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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 Catholic Cemeteries: 905-889-7467 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 Good Shepherd School 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 of Easter April 14, 2024



Pastoral Team Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor Deacon Marian Pawliszko Deacon Stephen Pitre

Parish Staff Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch Sacramental Coordinator Baptisms, First Communions & 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 April 15th 10am: Lisa Stokl Req. by: Steve Stokl

**Tuesday April 16th** 10am: Steve Stokl Sr. Req. by: Stokl Family

Wednesday April 17th 10am: Peter Davison Req. by: Nepean Family

Thursday April 18th 10am: Mary Cappelli Req. by: John & Wilma Bloye



#### **Your Cancelled Stamps** are Valuable

our 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/donatepages/donate-to-humanitarianrelief/



St. Vincent de Paul You can donate online to the Newmarket conference at: https://sicses.blogspot.com/p/ donate.html

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April /, 2024	
Offertory	\$11,279.05
SES Building	\$ 749.00
ShareLife to date	\$ 11,510.00

#### Month of March PAG (Pre-authorized Giving) Sunday Offertory \$4,174.30 SES Building Fund \$ 402.00 ShareLife \$ 295.00

Sitting inside looking out at the patio, the semi-resident raccoon who has started using my patio furniture as his sleeping post, not to mention other bodily functions, has been absent for a couple of days now. Perhaps he is finally tired of me shooing him off the chairs and up the tree. He seems more annoyed than frightened and so when I bang on the glass, or open the patio door, he usually stretches before waddling out of the gazebo and saunters over to the pine, and looks back with this looks that says, "Are you really going to make me climb this tree?" Non-pulsed he slowly shins the tree and stares back in utter contempt. Over the last couple of weeks this critter has been playing this game that would even exasperate St. Francis of Assisi on a good day. I have been out checking the gardens and it seems like almost overnight the garlic has sprung up. Other plants are doing their best to spring into action and before long, the daily watering routine will be under way. The hellebores are in full bloom, and very soon the daffodils with brighten the beds. All the sticks for the snowplows are pulled out and stored away, lawns raked, old growth trimmed the back gardens surveyed to see what survived the winter and what didn't. There are some irises and daylilies that need to be lifted and thinned so if you are looking for any... The only real issue was staring at me at the front doors – the snow shovels. The plowing company has come and removed the salt boxes, but we have left the snow shovels out. We usually have a mid or late April snowfall and so I am not sure if leaving them out is an act of pessimism or smart move. Time will tell. But that's the thing, Mother Nature can have a wicked and wild sense of humour. Even just over the last couple of years, we seem to have been lulled into a false sense of Spring, only to have an Easter of ice storms, or April snow of heavy, tree bending, branch breaking damage on the junipers out front. There is another tree this year that needs to come down. It was the most beautiful tree out there and the heavy snowfall earlier this winter pulled it right out of the ground, roots, and all. And before Easter, with the greatest act of hope, my snow tires were replaced with the summer tires, only to have three major snowfalls wreak havoc on the roads. But is the question we are grappling with, to put the snow shovels away for the season or not? It is a little confusing seeing the flower urns at the front alive with a festival of colours with primula and ranunculus blooms, and a stand of pussy willows, greeting the people as they enter, but somewhat hidden snow shovels behind them. We discussed dragging out the garden hoses and hooking them up, but one cold night with water still in the hose could do a bit of damage. In a few months, I am sure we will be remembering the coolness

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of Spring amidst the heat and humidity of Summer, but until then we must contend with the fickleness of Spring. So if you are admiring the Spring flower display, and think its curiosity or laziness, it is an ounce of precaution for a pound of cure, or should I say, 28.35 grams of precaution for a 453 grams of cure. Transitions can be so trying.



Fr. Roy

#### Announcements and Events...



## Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom

**ShareLife** Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community.

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

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

#### DAY OF REFLECTION

Monday, April 29, 2024:

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering Topic: "Hospitality of the Heart"

During this Day of Reflection we will be invited to enter deeply into the value and practice of hospitality, shared at many levels of culture and faith, and at the very centre of the Christian life. We will look anew and contemplatively at the dynamic of hospitality. Drawn beyond common and limited understandings of hospitality our reflections will focus on God as the source of hospitality, receiving the gift of Divine Love, hospitality to the self, the expanding love of neighbour and hospitality to an unknown future. The day will include opportunities for communal and personal prayer, presentations and

reflections to accompany us on the day's journey.

Facilitator: Sr Mary Rowell, csj A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with the program. **REGISTER: http://manresa-canada.ca CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca** 



#### Women's Day of Reflection

Each year the CWG hosts a morning of Reflection for all the ladies of our parish. On Saturday, May 11, 2024, all the ladies are invited to a morning of inspiration and fellowship.. The morning begins at 8:30 with coffee and muffins. Please plan to join us for this refreshing morning of growth.



The Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting a

### Parish Mothers' Day Brunch.

On Sunday May 12, following the 9:00 am & 11:00 am, you are invited to join the Knights and our Mothers for a delicious breakfast in the Parish Hall.

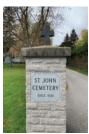
There is no cost for this event though there will be a free will offering box.

Please plan to join us.

#### **Annual Cemetery Clean Up**

The annual spring cleanup of St. John's Cemetery will once again take place on **Saturday, May 11 from 9 am to noon** 

followed by a BBQ at St. John's Hall. Some tools will be provided but we need as many volunteers as possible with rakes and shovels. You don't need experience, and the more people we have the more fun it will be. This is an excellent opportunity for students to earn community service hours. Please consider joining us. You don't need to sign up, just show up.



#### First Communion Season

What a joy & privilege to welcome over 100 young people to the Table of the Lord for the first time and hopefully many times after that. Our Communion Season continues at every gathering for Worship until Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Please remember to pray for our young people and their families.

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

Alana Brown-Wallace	E. Turnbull	Laura Rostron	
Betty Loft	Paul Jennas	Albina Barber	
Bruce Firth	Rose Marie Scott	Santiago Garcia	
Kathleen Todesco	Wanda Tolazzi	Hallie Lynn	
Joshua Perek	Sean Coen	Morgan Leung	
Donna Stea-Cutting	Chad Buckley	Antonia Fabrizi	
Andy Dube	Ana Aparicio	Theresa Wharton	
Elizabeth Ryan	Jake Tallon	Zeny Jose	
Matteo Savella	Victor Dumas	Tammy Elkie	
Jackson Rowan	Trice Hawkins	Marcus D'Mello	
Carmen Baldacchino	Carole Carter	Lisa Stokl	
Mervin Correa	Lawrence Cooper	Jeanette Barbosa	
Leo Cadia Vaz	Candice Cusinan	Daniel Juresic	
Orsola Accardi	Cheryl Tuck	Bernal Gutierrez	
Aria Crang	Stephen Murphy	Tessa Stone	
Andy Waldherr	Sarah Kraft	Tom Sagar	
Michelle Canale	Marian Kulmatytskyi	Jason Fonceca	



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 \* After each Mass on April 6-7 and 13-14 be purchased \* Visit, call or email the Parish Office ahead of time: >>> 905-853-5009 >>> st.elizabethseton@rogers.com

\* All tickets must be

purchased/reserved by THURSDAY APRIL 18th

Proceeds to support our CWG Bursary Fund

# The Life of Our Parish in May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am Feast of St. Jo- seph the Worker	2 Soup & Movie	3 Feast of St. Philip & St. James	4 6th Sunday of Easter
5 6th Sunday of Easter	6 RCIA SVDP Mass & Meeting Week of Catho- lic Education	7	8 KofC General Mtg.	9 Bible Study	10	11 Ascension Sunday CWG Day of Reflection
12 Ascension Sunday K of C Mother Day's Breakfast	13 Fr. Roy on Seminar NO morning Mass	14 CWG Gen- eral Mtg. Feast of St. Matthias	15	16 Bible Study	17	18 Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Sunday
19 Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Sunday	20 Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church	21	22 KofC Exec. Mtg.	23 Bible Study	24	25 Holy Trinity Sunday Confirmation Sunday
26 Holy Trinity Sunday Confirmation Sunday	27	28 CWG Exec. Mtg.	29	30 Bible Study	31 Feast of Visitation of Mary	



## IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN MAY 3 - 5, 2024 with

Fr. Dexter Gray, SJ

**The Spirit Within:** Knowing the fact, that a fragment of God lives in each person and grappling to discover the right image of God.

The knowing of the right image of God—God-consciousness.

The spiritual urge to find God.

The whole-hearted desire to do God's will.

When the mind believes God and the soul knows God and when, with the fostering of the indwelling Spirit, they all desire God, then is survival of the individual assured.

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Suggested Offering: \$ 250.00 pp

This includes your two night's accommodation, meals, retreat program and spiritual direction.

Register online at: manresa-canada.ca

Email: registration@manresa.ca



**Fr. Dexter Fredric Gray** is a Jesuit from Sri Lanka. He has a Bph in Philosophy at the National Seminary of Our Lady in Ampititya Sri Lanka and a BTH in Theology at Loyola School of Theology Manila. His talents include basketball and music. He was Director of Manresa Retreat House in Sri Lanka and Provincial Superior of the Jesuit Province of Sri Lanka and Pakistan Mission. His interests are preaching retreats, group dynamics for youth and spiritual direction.

