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Welcome to St. Elizabeth Seton!

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### St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020



Pastoral Team
Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor
Deacon Marian Pawliszko
Deacon Stephen Pitre

#### **Parish Staff**

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch Sacramental Coordinator - Grades 2 & 7 ~ Jennifer McAvoy Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

#### **Regular Office Hours**

Mon. 9:00am—4:00pm

Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 9:00am—8:00pm ~ Fri., 9am -1pm Sat. 2:00pm—6:00pm Sun. 8:00am—1:00pm



#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**Saturday** ~ 3:00 - 3:30 pm Or By Appointment

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### Mass Intentions

### Monday March 23rd

oam: Laura Vero (I) Audrey Sheridan Reg:

### Tuesday March 24th

9am: Doug & June Andrews (I) John & Wilma Bloye Rea:

### Wednesday March 25th

9am: Themo Lillev & Don LeBlanc (I)

Reg: Deacon Steve Pitre

### Thursday March 26th 9am: Special Intentions (I)

Rea:

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### March 15th/16

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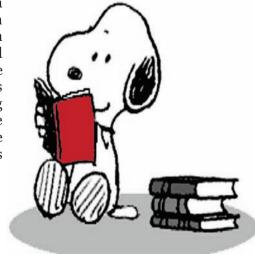
### YIKES! HELP! PLEASE!

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

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

There is a Chinese proverb that states, "May you live in interesting times!" Well, guess what, we are living in interesting times or one might even suggest extraordinary times. I'm sure within the long history of the Church there have been times when Sunday masses had been suspended. and maybe around the globe with various epidemics and hostilities the Sunday mass was a dangerous and ergo deferred exercise, but certainly in my lifetime this ranks as a first time event. The closest I remember to being quarantined was back in grade 2. That happened to be the year of all the childhood illnesses running rampant through the house of four boys. And each of the afflictions systematically was handed on to the next sibling. There was mumps, red measles, German measles and chicken pox wonderfully laid out week after week. My report card records that I was absent from school that year for 42 days. The house must have seemed like a hospital ward with mom a front line worker and dad always keeping his distance lest he catch something. I have no recollection of how we amused ourselves but later I remember mom commenting how she appreciated getting all the possible household epidemics over in one fell swoop. It must have been incredibly taxing at the time, but it meant the rest of our school career was rather benign. So this past weekend was my first Sunday off in over seven years. I had visions of sleeping in and doing brunch. I must confess a bit of jealously of hearing when people are leaving mass on Sunday morning and heading off to a brunch. Usually after the Sunday morning activities my desire is to just sit down and put my feet up and so I have declined more invitations to a late brunch (so this is not a plea for more invitations because the answer is still no) so I planned with my brother to do brunch. I was hoping for brunch two weeks in a row, but with the restrictions of gatherings and restaurants, I will make my own scrambled eggs and bacon. I thought I should wait at the doors before each of the masses to greet those parishioners who hadn't heard of the Cardinal's suspension of Sunday masses which will likely go on for several more weeks at least, and just personally let them know what was going on and bring a sense of levity to a rather serious situation. Yes there were a about a dozen cars at each mass and it was nice to be able to chat with parishioners who either pass through other doors or leave early, most of whom I recognized but had never had the opportunity to have a conversation. Someone suggested it was a silver lining. Some things have slowed down, though there were three funerals this week, all unrelated to the Coronavirus. There are lots of jokes about how introverts will revel in the social distancing and the prescribed isolations.

I am one of them, and I have a stack of books that have been waiting patiently for such an occasion. I have already finished one, and almost finished the second one, and the third one is already sitting at my reading So in effect then, the chair. social quarantine is just what the doctor ordered in more ways than one. Fr. Roy



### **Announcements and Events...**

## The following has been cancelled until further notice:

- Soup and Movie (Tuesday April 7th)
- Fish Fry (Friday April 5th)
- Adult Faith Formation (March 24th)
- Confirmation Cross Ceremony (March 28th/29th)
- Confirmation Retreat (Friday April 3rd)
- Baptism Preparation
- RCIA meetings
- All Ministries

\*AT THIS POINT IN TIME FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION MASSES ARE STILL SLATED TO GO AHEAD. SHOULD THIS CHANGE WE WILL NOTICE EVERYONE. \*

As things develop and change we will do our best to keep our parishioners aware of these changes. Stay well and remember those who are more vulnerable and need our help.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) UPDATE

Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene — wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.

<u>Here are some</u> of the latest directives from **Cardinal** Collins:

No public masses on weekdays or weekends (People are encouraged to watch Mass on the Archdiocese of Toronto Youtube channel, Salt and Light, Vision T.V., or EWTN)

**First Communion and Confirmation** celebrations are delayed until we can resume our Sunday Worship.

No communal events such as baptisms, marriages or funerals.

No parish meetings or events.

**Individual Reconciliation** not to be celebrated in a confessional but in an open area where the social distancing can be maintained

**RCIA** elect are dispensed from the Scrutiny celebrations.

**Parish Offices** are on limited operating hours. (Our Office will be open Monday—Friday from 10 am - 12 noon. Messages will be retrieved from the phone at that time).

Parishes should make provision to minister to the elderly, sick, and shut ins alleviating any of their concerns or hardships.

### Sacramental Corner......

### **First Communion and Confirmation**

During these uncertain times with the corona virus impacting our day to day lives let us unite as families around our family tables in prayer and thanksgiving.

'Our homes are the "**Domestic Church**"... this refers to the family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. Though recovered only recently, the term dates all the way back to the first century AD. The Greek word 'ecclesiola' referred to "little church." Our Early Church Fathers understood that the home was fertile ground for discipleship, sanctification, and holiness.' Your parish family is here to support you in these difficult and worrisome times. Let us pray for one another that we remain strong, courageous 'trusting in the Lord, giving our worries over to God and remembering to be not afraid.'

While all our meetings are suspended and we are unable to attend Sunday Mass set aside time to read and discuss the readings for Sunday Mass together as a family. Continue to read your catechism books or look over your confirmation journals.

Make these days and weeks a time to grow closer as God's beautiful family.. 'the domestic church.'

The CoVid-19 situation has drawn attention to one of the technologies available to us to be able to communicate to our parishioners. Each week the bulletin is emailed to several hundred of our parishioners. We availed ourselves of that data base to e-mail notice of the cancellation of the Sunday masses, and it was communicated to all on our list. If you have not subscribed you can do so through the website and receive the bulletin each week and at the same time receive important notices via the convenience of your own email, then subscribe at stelizabethsetonparish.com.



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

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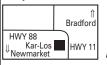


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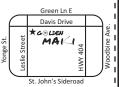


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