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November 15, 2026, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parable of the Talents

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz #4
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Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays: 9:45-10:15am, Thu 1-1:30pm
Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.
Infant Baptism: The next Baptismal Class TBA
Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom. Usually, it is celebrated after 10:30 Sunday Mass
The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.
Divine Chaplet: Tuesdays after the12:15 Mass
Exposition & Benediction: Thu.12:45-1:45pm.
The Welcoming Church: Wed. 6pm/Hall

We thank Dulcenea Flores who has been covering the office while Chris has been away.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/Nov 14 4pm Ints of Noah Patrick
Sun/Nov 15 8:30am +For the Parish
10:30am +Manuel Bacani
Tue/Nov 17 12:15pm All Souls
Wed/Nov 18 8:15am All Souls
Thu/ Nov 19 12:15pm All Souls
Fri/ Nov 20 8:15am All Souls
Sat/Nov 21 4pm +Helen and Frank Stranzl
Sun/Nov 22 8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am +John Francis Avila

Events of the Week

Sun Nov. 15,11:30am Tomale Pick-up/Hall
Wed Nov. 18, 12 pm Monthly Potluck/Hall
6pm Welcoming Church **"Who is this God in the Old Testament"**

Stewardship for Sunday, Nov 8th: 1st Collection: $4,631. 2nd Collection for Building Maintenance: $1,576. **This week's 2nd collection** is a combination of three areas that need financial assistance, The Church in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa. We have focused on the missions lately, because they need our help and we can help them in prayer and financial assistance. Thank You!

Last Week's Homily

- What do you think is the main lesson of the parable of the ten virgins, five being foolish and five being wise?
- Are you ever foolish in following the Lord?
- What actions can you take to be both wise and prepared in your spiritual and daily life?

Sunday Readings

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-31, **Reading II:** 1st Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6, **The Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30.

Sunday Reflection

The Gospel story is pretty simple. A wealthy man leaves his goods for each of three servants to care for while he is gone. He doesn't give them instructions, at least none that we are told of. When he returns, he sees that two of the three servants have invested the money and got back twice the amount. He is delighted.

So, at this point the moral of the story would be: "Make the most of what you have."

But we miss the most interesting part of all if we

look just at the successful servants (as does the shortened version of the Gospel in the lectionary!!!). We miss the fascinating and puzzling story of the third servant. This poor soul did not invest the money at all. He buried it. Quite simply, he was afraid of investing it and losing it.

He was right to be afraid, given the owner's attitude. He listened to the fearful servant's story and then had the man thrown into "the darkness outside," where there would be "wailing and grinding of teeth." Quite an overreaction, it seems. The poor guy just wanted to keep the owner's money safe! Maybe the proprietor was simply a "demanding person," as the parable says. Dark spirited. But there is much more to it. The monetary unit "talent" in Jesus' time was not a small amount. Even one talent could be worth more than a laborer would earn in a lifetime. And the owner entrusted a lot more than just money to the servant as he left them all his possessions, everything he had. He took a great risk and he wanted them to do the same, not leave the investment moldering around somewhere.

Ok, now make the switch. Assume that the parable is about God. Maybe God entrusts an even greater amount to you and me! Life, abilities, the gift of love, the living breathing human beings around us, and every so often, real and open acts of unselfish love. God gives all this free of charge, gives to us our own lives with all their rewards and catastrophes, and he says to us, dive in. Have your life. Make whatever you will with it because you are my own beloved. It is wonderful. But then an awful question arises. Does God curse those who are afraid and who bury what they are given? Jesus at least seems to say so.

To everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. (Gospel) Ouch. That hurts. Except that, in the realm of spirituality, there is one thing I know of that will go away if it is buried, but which gets greater if you use it. Love.

If fear closes the door tightly against love, guess where the loveless one will be. In the darkness outside the door, wailing and gnashing those teeth, without love.

Get this: We are all frightened, and God always has compassion upon us. God waits for ages to see if we will not accept just a bit of the love he offers, and if we will even find just enough courage to invest some of it in other people. God is often disappointed in this risk he takes, and I'm sure he says, "oh no, not again" when we fail.

But this is the disappointment of someone who loves us very well. Let love in.

Love casts out fear.

John Foley, SJ.

Discussion Question: How does the Parable of the Talents challenge your thinking? What fears hold you back from taking action for God?

Family Connection: As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully.



Quote of the Week

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything." ***Thomas Merton***

Faith Formation Schedule

Sun., November 15th

9:30am 1st Year Confirmation/CL
11am-2 pm Youth Group-Bowlero

Tues., November 17th

NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-6/Atrium Enjoy thanksgiving Week!

Wed., November 18th

3:30-5 pm 1st Year First Communion
3:30-5 pm 2ndt Year First Communion

Sun., November 22nd

9:30am 1st Year Confirmation/CL
5-6:30 pm 2nd Year First Communion

Volunteer Opportunities please sign up using the links below: Stamp Mass Cards, https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA5AF2AA0F9C52-67373699-mass

Assist Wednesday evenings from 3:15pm-5pm

You can email sesreled@gmail.com or text if you want to help and get community service hours!

Please call or text 707-888-9672 if you can help.

Because Thanksgiving is next week, the Monthly Potluck will be this Wed. the 18th at noon. It is a great time of sharing food and great conversations.

Please Pray this week for: Giovanna DeSimone, John Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Paul Giuntoli, William Hernandez, Nancy and James Keegan, Judy Nelson, James Ruzicka, Jim Turegano, and David Valli.
If you want the name of someone who is ill on the list again, please let us know.

Please pray for those who have died: Arthuro Galatierra and Milagros Miguel. Keep the family (Jovita and David Bishop) in your prayers.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

Be Prepared. Be Informed. Be Ready.

PRESENTED BY Rohnert Park Public Safety Department
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 • 6:30 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall

WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY?

Please join us for this important presentation on emergency preparedness and response. A Fire Marshal and a Law Enforcement Officer from the RP Department of Public Safety will explain what we can do to prepare for emergencies that could affect our community. Learn what steps you can take now to help protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors when an emergency occurs.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN ATTEND

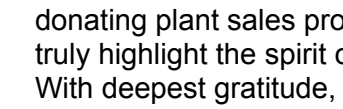
Contact Larry Ruminson by calling or texting
707-548-7058

We hope you can join us!



Dear Parishioners, Thank you so much for your incredible participation and support during our **4th Annual Craft Fair!** Whether you donated your time, baked items, contributed handmade crafts, helped set up, or simply came out to shop and fellowship with our community, your energy and dedication made this event a wonderful success. Special thanks to the **Men's Club** for their delicious lunch specials and **Larry Ruminson** for donating plant sales proceeds. Events like this truly highlight the spirit of our church family.





With deepest gratitude,

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON WOMEN'S GUILD



SVDP, WITH THE HELP OF OUR PARISHIONERS, will provide a Christmas Basket with dinner items for 90 needy families, The baskets will include one of the following: A ham, a chicken, or a turkey.
We are going to collect specific food items each week for the Christmas Basket, starting on Saturday, November 21st, and ending on Sunday, December 13th.
We will be collecting specific food items each week, based on the following dates:

Dates	Size	Item
Nov 21/22	13 oz box	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Nov 28/29	8 oz box	Stuffing
Dec 5/6	1 box	Hot Chocolate (8 Servings)
Dec 12/13	16 oz can	Fruit Cocktail

Food donations can be placed in the baskets that are located in the church entrance, beginning Nov 21st.

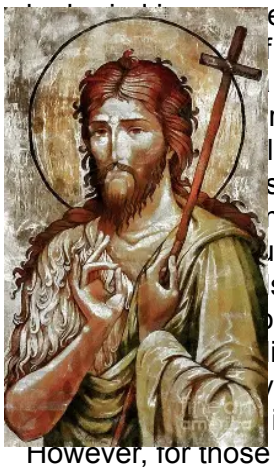
Monetary donations for the food items, hams, chickens, turkeys, etc. can be placed in your Parish Thanksgiving Envelope with the checks made out to the parish so you can get credit, and drop it off at the church office, a Sunday collection, or on Thanksgiving Day.

We are also asking for donations of $10 **Scrip** Cards from Target or Wal-Mart for gifts to needy families. These **Scrip** Cards can be placed on the Giving Christmas Tree located at the church entrance, starting on November 29th.

Christmas Baskets of food will be delivered on Saturday, December 19th. Parishioners who are interested in helping to deliver the Christmas Baskets can call or text **Larry Ruminson** at **707-548-7058**.

What is the Catholic Teaching on Disposing of Cremated Remains?

If a Catholic chooses to have their loved one cremated, the Church asks that the cremated remains be treated with the same dignity and respect that an intact body would be treated with. According to the Church, the cremated be treated with respect. The remains should not be scattered, divided, or kept in mementos. Instead, they should ed place, such as a church burial, cremated remains can columbarium. These are vaults rly to a mausoleum but are lly to accommodate burial urns. sks that the urns these remains mple and dignified in design and urn should not be made of s, and it should not be placed in n. The decision between itional burial is a personal one. It either the deceased prior to immediate family afterward. However, for those of the Catholic faith, where before it might have been frowned upon or outright impossible to be cremated according to the Church, today is much different. For Catholics who wish to be cremated while still staying true to their faith, it's now possible. The Church's guidelines for disposing of cremated remains are designed to help Catholics honor the memory of their loved ones.



Advent: The Beginning of the End

Wed Dec. 9th 5pm: Mass 6pm- Minestrone Soup, and Vegetable Soup with a presentation in the Hall afterwards, "An Advent Warning and An Advent Hope."

Thu. Dec 10th 5pm: Mass 6pm- Chicken Stew, Lentil Soup with a presentation in Hall afterwards, "Why a New Year One Month Early."

Presented by Fr. John Auther, SJ. Fr. John has been a Jesuit for over 40 years and retreat director, best known for his work at the Jesuit Retreat Center (El Retiro) in Los Altos, California, where he serves as Pastoral Staff and Superior of the Jesuit Community

Don't let this Advent be a forgotten season because you have too much on your mind for Christmas.

Fr. Tom has room for 7 people to join him for dinner at 3pm on Thanksgiving Day.



The menu will be: turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, yams, string bean casserole, roasted carrots, pumpkin pie for dessert and more.
All you need to do is bring your appetite! If you do not drive, I can pick you up. If you are interested just give me a call, extension, #4 by the 16th. I need 3 more guests if I am going to cook as I have two guests so far. You can also take home a big doggie bag afterwards

Planning St Elizabeth Ann Seton Day for Friday, Jan 8th at 6pm. Are you interested?

Anyone wishing to be on the planning committee let Fr. Tom . It will be a sit down dinner for 60 people. So far three people have volunteered. I realize that when it comes to this parish, many wait until the last minute …Please don't. Menu possibilities: Rib Eye Roast, Shrimp Scampi, Calamari Steak Dore, Twice Baked Potatoes, Pasta in a Garlic Wine Sauce, Wedge Salad, Bread Pudding with Vanilla Brandy Sauce, Wine. The price has not been set yet, but it will be quite reasonable.

A Reminder about the Thanksgiving Collection.

This is going to the St Vincent de Paul Society for their Christmas financial assistance from the parish. You can drop off this envelope at any time in the collection. Make checks out to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you use the envelopes provided in the vestibule, please remember to put your envelope number on the envelope and write on the envelope, **Thanksgiving Collection**.

Ministry Schedule Nov:14th & 15th

4pm Mass
Readers: Linda Anderson, Liz Ritchie
EMS: Victoria Gregorio, Tony Madia, Bill Yates
Ushers: Dianne Foppoli, Tony Turegano
Greeters: Roxanne Bialkoski, Tony Piazza

8:30am Mass
Readers: Scott Crossen, Heigi Pillor
EMS: Diane Cook, Patty Ramos, Mary Thayer
Ushers: Barry Goff, Maureen Sheridan-Scott
Greeters: Caroline Kalaw, Alan Kalaw



10:30am Mass
Readers: Linda Biondini, Mary Denson
EMS: Jovita (Betty) Bishop, Dianne Foppoli, Nora John
Ushers: Scott Morrical, Milagros Morrical
Greeters: Giovanna DeSimone, Nativity Mata

Ministry Schedule Nov:21st & 22nd

4pm Mass
Readers: Linda Biondini, Liz Ritchie
EMS: Luisa Bustillos, Victoria Gregorio, Linda Mish
Ushers: Janice Dyer, Tony Turegano
Greeters: Luisa Bustillos, Olivia Salazar

8:30am Mass
Readers: Teresa Fonseca, Dolores Sanchez
EMS: John Buhagiar, Patty Ramos, Mary Thayer
Ushers: Remie Alinas, Barry Goff
Greeters: Jo Ruminson, Larry Ruminson

10:30am Mass
Readers: Fred Adam, Mary Denson
EMS: Jovita (Betty) Bishop, Giovanna DeSimone, Nativity Mata
Ushers: Giovanna DeSimone, Agustin Gonzalez
Greeters: Janet Adam, Fred Adam