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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

The Most Holy Body and Blod of Christ June 2, 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 June 3rd 10am: Mary MacDonald Req. by: Darlene Hisko

Tuesday June 4th 10am: **Ben Ternes** Req. by: **Janice & Jim Senger**

Wednesday June 5th 10am: **Luis & Manuela Gaspar** Req. by: **The Family**

Thursday June 6th 10am: **Thomas Wood** Req. by: **Family**



Your Cancelled Stamps are Valuable

Your cancelled stamps can make a difference. Please denote your

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/



You can donate online to the Newmarket conference at: https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/ donate.html

Parish Giving				
May 26th Offertory SES Building		5,468.20 0,240.00		
Month of May PAG (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

There is the often heard expression that 'music hath charms to sooth the savage breast', so I looked it up to see where it came from. It was first expressed as part of a play back in 1697 called 'The Mourning Bride' by William Congreve. There is a second part of the quote that completes the saying, 'to soften rocks or bend a knotted oak'. I am supposing that Mr. Congreve had never heart heavy metal (editorial judgement). All kinds of studies have been conducted to explore the influence or power of music on us. It's not that I have read any, I just know from experience that a particular song can trigger memories and transport me back to an occasion or event, and equally, if a situation arises, a certain song may come to mind. There is a Gordon Lightfoot song that speaks of summer. I remember waking up one morning at the beginning of summer vacation and whenever I hear it, winter or spring, I am lifted back to that summer morning with the dew on the grass, and the morning sun just peeking through the kitchen window and mom sitting sipping coffee, relaxing, before the onslaught of the four boys crawl out of bed. That song just happened to be playing on the radio, and ever since then, almost six decades ago, Gordon Lightfoot means summer. Another popular song is Joni Mitchell's 'Big Yellow Taxi'. Back then I found the lyrics intriguing, about tearing down Paradise and putting up a parking lot. I couldn't quite comprehend how anyone was powerful enough to destroy Paradise, but years later I listened to the song beyond just the jingle of it and realized what it was about, ripping up nature, a place of inherent beauty and erecting a faceless, purely functional space, devoid of encounter or relationship or beauty. Well, I was driving the hospital beeper to its next caregivers at Holy Martyrs of Japan (I usually take it to Our Lady of Grace, but apparently I missed a memo saying that Bradford had switched with Aurora), and that meant I got to pass by my first elementary school, St. Mary's in Bradford. The school also had a convent beside it where the nuns lived who led the school. I was only there for two years before being shipped out onto the Marsh and St. Charles School. Since my middle name was Charles, I thought I had a privileged relationship with the school. St. Mary's had long been closed and a new school, Marie of the Incarnation replaced it, but the old building remained. As I was driving by it, I saw that it was half demolished, and big machinery was tearing the rest of it Suddenly Joni Mitchell song popped into my head, 'They paved down. paradise..." When I got to the Church Office, I mentioned that they were tearing down my old school and the secretary informed me that they were going to build a center to have a food bank, and other resources for people in need. I guess I am okay with that, but I suddenly realized, my first elementary school – demolished; my second elementary school – demolished; my high school – demolished. I do not have a good track record with educational institutions, so I am thinking of putting a couple of the post-secondary institutions on notice, to be prepared for their eventual demise, likely sooner

rather than later. Laurentian, St. Augustine's, St. Paul's, and Notre Dame, consider yourselves forewarned. "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone..." Time to pull up 'Big Yellow Taxi' on Youtube. Thanks Joni.

Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events...



Your love and compassion led thousands on the path to healing

ShareLife Through your kind support, you eased the struggles of 23,000 people by providing

access to mental health care. Your compassion provides families access to counselling sessions from our Catholic family agencies.

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

St. John Cemetery Bylaws Update

The St. John Cemetery Board in a meeting on March

20, 2024 approved changes to the Cemetery Bylaws. These changes are subject to approval of the Registrar, Cemeteries Act (Revised). Changes are posted in the church foyer. If you have any questions or require further information, email the Cemetery Board at stjc.cemetery@gmail.com. Current Bylaws may be reviewed on the St. John Chrysostom Parish website.



Missionary Speaker

On July 20 - 21 weekend, we will host the annual Missionary Appeal through the Archdiocese Missionary Cooperative. Our speaker belongs to an order called Yarumal Missionaries, an organization rooted in Colombia that works in Angola, Bolivia, Colombia, Cambodia, Ecuador, Ivory Coast,

Panama, and Thailand.

Our speaker is Fr. Tulio Ramirez. Fr. Tulio is from Colombia and has served in Kenya, Ethiopia, and the Bronx, New York.



Great Books for Young People

Have been into the Library at the Church yet. We have a great selection of books for Children, with a wide range of topics and stories. Feel free to sign them out. Stop in to see our over 500 books.



Alana Brown-Wallace Betty LoftE. Turnbull Paul JennasLaura Rostron Albina BarberBruce Firth Kathleen Todesco Joshua PerekRose Marie Scott Wanda Tolazzi Sean CoenAlbina Barber Santiago Garcia Hallie Lynn Morgan Leung Antonia Fabrizi Theresa Wharton Elizabeth Ryan Matteo Savella Jackson Rowan Carmen Baldacchino Mervin Correa Leo Cadia Vaz Orsola Accardi Andy Waldherr Michelle Canale Pearl Clarke Randy ReadE. Turnbull Paul Jennas Randy Each Denas Donna Stea-Cutting Ana Aparicio Jake Tallon Victor Dumas Trice Hawkins Carole Carter Carole Carter Candice Cusinan Cheryl Tuck Stephen Murphy Sarah Kraft Marian Kulmatytskyi Dianne Rousseau Weaver Gladys AndersonLaura Rostron Albina Barber Santiago Garcia Hallie Lynn Morgan Leung Antonia Fabrizi Theresa Wharton Zeny Jose Tammy Elkie Marcus D'Mello Lisa Stokl Dianne Rousseau Weaver Gladys Anderson
Randy Read

North of 60 Project, Society of St Vincent de Paul

Dear fellow parishioners,

Twelve months ago, our Conference was actively purchasing 16,000 pounds of food to ship to an Indigenous Arctic Community. Our ability to fulfill that goal in 2023, was made possible by your generous financial support and we are sincerely grateful. Amid the excitement of Pope Francis' visit to Canada and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action, donations to North of 60 were a popular choice.

Increases in interest rates to combat inflation have created unexpected challenges to maintain basic necessities and reliance on support from organizations has been significant. Understandably, donations to our North of 60 Project were also affected.

Food inflation has impacted all Canadians, but more so, in the Canadian Arctic, where prices range from 4 to 5 times higher than elsewhere. A commitment to helping an Arctic community with food items, as a means of giving back to our Indigenous neighbours for the injustices they suffered has been reaffirmed by our Conference. We recognize that shipping a container annually is currently an unrealistic objective and the proposed shipment for July 2024 will be deferred to 2025 and bi-annually thereafter.

The reality is that a 4-1 cost ratio of food prices in Nunavut versus in Ontario, combined with favourable tax credits on charitable donations can equate to a six-fold increase in buying power of after-tax dollars when food is purchased in Ontario. Furthermore, every dollar donated is used to purchase food items as all expenses related to the container and shipping are covered through other organizations.

The reading of Indigenous Land Acknowledgements prior to public events is a reminder that giving back to our Indigenous neighbours is not a one-time event. On June 21st we celebrate Canada's National Indigenous Peoples Day. If you are able and choose to donate to this cause, please use the special blue envelope attached. Please deposit your donation envelope in the Society of St Vincent De Paul donation box at back of the church.

Yours sincerely

George Quesnelle North of 60 Project Coordinator Society of St Vincent de Paul St. John Chrysostom / St. Elizabeth Seton Conference.

