

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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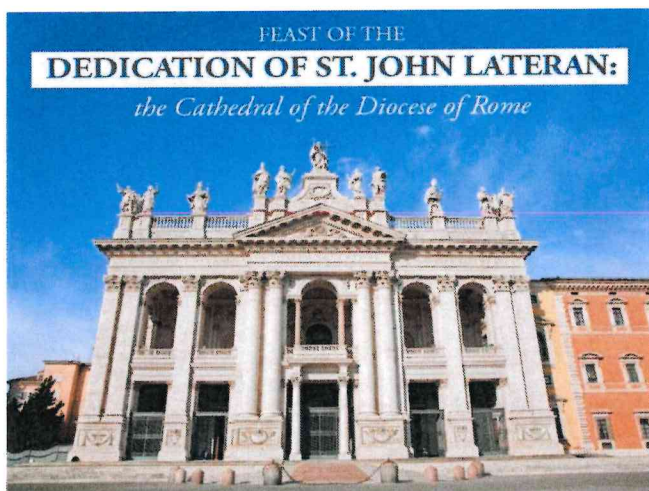
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Office Hours: Tues. through Fri. 9am. - 1pm

Church doors open from **7:30am-6:30pm.**



November 9, 2025



Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz #4

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Mass times: #2

Youth Faith Formation: Jennifer Bedoka #3

Executive Board: Tony Madia/Chairperson, Linda Biondini/Vice Chairperson, Katie Chase, Larry Ruminson, Julie La Plante

Floral Decorations: Cesira Heric

Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays: 9:45-10:15am & Thurs 1-1:30pm.

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: 1month notice. The preparation session will be on Dec. 7th from 3-4:30pm in the hall.

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

Exposition and Benediction: Thursdays 12:45-1:30pm

The Welcoming Church for Adults: Sundays 1pm

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/Nov 8, 4pm +Ron Foppoli

Sun/Nov 9, 8:30am +Helen & Frank Stranzl

10:30 am People of the Parish

Tue/Nov 11, 12:15pm All Souls

Wed/Nov 12, 8:15am All Souls

Thu/Nov 13, 12:15pm All Souls

Fri/Nov 14, 8:15am All Souls

Sat/Nov. 15, 4pm +Abel Sagon

Sun/Nov. 16, 8:30am Members of the Parish

10:30am +Kim- Chi Pham

Events for the Week

Sun. Nov. 9 1pm Welcoming Church

Mon. Nov.10 6pm Ministry Training/ Hall

Tue. Nov 11 1pm Ministry Training/ Hall

6pm Women's Guild Mtg/Hall

Sat/Sun Nov 15/16 Religious articles from Bethlehem

Homily Highlights from last Sunday

- We need to pray for our dead.
- Describing Purgatory in a simple way is the suffering of having to be washed clean before we enter heaven, the waiting game.
- The souls in purgatory pray for us.
- Do you plan to go to Purgatory when you die? Why?

Readings for Today

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17, Gospel: John 2:13-22

Sunday Reflection

Happy Church Day! As feast days go, this Sunday is one of the more unusual ones on the church calendar.

We don't commemorate a Biblical event (say, the baptism of Jesus) or a saint. We don't mark a new season (but be patient: Advent is coming soon). Instead, we celebrate a building -- more specifically, the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. It's the oldest of the four major basilicas in Rome and serves as the official "home" of the pope -- the seat of the bishop of Rome.

St. Peter's Basilica gets all the attention, but it's the Lateran that is really the "pope's church." During this Jubilee Year, it's been flooded with pilgrims passing through its Holy Door.

But why does this matter? Why all the fuss over a church?

History is part of it. The original Lateran was actually built by the emperor Constantine over an ancient Roman palace (The Lateran Palace) in the 4th century. The baptistry was dedicated to St. John the Baptist (which is why the church bears his name) and the Vatican website will tell you the structure has been destroyed and rebuilt several times over the centuries. It is a testament to survival and endurance. It also

contains some priceless relics, including wood from what is said to come from the table of the Last Supper. It is considered the "mother church" of all the churches in the world.

But this Sunday is about more than an important piece of Roman real estate. This Sunday actually goes to the heart of our identity as Catholics, as believers, as Christians on a pilgrim journey of faith.

If you've ever attended the dedication (or rededication) of a church, it's a profoundly moving experience. In so many ways, it echoes the sacrament of baptism. The church is sprinkled with water; the altar is anointed with oil; the walls are blessed. It is a moment of great promise and possibility, with a building in effect being commissioned for holiness.

Isn't it that way for all of us? This Sunday, we are given a chance to remember the dedication of a great symbol of our faith -- and to rededicate ourselves, too, to recall that our ultimate purpose is to strive to live as holy people of God.

So we hear again the Gospel from St. John, recounting how Jesus drove the money-changers out of the temple, and we encounter the words of Ezekiel, describing the water flowing from the temple, nourishing everything around it.

But we also hear these words of St. Paul: "You are God's building. You are the temple of God and the Spirit dwells in you."

A church building is brick and mortar, wood and glass. But ultimately, it is people.

So this weekend, we are reminded that we are the "living stones" that make up the church; like the Lateran, we have been consecrated to stand before the world as landmarks for Christ. In a sense, we are the doors through which people can enter into a closer relationship with him, and we are the windows that shine forth the light of his love.

In his autobiography, Thomas Merton wrote, "I thought churches were simply places where people got together and sang a few hymns...and yet now I tell you, it is the Sacrament...Christ living in our midst...it is He alone who holds our world together."

More than a building, this Sunday calls us to remember what we believe. That is what this feast is really all about.

We do it because of this: The One who draws us to church on any given Sunday. The One who nourishes our hopes, and who calms our fears, and who makes of each of us -- with all our flaws and imperfections -- his tabernacle, the sacred space that rests in the heart of every church.

It is all because of Christ in the Eucharist.

Remember that this Sunday. Cherish that. And celebrate it!

Discussion Question: In what ways can I become more of a "living temple" for God in my daily actions?

Family Connection

Families take pride in their homes and strive to keep them neat and clean inside and out. Talk as a family about the various chores that each family member has that contributes to the upkeep of the home. Thank each member for doing his or her chores and encourage everyone to take pride in the home. Explain that people's homes are a reflection of themselves and that a home that is clean and welcoming shows respect and hospitality. Point out that this Sunday, the Church celebrates one of its very special homes: the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Explain that this basilica is the seat of the Bishop of Rome, the pope, and that, as we celebrate its dedication, we are reminded of the people the building represents: the pope and all God's people throughout the world. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 2:13-22.



Say: When we celebrate the dedication of this great church, we are reminded of our own parish church where we gather to celebrate and, even more so, of our domestic church, our home, where we encounter God every day. Remind family members that when they are asked to do chores that contribute to the upkeep of the home, they are contributing to the upkeep of the domestic church.

Please pray for the health intentions for: Sherman Chan, Gus Chang, Emi Corbett, Mary Couto, Patrick Dempsey, John Diaz, Lupita Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Anthony Eger, Evelyn Estrella, Jeanne Fields, Louise Galassi, Dave Grundman, Theresa M, Nancy Keegan, Patricia Lauterjung, Kelly Limberg, Frank Manhoso, Charles McCollum, Larry Ng, Deacon Joe Orzal, Lita Orzal, Robert Perrill, Mary Piccioni, Lisa Rivas, Robert Scarpone, Kathleen Schick, Maureen Sheridan Scott, Dominique & Cecilia Tarrant, Jessica Thompson, Malik Whitehorse. If you want a name on the list, please call the office.

Pray for the soul of Edmundo Rombeiro and keep his family in your prayers.

Parish Stewardship for November 2nd & 3rd:

Plate: \$5,699. Thank you for your generosity



Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

"For it is in giving that we receive."

Francis of Assisi

Sunday, November 9th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm CGS Level 3/LG Atrium

5-6:30 pm 1st Year Confirmation/Hall

Wednesday, November 12th

3-4:30 pm 1st and 2nd Year 1st Communion Classes

3-4:30 pm CGS Level 3/LG Atrium

Sunday, November 16th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm CGS Level 3/LG Atrium

5-6:30 pm Youth Group

No classes November 23rd, 26th, 30th

Did you get your new Mass Card? If not, they are located in the vestibule.

Have you signed-up for Parent and child meetings starting in November?

Are you interested in hearing about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for your child, please contact us for information?

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

Ministry Schedule November 8th & 9th

4pm Mass

Readers: Linda Biondini, Tony Madia

EMS: Jovita (Betty) Bishop, Luisa Bustillos, Dianne Foppoli

Ushers: Tony & Beth Turegano

Greeters: Luisa Bustillos, Debra Ciarasso

8:30am

Readers: Phillip Alvarado, Liz Ritchie

EMS: John Buhagiar, Dave Grundman, Mary Thayer

Ushers: Remie Alinas, Diane Cook

Greeters: Alan & Caroline Kalaw

10:30am

Readers: Scott Crossen, Marie Horwitz

EMS: Giovanna Desimone, Nativity Mata, Mila Morrical

Ushers: Lorraine Datu, Mila Morrical

Greeters: Julie LaPlante, Sally Shami

Ministry Schedule November 15th & 16th

4pm Mass

Readers: Tony Madia, Liz Ritchie

EMS: Janice Dyer, Tony Madia, Linda Mish

Ushers: Dianne Foppoli, Sally Shami

Greeters: Ron & Debra Ciarasso

8:30am Mass

Readers: Maureen Sheridan Scott, Maria Van Anne

EMS: Remie Alinas, John Buhagiar, Patty Ramos

Ushers: Diane Cook, Sally Shami

Greeters: Larry & Jo Ruminson

10:30am Mass

Readers: Fred Adam, Mary Denson

EMS: Giovanna Desimone, Nora John, Mila Morrical

Ushers: Scott & Mila Morrical

Greeters: Fred & Janet Adam



Christians in the Holy land.



Would like to thank all those who gave warm clothing to the needy here in Rohnert Park. They are a part of God's temple.

Women's Guild Raffle Tickets

are on sale after the Masses thru the 23rd

The Drawings will be on Nov. 23rd after the 10:30

Mass. Raffle for the Quilt \$2 or 3/\$5

\$20 a square Drawing for \$500-1st prize, \$200-2nd prize, \$150-3rd prize, \$100-4th prize

Only 100 squares will be sold for the \$\$\$ Drawing

A Big "Thank You" to all of those who participated in the Holiday Faire in the buying, selling, organizing, cooking and more!



Presales are taking place thru the 16th

Chicken, pork, & vegetable \$20 for 6, \$35 for a dozen

Pick-up Nov 22nd 5-7pm.

El Ministerio Hispano tendrá una venta de tamales. Solo pre ordenados.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers & Greeters, Ministry Scheduler Pro Training (MSP) Days:

November 10th or 11th.

You are invited to join Maureen and Mary for training in how to use MSP. Have questions? Please join us on Monday night from 6 -7 pm or Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm in the Hall.

Pastor's Corner

Please green not park for Mass in the "15 Minute Parking Zone" next to the office.

Please break down all boxes going into the Recycle Can behind the hall.

Would the person who poured hot wax down the drain in the sacristy and the one who broke an orchid on a table in the church, and left it in front of the office please fess up. I am not upset but disappointed.

Please green not touch the heat controls in the church



Advent/Christmas News

In order to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we will be in a

few weeks asking for Walmart and Target \$10 gift cards for children and elderly people. As we did at Easter, a list of foods for those in need will be listed in the bulletin and a basket will be put out to collect the things you bring. The gift cards will go on an Advent Tree in the church.



As we are in the Month of All Souls, we are also in the month of All Saints. Here are those saints we celebrate this week:

Monday, 10th

Saint Pope Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

In 440 AD, Leo was elected as the Bishop of Rome, becoming the 45th Pope of the Catholic Church. His elevation to the papacy occurred when the Roman Empire was in decline, and the Church faced numerous challenges, including heresies and divisions.

As Pope, Leo demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and a deep commitment to the Church's unity and teachings. He played a pivotal role in resolving theological disputes and promoting doctrinal clarity. One of the most notable events during his papacy was his involvement in the Council of Chalcedon in 451 AD. This council affirmed the orthodox belief in the two natures of Christ, both fully human and fully divine.



Tuesday 11th

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop



Born around 316 AD, Martin was the son of a Roman army officer and was raised in Italy. Despite his pagan upbringing, Martin felt a pull towards Christianity from an early age. His journey to sainthood

interestingly began in the military.

During his time in the military, Martin witnessed the harsh realities of war and the suffering it caused. This exposure to violence and the struggles of others

deeply affected him and sparked a desire for something greater than the life of a soldier. He began to question the purpose of his existence and sought solace.

Martin encountered a beggar who was half-naked and freezing in the bitter cold. Moved with compassion, Martin could not ignore the man's suffering. In a selfless act of kindness, he cut his military cloak in half and shared it with the beggar, providing him with warmth and comfort.

Little did he know that this simple act of kindness would have a profound effect on his life. That night, Martin had a dream in which he saw Jesus wearing the half-cloak he had given away. Jesus said to him, "Martin, who is still but a catechumen, clothed me with this robe." Martin was then baptized.



Wednesday, 12th

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Saint Josaphat, born in Poland in 1580. Growing up in Poland, he was raised in the Eastern Orthodox Church. However, his journey took a significant turn when he converted to

Catholicism. Josaphat's dedication to unity was evident in his efforts to bring together the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Churches. He firmly believed in the importance of dialogue and understanding between different Christian traditions. Through his teachings and actions, he sought to promote harmony and reconciliation among believers. Despite facing numerous challenges and opposition, he remained steadfast in his mission. His unwavering faith and commitment to unity ultimately led to his martyrdom. His sacrifice serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of standing up for one's beliefs and working towards a greater cause.



Thursday 13th

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

Also known as Mother Cabrini. She was the first American citizen to be named a saint. She was born in Italy but did most of her work in the United States. She helped many

people who were poor and had no one to care for them.

She worked mainly with immigrants, especially Italians. Many of them came to the United States looking for a better life. But life was hard for them. They had little money. They often lived in poor homes. Many did not speak English. Mother Cabrini gave them hope.

She started schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She wanted people to know that God loved them. She gave her life to helping others. She also helped her sisters in her religious order to do the same. Even though she was small and often sick, she worked very hard. She trusted God in everything. She traveled many places and helped many people. She is remembered today for her great faith and her great love for others.