

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
4595 Snyder Lane Rohnert Park, CA 94928
(707) 585-3708

Website: www.Stelizabehtrp.com

E-Mail stelizseton@sbcglobal.net

Office Hours: Tue.- Fri. 9am - 1pm

The Church is open weekdays

7:30–6:30pm,

Saturdays & Sundays 7:30 - 5:15

March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent



Jesus heals the man born blind

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz #4

Office Manager: Chris Giacometti: #1

Mass times: #2

Youth Faith Formation: Jennifer Bedoka
#3

Executive Board: Tony
Madia/Chairperson, Linda Biondini/Vice
Chairperson, Katie Chase, Larry
Ruminson, Diane Colbrook

Floral Decorations: Cesira Heric

Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays: 9:45-10:15am, Thu 1-1:30

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: 1 month notice. The next
Baptismal Preparation Class TBA

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom.
Usually, it is celebrated after the 10:30 Sunday Mass

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

Divine Chaplet: Tuesdays after the 12:15 Mass

The Welcoming Church: Sundays 1pm.

Exposition & Benediction: Thu. 12:45-1:45pm.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/Mar 14, 4pm +Ed Lavelle

Sun/Mar 15, 8:30am For the Parish
10:30am +Cesar Datu

Tue/Mar 17, 12:15pm +Abel Sagon

Wed/Mar 18, 8:15am +Felix Rojas

Thu/Mar 19, 12:15pm +Tse Bo Zhen

Fri/Mar 20, 8:15am +Victor Menezes

Sat/Mar 21, 4pm +Feliz Rojas

Sun/Mar 22, 8:30am For the Parish

10:30am +Frank & Helen Stranzl

Events in the Parish

Sun/Mar15, 11:30am Hispanic Ministry Mtg
1pm Welcoming Church

Wed/Mar18, 7:00pm **Taize prayer service**

Fri /Mar 20, 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Lenten
Dinner

7pm Stations of the Cross

Please pray for the health intentions of: Patrick Bohn, Sherman Chan, Gus Chang, Mary Couto, Patrick Dempsey, Giovanna Desimone, Lupita Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Anthony Eger, Evelyn Estrella, Cedric Fontana, Kathy Fontana, Louise Galassi, Elsa Garcia, Rosa Gomez, Dave Grundman, Kathleen, Nancy Keegan, Kelly Limberg, Theresa M, Frank Manhoso, Rudy Melano, Charles McCollum, Kevin McDonough, Richard Miller, Larry Ng, Pat O'Brien, Robert Perrill, Mary Piccioni, April Piehoff, James Reynolds, Lisa Rivas, Patricia Sack, Robert Scarpone, Patricia Stiefer, Dominique & Cecilia Tarrant, Jim Turegano, and Malik Whitehorse.

Pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Skirra and Kathy Perdue Please keep their families in your prayers.

If you want a name on the list, please call the office.

Stewardship

Plate donation for March 9: \$5,183

Building Maintenance: \$1,918. Thank you for your generosity.

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Home Missions.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Founded in 1943 by the Bishops of the United States, the agency provides assistance to 130 million people in more than 110 countries and territories in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

The bishops' Subcommittee on **Catholic Home Missions** is a grant-making agency. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. Our diocese gets financial help from a grant from them home mission

Last Sunday's Homily Highlights

- **What do you thirst for in life?...attention, love, forgiveness, someone to listen to you?**

- The woman at the well thirst for many things until she found the Lord.
- Jesus had a thirst for her faith and his heart was quenched when she believed that Jesus was the living water.



Sunday Scripture Readings

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7, 10-13a, Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14, Gospel: John 9:1-41

Sunday Scripture and Reflection

The Blind Man Who Wanted for Nothing: The Psalm says, “The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I shall want.”

But the Gospel Reading tells the story of a man born blind. How is the Psalm supposed to be made consonant with the Gospel Reading? Doesn't the man born blind have something that he lacks?

When the story ends, he has become an icon of faith and courage.

The disciples of Jesus are anxious about this blind man too, and they try to ally their anxiety by finding some explanation for his blindness. “Why was this man born blind?” they ask Jesus. “Did this man sin or was it his parents?” If it was *anybody's* sin, then they can reasonably hope that such suffering won't come to their families, at least if they all try hard not to sin.

But this is an appalling way to think about suffering, isn't it? It is terrible to suppose that all suffering is punishment for sin. What kind of God inflicts blindness on a newborn as a punishment for sin?

Jesus dismisses their attitude entirely. This man's blindness has nothing to do with the sins of anyone, Jesus says. It's something about the future, not something about the past, that explains his blindness. God let this man be born blind that the works of God might be manifest through him.

But Jesus' explanation looks at least as bad as the thought of the disciples, doesn't it? What kind of God inflicts blindness on a newborn so that the works of God can be manifest in him later?

But think about that blind man himself. At the outset of the story, he is an impoverished, outcast nobody of a beggar. Then the mighty works of God are manifest in him, and he takes the Lord as his Shepherd. The result is that he himself becomes glorious. When the story ends, he has become an

icon of faith and courage. He has stood up to the worldly power of his world and witnessed to the goodness of God in very challenging circumstances. He has become an example to us all.

Who would not want to be like him? And that is why it was true for him that the Lord was his shepherd, even though he was born blind. In the end, the Lord was his Shepherd, and there was nothing he did want, just as the Psalmist says. Eleonore Stump

Discussion Question: “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the hearts.” Explain this.

Sunday Connection

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

“Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven”

St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, March 15th

NO CLASS 2nd Year Confirmation Class/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO CLASS 1st Year Confirmation Class

NO CLASS for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
L3/Atrium

**Faith Formation wishes all our families a
wonderful Spring Break!**

Tuesday, March 17th

NO CLASS for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
L1/Atrium

Wednesday, March 18th

NO CLASS 1st Year First Communion

NO CLASS 2nd Year First Communion

NO CLASS for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
L3/Atrium

Sunday, March 22nd

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation Class/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30pm Youth Group/Hall

5-6:30pm pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
L3/Atrium



Email sesreled@gmail.com if you're interested
in joining our ministry!

The Taizé Community was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz in Taizé, France, initially as a refuge during World War II. It evolved into an ecumenical Christian community promoting reconciliation, peace, and unity among Christians of all denominations, including Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox traditions. The service emphasizes contemplative prayer, allowing participants to encounter God through song, silence, and reflection rather than through sermons.

Structure of a Taizé Service

A typical Catholic Taizé service lasts 45–60 minutes and follows a rhythm designed to foster meditation and communal participation:

- **Gathering Songs:** 3 simple chants to settle the congregation.
- **Psalm or Scripture Reading:** Short passages from the Bible, often sung or read slowly.
- **Silence:** 10 minutes of quiet reflection to internalize the readings and prayers.
- **Intercessions:** Prayers for the world, with sung responses such as *Kyrie Eleison*.
- **The Lord's Prayer:** Recited or sung together.

Closing Songs: The service often concludes with chants that continue as participants leave or remain in prayer around a cross.

Music and Participation

Taizé chants are short, repetitive phrases drawn from Scripture, such as "*Jesus, remember me*" or "*Bless the Lord, my soul*". The repetition allows the words to become meditative and internalized, creating a sense of unity among participants. Services are often accompanied by subdued lighting, candles, and icons, enhancing the contemplative atmosphere. Instrumental or vocal embellishments may be added, but the focus remains on communal singing and reflection.



With the help of our parishioners, St. Vincent De Paul will provide an Easter Basket with dinner items, which will include a ham or chicken for needy

families.

We are collecting specific food items each week during Lent for the Easter Basket, ending on Sunday, March 22nd.

Dates	Item	Size
Mar 14/15	Sliced Pineapple	20 oz. can



A Taizé prayer service is a meditative, contemplative Catholic worship experience centered on repetitive chants, Scripture readings, silence, and communal prayer.

Origins and Purpose

Mar 21/22

Corn Bread Mix 15 oz. box



Potluck Luncheon

Please join us on Wednesday **March**

25th for our March Potluck. We will gather in the SES Hall at noon for lunch. Please bring an entree or a dessert to share.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3/25.

Linda, Jo and Larry

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank those who participated in the "Evenings of Reflection" this past week with Fr. John Author, SJ. I know his talks helped me not get discouraged in my ministry to the parish.

I am asking for your help. If cars from our parish families need to park after the Masses or when nothing is going on during weekends to please park in the section next to the rectory. We are getting people parking next to the hall who have nothing to do with the parish, especially when it gets dark. I do not like having to check out cars with people in them even though I must be security on the property. You would be surprised by what some people do in their cars.

Signing up for Easter lily donations for Easter will begin next weekend We do not have a set price for the donations yet.



We are still looking for people to take the basketball hoops in the hall off our hands. I want to thank you for your generosity when we take up the building maintenance collections as we just paid over \$5,000 for the sprinkler system inspection and more in the church. It was not as bad as we thought as the bill was over \$2,500 less than we thought.

We are still waiting for the "working drawings: for the hall kitchen renovation by Castinos..

Try to get your Diocesan Appeal in during Lent, a time of giving of our treasures.

Easter Mailing will be going out this week

SARAH HART
FRANCESCA LAROSA
NIGHT OF PEACE

SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 4pm
At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 4595 Snyder Lane, RP, CA 94928

INVITATION TO MASS of the CHRISM

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese invite you to participate in the **Mass of the Chrism** at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa on **Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

The **Mass of the Chrism** is celebrated once a year. The Bishop blesses the oil of Catechumens, the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the bishop has received. It also signifies the unity the priests have with the bishop who share in the same ministerial priesthood. During this Mass, the Diocesan and Religious priests will renew their commitment of priestly service.

INVITACIÓN A LA MISA DE CRISMA

Su Excelencia Roberto Vasa, Obispo de Santa Rosa, junto con los sacerdotes diocesanos y religiosos de la diócesis le invitan a participar en la Misa de la Crisma en la Catedral de San Eugenio en Santa Rosa el **jueves, 26 de marzo 2026, a las 5:30 p.m.** La Misa de la Crisma se celebra una vez al año y en ella el obispo bendice el aceite de los catecúmenos, el aceite de los enfermos y el aceite del crisma. Esta Misa es una de las principales expresiones de la plenitud del sacerdocio ministerial que el obispo ha recibido.

También significa la unidad que los sacerdotes tienen con el obispo que comparten en el mismo sacerdocio ministerial. Durante esta misa los sacerdotes diocesanos y religiosos renovarán sus compromisos de servicio sacerdotal.

the world and from everyone who wishes me ill, far and near.” May “The eye of God dwell with you, the foot of Christ go with you, the hope of Spirit bind you. Be the shadow of the Lord over you, from the top of your head to the sole of your feet, giving you peace.” Amen

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDARS FOR EVENTS IN MAY



Ministry Schedule

March 21st & 22nd

4:00pm Mass

Readers: Linda Anderson, Tony Madia

EMS: Linda Mish, Beth Turegano, Bill Yates

Ushers: Mark & Selina Johnson

Greeters: Luisa Bustillos, Pat Yates

8:30am Mass

Readers: Scott Crossen, Dolores Sanchez

EMS: John Buhagiar, Mary Thayer, Patty Ramos

Ushers: Gus & Liz Chang

Greeters: Alan & Caroline Kalaw

10:30am Mass

Readers: Marie Horwitz, Nora John

EMS: Jovita Bishop, Victoria Gregorio, Nativity Mata

Ushers: Giovanna Desimone, Sally Shami

Greeters: Fred & Janet Adam

Prayer of St. Patrick

“I rise today through God’s strength to pilot me,

God’s might to uphold me, God’s wisdom to guide me. May God’s host save me from the snares of

