit, call or email the Parish Office

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*** All tickets must be
purchased/reserved by
THURSDAY APRIL 18th**

**Proceeds to support our
CWG Bursary Fund**

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.



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