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**Mass Times:**

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 9:00 (Live-streamed)  
& 11:00

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday to Friday 10:00am  
(Live-streamed)

First Friday Devotions following  
10:00am Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00—3:30

Or by appointment

\*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last  
Sunday of each month except July  
& August

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church entrance or the parish office.

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acquired at the office.

Please introduce yourself to  
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# St. Elizabeth Seton

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7 2025

## A Season of Hope and Anticipation

HOPE PEACE



JOY LOVE

**"Cheerfulness prepares a glorious mind  
for all the noblest acts."**

St. Elizabeth Seton

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**Fr. Roselle Azares, Pastor**

**Deacon Marian Pawliszko**

**Deacon Stephen Pitre**

**Parish Staff**

**Office Administrator ~ Katie Goulbourne**

**Sacramental Coordinator**

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**Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas**

**Regular Office Hours**

**Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm**

**Friday 9am to 1pm**

**Pastoral Reference**

As evidence of living one's faith the person requesting a reference must  
be registered for at least 12 months and genuinely trying to attend Mass  
every Sunday, as well as supporting the Church, its charities and mission  
work.

**Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage: Please contact the office.**

For those interested in the **Rite of Christian Initiation** for Adult &  
Children of Catechetical age please contact the parish office.

## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, December 8**

*The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed  
Virgin Mary*

5pm: **Mary Murphy**  
Req. by: Marian Brown

### **Tuesday December 9**

10am: **William Cook**  
Req. by: Dagmar Ficker

### **Wednesday December 10**

10am: **Marianna Splawinska  
Kardasz**  
Req. by: CUPE 1571

### **Thursday December 11**

10am: **Edel Quinn**  
Req. by: Joanne Ennamorato

### **Friday December 12**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

10am: **Rose Gerrard**  
Req. by: The McAvoy Family

### **Saturday December 13**

*St. Lucy*

4:30pm: **Kazimierz Kirejczyk**  
Req. by: Kirejczyk Family

### **Sunday December 14**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

9am: **Marvin "Ted" McClenny**  
Req. by: Henrietta McClenny

11:00am: **Mass for the People**

## Lord, Come Down

This is one of Aesop's best-known fables: A Wolf meets a Lamb straying from the flock. The wolf decides not to pounce on the Lamb right away but first to give the Lamb a reason why he, the Wolf, should eat him. So he says to the Lamb: "Hi, it was you who insulted me last year." "Actually," replies the Lamb in a mournful voice, "I was not born then."

Then says the Wolf, "But you feed in my pasture." "No, sir," replies the Lamb, "I have not yet tasted grass." "Besides," says the Wolf, "You drink at my well." "No," exclaims the Lamb, "I never yet drank water, for as yet my mother's milk is both food and drink to me." At that the Wolf seized him and ate him, saying, "Well! I won't stay without supper, even if you refute every one of my accusations."

Aesop is not the only one who sees human relationships in terms of wolves and lambs. The philosopher, Thomas Hobbes, said about the human condition that "man is wolf to man." Observing the human community and human relationships, one gets the impression that there are two kinds of people, the oppressors and the oppressed. The dividing line between the two groups runs through gender, ethnicity and race, social class and religious affiliation. Invariably one group appears to be the wolf and the other the lamb.

Isaiah in the 1st reading today is aware of this state of affairs among humans. He speaks of the human community in terms of wolves and lambs, leopards and kids, lions and calves, bears and cows. He sees that the wolf eats the lamb, the leopard the goat kid, the lion eats the calf and the bear the cow. Isaiah's interest, however, is not simply in the way things are or have always been but in the way things can be. Isaiah is a man of vision. And here he recounts his vision of the day of the Lord, "the days to come" when God will manifest his glory on all humankind.

*The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)*

"Impossible," some people will say on reading this. "He is dreaming. The wolf can never live in peace with the lamb because it is in the nature of the wolf to eat the lamb." But that is exactly the point. Just as it is impossible, naturally speaking, for the wolf to live in peace with the lamb, so it is impossible for us to live the life of harmonious coexistence in the new world order as envisioned by Isaiah and all the prophets. A radical transformation of our human nature is required. We need a completely new heart. This radical transformation of human nature is possible only by God's grace.

Grace transforms nature. God's grace transforms human nature so radically that one needs to experience it to believe it. Grace working in nature accomplishes so much more than we could ever imagine. This is what Isaiah goes on to describe:

*The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. (11:7)*

The flesh-eating lion and bear now eat grass like the cow. They lose their hunger for flesh, their thirst for blood. Transformed by grace, it is only then that the wolf can live in peace with the lamb. Only then can the ferocious animals learn to accept their weaker colleagues as equals who have an equal right to life and well-being. And only then can the weaker animals learn to trust the ferocious ones and forgive and forget all the violence they had been made to suffer in the past.

Note that Isaiah is not talking here of "tolerating" or putting up with" the other. The peace of this new world order is not merely an absence of war or friction. No. It is a peace of harmonious live-and-let-live based on justice and the mutual recognition that everyone has got the right not only to life but also to the good life. It is only when the lion and the wolf give up their "natural privileges" and begin to eat grass like the cow that one can truly say that "all animals are equal." As long as some animals lay claim to being "more equal" than others there can be no justice and no peace.

In our personal and business life do we consciously or unconsciously operate on the principle that for us to win someone else has to lose? The vision of the new world order to which the prophets invite us today is founded on the principle that we can all be winners. The story of the Wolf and the Lamb as told by Aesop and Hobbes is not the full story. The full story of the Wolf and the Lamb, as Isaiah tells us today, will end with "and the lived happily ever after." We pray for the coming of this new world order, the kingdom of God.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. RCRA



### **November 30 2025**

Offertory	\$ 9,477.10
SES Building	\$ 395.00
ShareLife YTD	\$ 19,914.00

### **Month of October PAG (Pre-authorized Giving)**

Sunday Offertory	\$3586.30
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#### December 7th

9:00 CWG

11:00 KNIGHTS

#### December 14th

9:00 Michael Andrews  
Sheri Andrews  
Mug Zweerman  
Katie Zweerman  
11:00 John Bloye  
Wilma Bloye

**Please join us as we come together as a  
Parish to celebrate the  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Monday, December 8th @ 5:00pm**

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COUNCIL 10586

**SAVE THE DATE**

**"PUB KNIGHT"**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace  
Betty Loft  
Kathleen Todesco  
Joshua Perek  
Donna Stea-Cutting  
Andy Dube  
Matteo Savella  
Jackson Rowan  
Carmen Baldacchino  
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Jake Tallon  
Trice Hawkins  
Carole Carter  
Lawrence Cooper  
Candice Cusinan  
Cheryl Tuck  
Stephen Murphy  
Sarah Kraft  
Marian Kulmatytskyi  
Dianne Rousseau Weaver  
Gladys Anderson  
Shaun O'Reilly  
Diane McTamney  
Patricia Routhier

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Tammy Elkie  
Lisa Stokl  
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Liliana Mejia  
Annett Esguerra

Ladies...  
You're invited ...

C.W.G. *Christmas*  
Wine & Cheese  
2025

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DECEMBER  
TUESDAY

6:30PM MASS

*followed by*

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For those parishioners that have not yet had a chance to donate,  
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Thank you very much,  
SSVP Newmarket/East Gwillimbury





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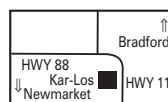
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