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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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New Parishioners?
Welcome to St. Elizabeth Seton!
If you would like to register
forms are available at the
church entrance or the parish office.
Envelopes may also be
acquired at the office.
Please introduce yourself to
Fr. Roselle Azares after Mass

Parish Schools

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(905) 895-0303
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(905) 478-4242
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St. Elizabeth Seton

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22 2026



**"The first end I propose in our daily work
is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in
the manner He wills it; and thirdly, to do it
because it is His will."** St. Elizabeth Seton

Pastoral Team

Fr. Roselle Azares, Pastor
Deacon Marian Pawliszko
Deacon Stephen Pitre

Parish Staff

Office Administrator ~ Katie Goulbourne
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

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

Tuesday February 24

10am: **Stefan Krajci**
Req. by: CUPE 1571

Wednesday February 25

10am: **Tina Arruda**
Req. by: Maria Arruda

Thursday February 26

10am: **Elizabeth Jarrell**
Req. by: Linda McDonald

Friday February 27

10am: **John McCarthy**
Req. by: Donna Parkes

7pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 28

4:30pm: **Maria Vendrasco & Anthony Dininio**
Req. by: Daniela Ridgley & Family

Sunday March 1

9:00am: **Mass For The People**
11:00am: **Marcus D'Mello**
Req. by: Joyce D'Mello



February 15, 2026

Offertory	\$ 5,767.95
SES Building Fund	\$ 310.00

Month of January PAG (Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,751.02
SES Building Fund	\$ 612.00
ShareLife	\$ 80.00

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

Come to the Desert

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, where he fasted for 40 days. We, too, are in the desert with Jesus during these 40 days in Lent. I think back to the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday when we received the smudge of ashes on our foreheads, and when it was proclaimed to us: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." In the desert where Jesus was thrust, where he spent time praying and fasting, there was a lot of silence. The silence is one place we are to seek God on this Lenten journey. Unfortunately, silence can be so uncomfortable in our modern world – a world where there is so much noise and activity around us.

If we just surround ourselves with noise all the time, if we talk all the time and refuse to be quiet and listen, then we might not hear God in the subtle ways that he speaks to us. In Lent, we need to be open to new ways of looking to things, to seek God in the different ways he is present to us in the world. One thing I might invite you to do during Lent is to come to Eucharistic adoration on First Fridays or to come to our Blessed Sacrament Chapel which is open during office hours and to spend time with God in silence. Bring to the experience whatever you are experiencing in your life: your joys and your sorrows, your struggles and frustrations, your accomplishments and your disappointments. In that experience of silence, God will meet you in your reality.

Being in the desert with Jesus during these 40 days helps us examine our lives and look at our reality. Forgiveness is a reality that we are called to in our lives, something we want to explore throughout our Lenten journey. C S Lewis wrote: "Everyone says that forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive." That is so true, isn't it? When we have been hurt by someone, forgiving that person may be the last thing on our minds. As that point, we may be consumed with anger. We may think that forgiveness is not fair. We might not think that person deserves forgiveness.

But the forgiveness that God calls us to a decision, it is a process, and it is a gift. We make a decision to forgive because we choose to let go of any ideas of revenge or retribution. We decide to free ourselves from the bitterness and anger that can harden our hearts. It is a process, because forgiveness is something that usually takes time. It takes time to let go of resentment and hard feelings. Forgiveness often comes in steps and stages, and it may take time just to get through the initial decision to forgive. But above all, forgiveness is a gift of love. We are called to forgive without expectations, without limits, out of our free will. It is a gift to us and a gift to the person we forgive.

We seek out God in many ways on our Lenten journey. We seek out God in silences during these 40 days. We seek out God in forgiveness. But we do not seek out God the way we would seek out a lost object, according to Trappist monk Thomas Merton. As we seek out God in new ways, we recognize the ways He is already present in our hearts, the ways He is already present in the world around us.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. RCRA

Announcements and Events

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

Our parish community is seeking volunteers to join our Cash Counting Ministry. Volunteers work in small groups to count and record the weekly offertory collection, helping ensure accurate banking and financial stewardship. Comfort with handling money and balancing transactions is an asset; training and guidance are provided. The commitment is typically once or twice a month for a couple of hours, following 9am Mass. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Calling All Singers

Join our NEW seasonal parish choir forming soon ...

Joyful Notes

Rehearsals every second week starting....

- Thursday, February 19, 2026
- @ 7:00 pm

No choir experience necessary

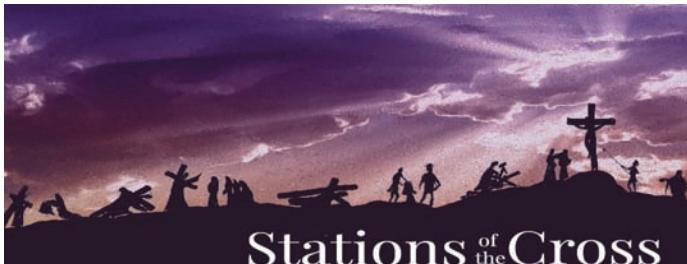
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or fill out the Joyful Notes form and leave it in the office for Donna Campbell.



"Joyful Notes" is a seasonal choir not a weekly Mass choir. We are focused on sharing music in a supportive and welcoming space. All voices are welcome and no previous choral experience is required. Rehearsals will be every second Thursday. We welcome you to attend a rehearsal and see what we are all about.

Click/Type the following link to register:
<https://forms.gle/BzyFS2YWssas4jjP78>



FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM

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	February 22	March 1
9:00	Michael Andrews Sherri Andrews Mug Zweerman Katie Zweerman	9:00 CWG
	11:00 Kathe Dagher Maggie West Maureen Delaney	11:00 KNIGHTS



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PER "PIE"**



**LEGION
OF
MARY**

The Legion of Mary will run a Columban Drive after all the weekend Masses of February 28- March 1st, 2026. Membership is open to all Catholic men and women, 18 years and over. Please come and meet the legionaries at the church vestibule.

Let us pray for

Alana Brown-Wallace Betty Loft Kathleen Todesco Joshua Perek Donna Stea-Cutting Andy Dube Matteo Savella Jackson Rowan Carmen Baldacchino Merwyn Correa Leo Cadia Vaz Orsola Accardi Aria Crang Andy Waldherr Michelle Canale Pearl Clarke Laura Rostron Albina Barber Gladys Carvajac Francesco Pileggi	Paul Jennas Rose Marie Scott Wanda Tolazzi Sean Coen Ana Aparicio 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 McTarnney Patricia Routhier Alessandra Bustamante Natasha Franzoni	Theresa Wharton Tammy Elkie Lisa Stokl Jeanette Barbosa Daniel Juresic Bernal Gutierrez Theresa Graham Jason Fonceca Christopher Wiker Johana Gutierrez Milena Easton Bryan Bausch Peyton Bausch Karen Heaslip Tessa Stone Tom Dube Amy Watts Liliana Mejia Annett Esguerra Mary Franzoni
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