

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-1:30 p.m.

The Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday

The church is open daily from 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

November 20, 2022, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz – Extension #4

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This Week's Mass Schedule - Extension #2

Tuesday 12:15 pm., Thursday 9 am. for Thanksgiving Day, and Wednesday & Friday 8:15 am.

Saturday 4 pm. (Vigil), Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am.

Sacraments and Spirituality

Reconciliation: Sunday 9:45 -10:15 am. and by appointment.

Marriage: One-year notice. Please call Fr. Tom to begin preparation.

Baptism: Two-month notice for a child's baptism. The next Baptismal Class will be held on Jan.29th at noon/Hall

Adult Baptism: Please call the office. Our gathering is cancelled for Thanksgiving Holiday

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office.

Bible Study will be cancelled for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: After Friday morning Mass for 15 minutes.

Devotions

The Rosary: Tuesday through Friday 1/2 hour before weekday Masses.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet Tuesday after the 12:15 Mass.

Sunday Scripture

The Scripture readings begin on page 233. **First Reading:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3. **Second Reading:** Colossians 1:12-20. **Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43.

Sunday Reflection

Christ the King In the Gospel Reading, Christ is crucified. The rulers who caused this crucifixion feel no compassion. They add to his misery by mocking his mission: he saved others; himself he cannot save. One of the two thieves crucified with him mocks him too: Hey, Christ, save yourself and us!



Christ the King says nothing. He just hangs there, nailed to the wood of the cross. The other thief rebukes the first thief, the one mocking Jesus, in the strongest possible way. "Have you no fear of God?"

If you leaned over the edge of your chair and saw a giant python inching its way across your floor, you would leap sky high, wouldn't you? You wouldn't be making any mocking jokes right then, would you? The good thief wants to get the same reaction out of the bad mocking thief. Only it isn't a python that is meant to give the bad thief a reality check. It's the awesome power of the living God.

But how about a reality check for the good thief? Look at where Christ the King is!

The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering; and broken humanity of Jesus is like the floating debris of a ship everywhere on the ocean of history. What's to fear about God? Where is he? On the cross—that is the answer. God is love and all the power of God is there in the love shown by Christ's painful death. To save us, and to bring us to himself in heaven, God will suffer even the torment of death on the cross. Love that is willing to suffer is greater than power that is able to coerce, and that powerful love is there on the cross.

Someone habituated to mockery *should* fear this power. Sooner or later, the consuming fire of God's love will burn away his mockery's pretense at insouciance.

But someone who fears God because God loves him will find Christ in the way the good thief did. Sooner or later, he will hear Christ say to him, "This day you will be with me in paradise." Then he will know the victory of Christ the King, and he will be victorious with Christ. Eleonore Stump

Discussion Question: The letters above Jesus on the cross are INRI which means "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. How is Jesus your King and how are you as His subject?"

Saturday, November 19

4 pm. +All Souls

Sunday, November 20

8:30 am. +All Souls

10:30 am. Ints. of the People of the Parish

Tuesday November 22

12:15 pm. +All Souls

Wednesday November 23

8:15 am. +All Souls

Thursday November 24

9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass

Friday November 25

8:15 am. +All Souls

Saturday November 26

4:00 pm. +All Souls

Sunday, November 27

8:30 am. Ints. of the People of the Parish

10:30 am. +All Souls

Please call the office to schedule a Mass intention

Please pray for those that need our prayers: Landyn

Badger, Alfred Bryant, William Callas, Marilyn Coffin, Toni Carlsen, Salome Dede, Giovanna Desimone, Marcella Dorado, Erin Dorado, Audrey Fontana, Brian Fung, Alfonsa Genido, Nolan Granda, Fran Guzman, Natalie Harmon, Kate Ingram, Jeannine Jacobs, Lydia Mandano, Frank Manhoso, Char Mayclin, Mila Miguel, Joseph Nocifra, Rory O'Neil, James Parks, Robert Scarpone, Frank Stranzl, Gene Allen Stong, Dominique Tarrant, George Tatum, Jon Thayer, Emma Torres, Ted Vega, and Ryan Wells.

Please pray for the souls of Barbara Van Valkenburg. Keep her family in your prayers.

Stewardship: Plate offerings and Donations 11/13 \$3,114.25. Building Maintenance \$1,112. The 2nd collection today is to help pay our liability insurance. The collection on Thanksgiving Day will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our emergency fund for the needy
Annual Ministry Appeal 2022 through October: Goal: \$18,744. Money received: \$43,722. Money pledged: 47,322 Money that will be returned to the parish so far: \$25,028. Parishioners pledging 175. Percentage of parish participation 31%. Annual Ministry Appeal 2022 through Sept Goal: \$18,744. Money received: \$40,872. Money that will be returned to the parish so far: \$22,128. Parishioners pledging 173. Percentage of parish participation 34%. Let us get at least to 40% participation! Have you participated? Time is running out! I thank all those who have and are participating Fr Tom

Events this Week

Sun. Nov. 20, 9:30 am. St. Vincent de Paul Mtg

10:30 am. Children's Liturgy of the Word



The Women's Guild Raffle
is being held today after the
10:30 am. Mass. Good luck

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Faith Formation

Please email sesreled@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday, November 20th

10:30 am. Children's Liturgy of the Word/CL

5 pm-8 pm. Youth Group -Thanksgiving pie prep/Hall

Last weekend to get your pie orders in. Pick-up times are on Wednesday 6-8 pm. and on Thanksgiving Day after the 9 am. Mass to 11:30.

Thank you to everyone who support our youth!

Come Sunday night, November 20th from 5pm-8pm to help prep the Pumpkin Pies and for holiday festivities

*****Save the Date*****



Everyone is invited to participate in our Las Posadas on December 10th at 5:30 pm. We will be taking tamale orders to help pay for all our festivities for Las Posadas.

Stop by our youth

table after Mass if you are interested in helping us make this event more special or to get information on ordering tamales. Orders for tamales will begin this weekend after all Masses. **Don't forget to sign-up for our FREE tamale Dinner**

Advent starts next weekend.... Stay tuned for ways for your families to prepare for the season with Jesus.

The cold weather is upon us. Our Social Justice Ministry will be collecting heavy socks



and jackets through Sunday, Dec. 4th.

A large container is in the

vestibule. Call Evelyn Estrella,

707-228-5746 for more ways to minister to the unsheltered friends.



Guess Who???

Join the parish in identifying a photo of a parishioner. It is great fun and can earn you a \$25 gift certificate of your choice. Last week's cute baby boy was identified by Maria Medeiros as Bill Yates. Remember to call in your

guess between 1-3 pm on this Sunday November 20th.

This child was known as the "King of the Bugs" by his 5 siblings. He never sits in the back of the church for Mass



Pastor's Corner

If anyone wants to rent

the Hall/Kitchen for their large family gathering for the holidays, Let the office know. We will give you a deal if you are a practicing parishioner who supports the parish.

Beginning Saturday, Dec 3rd we will begin the 9 am. Mass again.

The calendars for 2023 are here and will be put out next weekend. We thank Parent Sorensen for sponsoring our calendars as they do every year!

Next week we will begin taking monetary donations for Poinsettias that have been ordered for Christmas. We will collect names of those who have died or are alive along with a \$11 donation for a Poinsettia this year or \$25 for the larger one.

Volunteers are needed after Mass on Friday morning to change the missalettes



A few weeks go I asked for volunteers in the bulletin to help me plan events for the Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Jan 4th and the days around it. I got a zero response and so I ask again. Let me know if you can help.

Beginning in next week's bulletin we will be putting the ministry schedule for the following weekend.

I am looking for someone to oversee the putting together of the weekly bulletin. The job pays and the person must have good computer skills, have knowledge of formatting, and publishing the bulletin. If you are interested just let me know.

Thanksgiving is Turkey Time! Anyone interested in having a Turkey soup cook-off? Who makes the best Turkey Soup? There would be an entrance fee of \$10 and the top Turkey soup maker will get half of the entrance fee. I would need two judges along with myself to taste the 1 quart soups. I would ask that you freeze the turkey for the soup and if enough people are interested in this endeavor the date will then be set.



Looking Ahead



Saturday, January 21 The 19th Annual Walk for Life-West Coast

San Francisco Civic Center Plaza Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West Coast. There will be Mass at 9:30 am. celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm.

We will be coordinating buses for transportation from St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Rohnert Park, the cost will be \$35 per person. **Registration will take place the first two weekends in Dec. after the Masses. Please contact** Evelyn Estrella at 707-228-5746 / evelyn.z.estrella@gmail.com for any questions.



Advent begins next week. It is known by many as the "Forgotten Season." Why?

Because we are already into the Christmas Season. Advent should be the time to reflect and prepare us not for the Christ Child, as that is Christmas but for Jesus' 2nd coming. Advent has also been called "Little Lent. A time to prepare ourselves for this coming by sacrifice and penance,

Pope Francis spoke about the start of Advent during an audience with a group of about 6,500 people from the Italian dioceses of Ugento-Santa Maria di Leuca and Molfetta-Ruvo-Giovinazzo-Terlizzi in the Paul VI Hall.

Pope Francis thanked the travelers for coming, recalling that he had visited their diocese on a daytrip. "But God," he pointed out, "will visit you where I cannot come, in your homes, in your lives. God visits us and waits to

stay with us forever."

In his speech, the pope referenced Servant of God Fr. Tonino Bello, who was the bishop of the Diocese of Molfetta-Ruvo-Giovinazzo-Terlizzi from 1982-1993.

Don Tonino once reflected, he said, on the fact that life is full of fear: "Fear of neighbor... fear of the other... fear of violence... fear of not making it. Fear of not being accepted... fear that it is useless to work hard. Fear, much, that we cannot change the world... Fear of not finding a job."

Pope Francis pointed out that Don Tonino would respond to this gloomy scenario by saying that "Advent responds with 'the Gospel of anti-fear.'"

"If fear makes you lie on the ground, the Lord invites you to get up; if negativity pushes you to look down, Jesus invites us to turn our gaze to heaven, from where He will come. Because we are not children of fear, but children of God," the pope said.

"Then we welcome the invitation of the Gospel, the invitation so often repeated by Don Tonino to stand up, to get up," he continued. "From where? From the sofas of life: from the comfort that makes you lazy, from the mundanity that makes you sick inside, from the self-pity that darkens."

"Stand up, let us look up to the sky," he instructed. "We would also advise of the need to open our hands to our neighbor. And the consolation that we can give will heal our fears."

As you prepare to make your Christmas checklist, make an Advent checklist.

Humor

