St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

4595 Snyder Lane Rohnert Park, CA 94928 (707) 585-3708
Email: stelizseton@sbcglobal.net
Website Address: www. Stelizabethrp.com
Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 9 - 1:30 p.m.
The church is open daily from 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

March 5, 2023, Second Sunday of Lent

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz – Extension #4
Office Manager: Chris Giacometti - Extension #1
Youth Faith Formation: Jennifer Bedoka, sesreled@gmail.com - Extension #3
Executive Pastoral Board: Giovanna DeSimone, Jennifer Bedoka, Patty Turner

This Coming Week's Mass Schedule - Extension #2
Tuesday and Thursday 12:15pm., **Wednesday 8:15 & 5 pm.** Friday 8:15am., Saturday 9 am. and 4 pm. (vigil)
Sunday 8:30 &10:30 am.

Sacraments and Spirituality

Reconciliation: Saturday after the vigil Mass – 5:30 pm. (during Lent), Sunday 9:45 -10:15 am.
Wednesday 4:30-4:50 pm. (during Lent)
Marriage: One-year notice. Please call Fr. Tom to begin preparation.
Baptism: Two-month notice for a child's baptism. The next Baptismal Class is on March 26th at noon
Adult Baptism: Please call the office.
Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office.
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: After Friday morning Mass for 15 minutes.
Adult Faith Formation: Wednesdays at 6:45 pm. in the hall. Topic, Prayer
Bible Study: No session on Thursday at 1 pm.

Devotions

The Rosary: Tuesday through Saturday1/2 hour before morning/noon Masses.
The Divine Mercy Chaplet: Tuesday after the 12:15 Mass
Stations of the Cross: Friday at 7 pm.

Sunday Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings begin on page76. **Reading 1:** Genesis 12:1-4a. **Reading 2:** 2 Timothy 1:8b-10. **Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9.

The Promises of God When God told Abraham to leave home, God was asking a lot of him. The world was not a global village then. Travel wasn't easy; there were no planes, taxis, or hotels. Furthermore, leaving home was a decisive break with all the good of home, because going back for a visit was difficult or just out of the question entirely. So, leaving home then was a loss that we can't imagine well anymore, in our era of video calls and texting. Still, when God told Abraham to leave, Abraham went.

Why did he go? Presumably because he wanted what God offered him. If Abraham left, God told him, then he would become a great nation, and all the communities of the earth would find blessing in him. That is a fairly stunning reward.

So Abraham, who had a great desire for that reward, obeyed God, left what was familiar and beloved to him, and wandered off as a stranger in a strange land, and then notice what happened.

Abraham lived a very long time after this promise of God, and he stayed faithful to God's commands his whole life. But by the time Abraham died, this is all Abraham had: one son to carry on his posterity under this promise and two grandchildren. By anybody's estimation, this is a very small family. Certainly, one son and two grandsons is not a great nation.

Furthermore, hardly any communities knew Abraham at all, let alone found a blessing in him. The idea that all the communities of the earth would find blessing in Abraham really would have been completely laughable at that time, wouldn't it?

Of course, as we now see it, all Jews, Christians, and Muslims are the Abrahamic peoples. Many great nations are included among the Abrahamic peoples. All of them know Abraham and think that they find blessing in Abraham.

And so, God's stunning promise to Abraham has been completely fulfilled.

But Abraham did not live to see it. He had to take the fulfillment of God's promise to him on faith.

So maybe Abraham is the father of faith because he was willing to stake his life on a promise whose fulfillment did not come in his lifetime on earth.

He is not only the patriarch of the family of faith but also a pattern to follow for all those in his family. Eleanor Stump

Discussion Question: Does God sometimes call you out of your comfort zone or your favorite chair to start something new?

Weekly Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, Mar. 4
4:00 pm. +Hal & Michelle Edmondson

Sunday, Mar. 5
8:30 am. Int. of the People of the Parish
10:30 +Arturo Rico

Tuesday, Mar.7
12:15 pm. Int. of Jessica Smith

Wednesday, Mar. 8
8:15 am. +Justo Caffi
5 pm. Beatrize Alfaro

Thursday, Mar. 9
12:15 pm. Ints. of All Priests

Friday, Mar. 10
8:15 am. +Marilyn Brown

Saturday, Mar. 11
9 am. Ints. of the Victims of Sexual Abuse and Social Injustice
4 pm. +Kenny Brannon

Sunday, Mar. 12
8:30 am. Ints. of the People of the Parish
10:30 am. Ints. of Jose Luis Araiza

Stewardship: Plate Offerings 2/5 $5,205. 2/12 $3,747. 2/19 $4,007. 2/26 $3,457. Liability Insurance $1,395, Church Maintenance $1,932, Ash Wednesday $1,818. On-line giving $1,634.69 2nd collection next week is for building Maintenance. We have ordered lights for the outside of the hall, two new doors for the hall, some new thermostats and plumbing repair in the men's hall bathroom.

Annual Ministry Appeal through February. Diocesan Goal: $18,744 – Donors so far 55. Money Pledged: $15,585, Money received: $9,455. Parish Goal after Diocesan Goal: $36,256 Donors goal 280 families.

Remember after the Diocesan Goal is reached we will work for our Goal. With many more parishioners participating.

Please pray for those who need our prayers: Beatrize Alfaro, Linda Anderson, Landyn Badger, Gregory Basham, John Buhagiar, Doris & Gilbert Buvelot, John B Veronica Campers, Robert Colbrook, Patrick Dempsey, James Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Kevin Estrella, Nolan Grande, Mary Gregg, The Hill Family, Michael Humphry, Mary Kelly, Owen Kowalski, ,Kevin Delia Mandia, Char Mayclin, Mila Miguel, Daniel Montelongo, James Parks, Maureen Poggetti, Robert Scarpone, Loretta Scobee, and Cecilia & Dominique Tarrant.

Please pray for the soul of Nestor Bacani and keep the family in your prayers

Weekly Events

Sun. Mar. 5 10:30 am. Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm. 1st yr. Confirmation/Hall
6:30 pm. 2nd yr. Confirmation/Hall
Mon. Mar. 6 6:30 pm. Men's Club Meeting/ Hall
Tue. Mar. 7 3:30 pm. Faith Formation
Wed. Mar. 8 6:45 pm. Welcoming Church/ Hall
Thu. Mar.9 1:00 pm. No Bible session/cancelled
6:30 pm. Children's First Reconciliation
4:00 pm. Faith Formation/Cl
Fri. Mar. 10 6:00 pm. Lenten Meal/Hall "French Onion Soup"
7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross

Men's Club Breakfast
Get ready to enjoy another **TASTY** breakfast next Sunday, **March 12th.** Breakfast will be served after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. The breakfast is **FREE** but donations are always appreciated.

SES Directory Pictures

Come one, come all registered parishioners….

Drop in and take a family picture for our church directory in the hall. This is your last chance to be included…the following dates and time will be throughout the month of March…

March 5th 8am-10am & 11:45am -1pm
March 6th 5pm - 7pm
March 10th 5pm - 7pm
March 11th 5pm -6pm
March 12th 8pm-10pm. 11:45am-1pm
More times coming later in the month

Faith Formation Ministry

Please email sesreled@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday, March 5th ,
8-4 pm *Youth Group Retreat*
10:30 am *Children's Liturgy of the Word/CL*
5 pm *Confirmation 1st Year/CL*
6:30 pm *Confirmation 2nd Year/CL*

Tuesday, March 7th
3:30 pm *Faith Formation L1 & L2*

Thursday, March 9th
4 pm *Faith Formation L2*
6:30 pm *First Reconciliation for children*

Sunday, March 12th
10:30 am. Children's *Liturgy of the Word/CL*
5 pm *Youth Group*

Parent Teacher Meetings
Sacramental Prep Level 2 and Confirmation families need to sign-up for a parent teacher meeting, please sign-up on sign-up genius.

Change of address or phone number? Many people are giving up their land lines and using just their cell phones. Or they have chosen to change their address. We would appreciate it very much if you would let the office know so we can update our records. In this most recent mailing for AMA which was 2 1/3 months from the Christmas mailing we had several letters returned because of changes of address. The mailings are costly, and we want to be sure that our parishioners receive the information. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation in this matter.

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank the Women's Guild for the delicious Lenten Soups and leading The Way of the Cross**. Next week** we will have chef Karl and the social committee make French Onion Soup and the Social Justice Committee will lead us in the Way of the Cross.

Just to remind people that the basket for the AMA will be put in front of the altar after Holy Communion during Lent and when announced you may bring up your pledge. Please remember to fill out the tear-out sheet and put it in the pledge envelope sealed. You have ten months to pay off your pledge.

I want to thank Liz Black for covering the office while Chris is away.

Anyone want to cut back the grape vines in front of the church?

Some people are walking away and then **eating the Lord's body** while going to their pews. Please take a step to the side and consume the Host before walking away.

I would ask that people do not use the door into the church main from the crying room **when Mass has begun**. It can be very distracting. Use the front door into the church.

We had a good turnout for the Mass at 5 **pm. on Wednesday**. It might be here to stay.

Please pray for our children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday evening. Parents, you need to show good example and show your children that you go to confession.

Because of the addition of having three times for **the Sacrament of Reconciliation** there will be no Communal Reconciliation Service during Lent.

WE can still use people to help do some pruning of the trees on the grounds.

Anyone want a **usable microwave** medium to large size?

St. Vincent de Paul Society In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to Him."

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering?

Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society helped 85 people with food during the month of February and supplied household essentials and furniture items to a lady who was homeless for 13 years and just got shelter at the Palms! **Thank you for your generosity!!!**

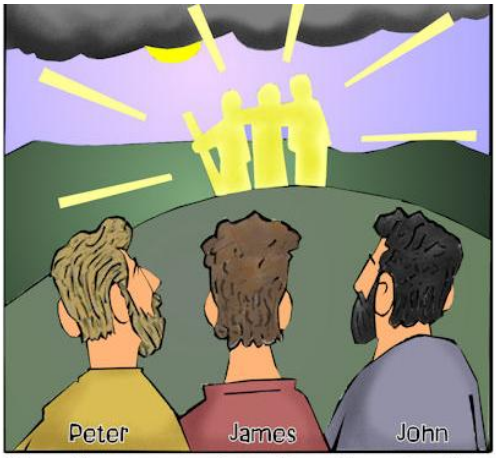
Lent presents a wonderful time to explore Scripture in our daily prayer, so reflect each day with the Scripture-based inspiration of *Living Lent Daily*, an e-mail series. We've invited authors and other friends to share reflections based on Bible verses featured in our **3-Minute Retreats.** Each day you'll receive a message with one of these reflections and a link to pray the 3-Minute Retreat that inspired the words. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Lenten themes through additional online articles and prayers.

Take time each day for *Living Lent Daily*, and prepare your heart for a new appreciation of the journey to Easter.

Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail from Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, through Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. The messages will come from the Year in Our Church from Loyola Press.

Just type in **Living lent Daily and click .**

Humor



Close Encounters of the Transfiguration Kind

Ministry Schedule for March 11th and 12th

4 pm. Saturday the 11th Reader: Tony Madia
Eucharistic Ministers: Janice Dyer, Dianne Foppoli, Evelyn Estrella
Ushers: Beth Turegano, Tony Turegano
Greeters: Julie Piazza, Tony Piazza
Sunday,March 12th
8:30 am. Reader: Maureen Sheridan Scott
Eucharistic Ministers: Johanna Cancro Kottman, Mary Thayer
Ushers: Liz Ritchie, Mary Thayer
Greeters: Larry Ruminson, Jo Ruminson
10:30 am. Reader: Marie Ebbing,
Eucharistic Ministers: Giovanna DeSimone, Linda Shane, Bill Yates
Ushers: Linda Shane, Bill Yates
Greeters: Giovanna DeSimone, Pat Yates