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**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am  
All will be lived streamed.

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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 3, 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  
Rectorry 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 November 4th

10am: **Anton Zizek**  
Req. by: Cupe 1571

### Tuesday November 5th

10am: **Zofia & Mieczyslaw Luszczi**  
Req. by: Lucy Cutting

### Wednesday November 6th

10am: **Lora Filosa**  
Req. by: Cutting Family

### Thursday November 7th

10am **Savatino O'Haviani**  
Req. by: Wife

 A simple cup of coffee becomes happiness when you share it with friends.  
*Coffee & Chat*

### November 3

9:00 KNIGHTS

11:00 CWG

### November 10

9:00 Donna Parkes  
Jess McDonald  
Patricia Chan

11:00 John Bloye  
Wilma Bloye  
KD Neely

**Join us after each mass for coffee and fellowship.**



### St. Vincent de Paul

You can donate online to the Newmarket conference at:

<https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>

## Parish Giving

### October 27, 2024

Offertory	\$6,349.40
SES Building	\$ 275.00

### Month of October PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory	\$4,159.30
SES Building Fund	\$ 402.00
ShareLife	\$ 305.00

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

## Ruminations ....

The concept of 'dog years' is an interesting expression. Our dog lived for eighteen years which was most of my teen years and early adulthood. It was a sad day when he had to take him to the veterinarian and have him euthanized. For fun we would often calculate how old he was in human years, and in those last few years, he was starting to look his age, needing to be helped up on to chairs or beds, and coaxed to go outside and do his business in inclement weather. When the great horned owl took up residence, he never went outside on his own, and there was always a broom nearby to fend off any airborne attacks. Well, last week on the Priests' seminar, we have our own version of dog years, we call it 'priest years.' The first seminars that I attended were held at Cranberry Inn in Collingwood. We were definitely the young pups. Back then, you would not become a pastor for at least fifteen years, providing lots of mentorship and pastoral experience. That certainly provided a much more seasoned priest. Nowadays, if the newly ordained get to have five years, that is a bonus. To be honest, five years as an associate is still the honeymoon stage. I remember admiring those priests who had celebrated twenty-five years or more just thinking wow. With my own twenty-five years long behind me, and with recognizing just how quickly it passes, the wow is not so much an amazement as it is a wondering where the time went. So being at the upper end of the priest timeline, knowing that some of those young whipper snapper priests filled with naïve energy and inexperience are looking at me wondering when I will retire so they can get their own pastor ship, well, lets just say that sitting at our 'old priests' table for dinner prompts some interesting remarks and conversations about the poor people of God, commenting on the priest years of service knowing they still have soooo much to learn. Anyway, the seminar was geared to enlivening parish life trying to find ways to counteract the post Covid loss of parishioners compounded by the growing decline in general of organized religion. The presentations were almost like a sales convention of the various programs out there, Alpha, Divine Renovation, Reformed, Called and Gifted, etc, and each one thought they were going to save the Church. There were some interesting observations and even better tangents, but the reality was that most parishes were more concerned about how to empower the low percentage of parishioners who are attending, how to involve them in the life of the community. One of the most interesting and maybe scary statistics was the difference in participation levels between Catholics and other denominations. The Jehovah Witnesses were best at having their people learn about their faith. Ninety percent of them attend their weekly faith formation groups. The evangelicals were best at getting people involved in worship ministries and outreach to the poor and needy. The Salvation Army had the strongest sense of pastoral responsibility to the community at large. The only thing that the Catholics led in was numbers of the congregation, but the recent StatsCan information is that less than 12% of people who call themselves Catholics attend Mass on a regular basis (defined as once a month). No one has the magic elixir or formula in motivating the congregation to take the life of the worshipping community seriously. Here too, we are struggling to fill in some of our basic pastoral needs. We have unbaptized children waiting to be formed, but no one to lead them. We have adults journeying to Easter reception with no one to walk with them. We have confirmation young people ready for their groups but no one to facilitate them. There are lots of things, but how do we motivate people to actually take ownership of parish life. At the end of the seminar, there were no great solutions only a common lament that the Holy Spirit seems to be sleeping on the job. Anyway, welcome to parish life in the new millennium. At my dinner table, the eight of us collectively had over 240 years of priest years, the table beside us had 43. The one priest at our table had more than that by himself.

Fr. Roy



## Announcements and Events...



### Remembrance Vespers

**Sunday, November 17 at 7:00 pm.**

Once again the CWG is hosting Evening Prayer in remembrance of all our loved ones. Pick up a form and the name of your loved one will be remembered by name as we light candles in their honour. This is a beautiful evening of prayer so please join us. Donations are greatly appreciated.

### St. Vincent de Paul Christmas

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to remind you that they are accepting donations for their Christmas Program. Donations can be made using the special blue envelopes available at the back of the church and placed in the collection basket/box or dropped off at the office during the week.

Donations can also be made on-line at <https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/christmas-program.html> or by using the QR in this announcement. In order to best serve our families, please make your donations by **November 25**.



Also, the Christmas Giving Tree will be set up by **Saturday, November 16**. Please take a couple of stars and return these gifts **unwrapped** by **Sunday, December 1**. (*Please Note:* Though it may seem to be thoughtful, wrapping gifts actually makes more work for those organizing the gift distribution. Gift bags are fine but so are ordinary bags. As well, it is important to ensure that the **star is attached** to the gift so that we can ensure that gifts make their way to the appropriate recipient!) Finally, we ask that you also pick up a prayer card and pray for each person for whom you are purchasing a gift. We may not know one another's name, but we are brothers and sisters in Christ! This way we are caring for one another not only physically but spiritually.

Thank you for your generosity.



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### Hallowe'en Candies for Kids

Once again we are sponsoring our "Candies for Kids". We invite you to share a bit of your Hallowe'en stash with children who do not have the opportunity to enjoy this activity. If you have any extra goodies that you can share then please drop them off in the Church foyer anytime between **November 1st to the 12th**. The candies will be delivered to "Canadian Food for Children" an organization started by Dr. Simone.



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

Alana Brown-Wallace  
Betty Loft  
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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Aria Crang  
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Randy Read

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Wanda Tolazzi  
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Ana Aparicio  
Jake Tallon  
Victor Dumas  
Trice Hawkins  
Carole Carter  
Lawrence Cooper  
Candice Cusinan  
Cheryl Tuck  
Stephen Murphy  
Sarah Kraft  
Marian Kulmatytski  
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Gladys Anderson

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