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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 Servicesof York Region:905-770-7040Catholic Cemeteries:905-889-7467St. John's Cemetery905-889-7467

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

Pentecost Sunday May 19, 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 May 20th 10am: Lourdes Pereira Req. by: Cupe 1571

**Tuesday May 21st** 10am: **Ralph Suppa** Req. by: **Cupe 1571** 

Wednesday May 22nd 10am: Allan Johnston Req. by: Muriele Grayson

**Thursday May 23rd** 10am: **Warren Foster** Req. by: **Janice & Jim Senger** 



#### Your Cancelled Stamps are Valuable

Your cancelled stamps can make a

difference. 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

Parish & Giving								
May 12th								
Offertory SES Building	\$7,204.25 \$ 195.00							

<b>Month of April PAG</b> (Pre-authorized Giving)	
Sunday Offertory SES Building Fund ShareLife	\$ 4,167.00 402.00 305.00

Alcoholic Anonymous meet every Saturday at 8pm in the Knights of Columbus room.

#### **Ruminations** ....

The last weeks of the Easter festival ends with the very creative and thoughtful name of Pentecost. The word simply means 'fiftieth'. Not very original if you ask me, but then they didn't. It marks the end of the Easter season which culminates with the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Since confirmation is a celebration of the giving of the Holy Spirit, it makes sense to schedule parish events around this day - to derive meaning from the occasion and make a distinct connection between the life of the Church and our own lives. There should have been a better name, but, again, I wasn't consulted. Until recently, most Confirmation celebrations took place in grade 8, around the age when people in by gone days would also celebrate their first communion when the Bishop would visit to complete the initiation of young people baptized shortly after birth. I was baptized two weeks and two days after my birth. Needless to say, I have no recollection of the event. I don't even recall seeing any pictures of it. I do recall my confirmation. It was back in the day with a much different theology and different practice. Liturgically they joke that 'confirmation is a sacrament looking for a theology'. Once it became disassociated from First Communion, it lost its bearings as the sealing of baptism 'confirming our invitation' to the Table. We were taught we were becoming soldiers for Christ, and back in those pre-enlightened days, we were not sure if the girls could be soldiers. Anyway, our class was measured for the confirmation gowns, the girls in white and the boys in red. We made stoles to hang around our neck and decorated them with symbols of the sacrament. We studied hard and then there was the religion test. We thought it was to determine if we were ready or not, though if one were to see our class, there would have been a lot of failing grades. Anyway, I got perfect on the test. I like to attribute it to my sanctity, but the reality was that I was good at memory work. It was more likely answers without meaning. I remember getting teased that I was likely to become a priest- a taunt that I voraciously repudiated. If I had only known. I had to pick a sponsor and convenience more than inspiration was at work. I picked my older cousin who was three years my senior. It was the era of long hair ( a stark rebellion against the years of buzz cuts), and platform shoes. I never had platform shoes, but my long-haired cousin wanted to ensure that he was taller than me, so we prayed hard that he wouldn't fall off of them. Confirmations back then were rarely done at a Sunday mass and we were not different. On a weeknight we processed in single file, girls on the one side and the boys on the other. We did not sit alphabetically, but rather in ascending order of height. I suppose the Holy Spirit works better with a more orderly and structured line. I honestly have no idea who the bishop was, or who the priest was for that matter. That being



said, I have no delusions that our young people will remember the name of the old priest that confirmed them, or what he had to say. I just remember that it was a special day, and it was a bit of a family gathering, and of course, I remember the gift my cousin sponsor gave me, a new Timex watch – my first. Remember young people it is a special day, and the best gift is that your family and your parish, and this forgettable old priest are here to remind you how proud and joy-filled we are to be part of your lives, and to have you part of ours. You so much belong.  $\mathcal{P}r. \mathcal{R}oy$ 

#### Announcements and Events...

#### On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – *Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice* 

Thus far we have raised \$16,136.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at sharelife.org/donate.

#### Calling High School soon-to-be Grads

It's that time of year when the CWG & the K of C are organizing their Bursaries for our young people who are preparing to graduate and to off to college, or university or apprenticeships. Each year a small bursary is offered

to the students who have made a positive contribution to our Parish. If you are interested, please pick up an application form and return it to the Parish Office before May 26.





#### Thank you!! Thank You!! Thank You!!!

It was such a joy to see all the families gathering to celebrate Mothers' Day. Both masses had a full house and we lost count of the number of eggs that were cracked. Your generosity has allowed us to donate over \$1,000 to the Rose of Sharon and they are hugely appreciative for the assistance. So thank you to the mothers, and the families, and our young people who did a superb job helping out. Same time next year?

### Sanirajak

The St. Vincent de Paul Project of shipping supplies to our

northern Sisters and Brothers in Sanirajak, Nunavut, is looking forward to sending a second container filled with supplies in Summer, 2025. They are starting to collect funds. Watch for more details.





Over the next two weekends, over 60 of our young people will complete their baptism by celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. At all three Sunday masses on the weekends of May 18 & 19, & May 25 & 26, our young people will gather in our midst to become fully initiated members of the Church.

The vision of the Church is that these important events should be celebrated with the community when the community gathers. The place of baptisms, first communions, and indeed, even Confirmations is in the middle of Community gathered. We are fortunate to have numbers that permit us to do this. Even though Mass may be a bit longer, it is a beautiful sign and witness to our young people that they belong to us, and that we support them with our prayers and example. So over these two weekends,

please pray for our young people and their families and offer them a heartfelt welcome and congratulations. At their baptism, we heard their



At their baptism, we heard their names and we have claimed them as our own.

#### 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 lackson Rowan Carmen Baldacchino Mervin Correa Leo Cadia Vaz Orsola Accardi Aria Crang Andy Waldherr Michelle Canale Pearl Clarke

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

Laura Rostron Albina Barber Santiago Garcia Hallie Lynn Morgan Leung Antonia Fabrizi Theresa Wharton Zeny Jose Tammy Elkie Marcus D'Mello Lisa Stokl leanette Barbosa Daniel Juresic Bernal Gutierrez Tessa Stone Tom Sagar lason Fonceca Juliana Pelaez

# The Life in Our Parish in June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Corpus Chris- tie Sunday
2 Corpus Chris- tie Sunday	3 RCIA Wrap- up 7pm	4	5 Prayer Shawl Ministry Wapped n Loe	6	7 Sacred Heart of Jesus	8 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Immaculate Heart of Mary
9 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10	11 CWG Clos- ing dinner 6:30 Feast of St. Bar- nabas	12 Kof C General Mtg.	13 Feast of St. Anthony of Padua	14	15 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Salt, Soap and Shoes collection starts
16 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time HAPPY DAY	17	18	19	20 OLGC Grad	21 SES Grad	22 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptisms
<ul> <li>23 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</li> <li>Baptism 9am</li> <li>Salt Soap and Shoes ends.</li> <li>30 13th Sunday in Ordinary</li> </ul>	24 GS Grad Nativity of John the Baptist 6 months to Christmas	25 CWG Exec Mtg.	26 Kof C Exec Mtg. High School Last day	27 Elementry School Last Day	28 Feast of St. Irenaeus	29 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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