

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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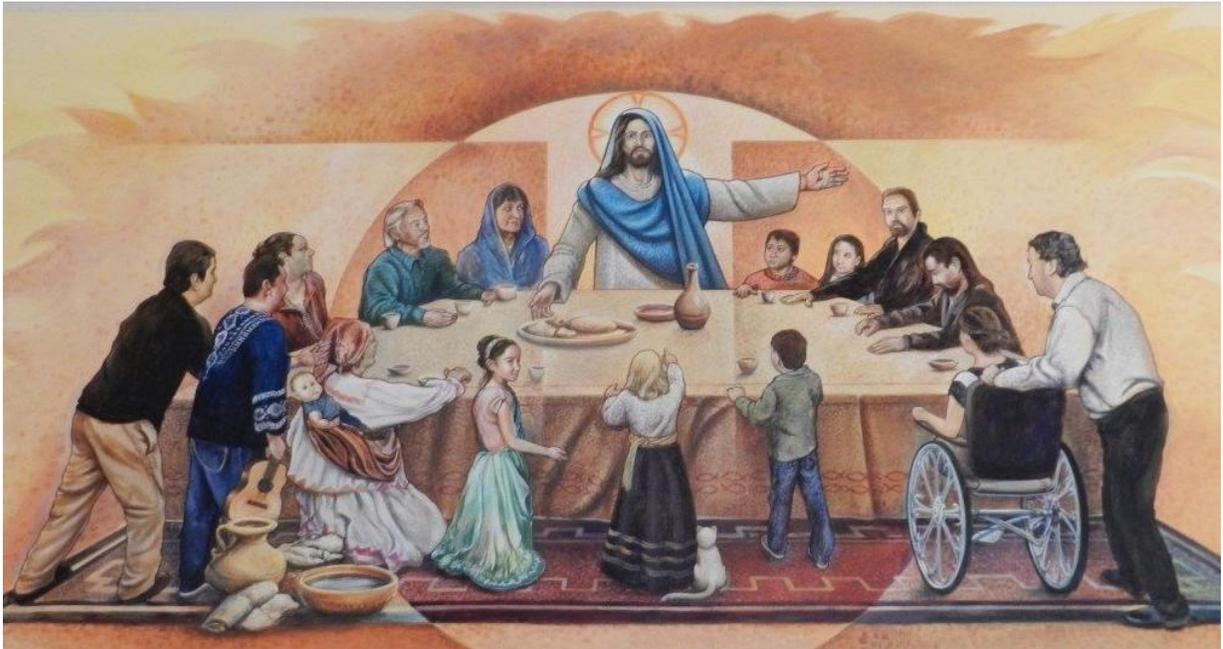
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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9-1:30 p.m.

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

August 28, 2022, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

Luke **14:13-14**

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz - Extension - #4

Office Manager: Chris Giacometti - Extension # 1

Youth Faith Formation: Jennifer Bedoka, sesreled@gmail.com - Extension #3

This Week's Liturgy Schedule - Extension #2

Wednesday & Friday: 8:15 am. and Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 pm.

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

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

Sacraments and Spirituality

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: Tuesday 12:45 p.m.

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

Baptism: Two-month notice for a child's baptism. Our next baptismal class TBA

Adult Baptism: Please call the office.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office.

Devotions

The Rosary: Tuesday-Saturday morning 1/2 hour before Mass

The Divine Mercy Chaplet Tuesday 12:45 p.m.

Pastoral Council Leadership

Giovanna DeSimone, Jennifer Bedoka, Patty Turner

Sundays Readings

Please note that the Scripture readings begin on page 206. **First Reading:** Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29. **Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a. **Gospel:** Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Reflection on Sunday's Reading

Let Love Live It is said that we are made in the image and likeness of God. Sometimes this doesn't seem very likely.

Look at the "images and likenesses" that can settle into our hearts. Think about marriage, that institution which cradles the future of—not just of its delicate offspring—but also of the whole society, and which has become just a temporary arrangement, "just for the time being," followed by divorce.

And wouldn't you agree that sexual mores in the Western world are in the process of firmly and finally divorcing themselves from consideration of commitment, responsibility and care?

Aren't we tempted to addict ourselves to convenience, entertainment, internet, drinks, drugs, pleasures, pornography, and so on?

And how about the increasing number of very well-known people—even priests and even bishops—who have wrecked the lives of children, some well-knowns still reaping pleasure from youths while still professing to be dedicated to the one who said "there is no greater love than to give up your life for your friend"?

I know, I know, the good has to be factored in as well. But with so much powerful evil stirred into the mix, what can be left of the image of God in human beings?

The poet E.E. Cummings wrote a particularly strong poem that includes the following lines:

King Christ, this world is all a-leak,
and life preservers there are none,
and waves that only he can walk
who dares to call himself a man.

By "man," Cummings means "human being," of course, and the one he refers to in this poem did in fact become a man, one named Jesus. He let his "boat" be rocked and wrecked and finally sunk. Then he arose and walked and continues to walk the waves of our rough, drowning world.

He is a man in the image and likeness of God. Within himself, in the place where it matters most,

Jesus has complete openness to love. He lets it come in and he lets it go out to others.

• Do you and I dare to unite with the image of such a human being? Deep within our own selves, in imitation of Jesus, are we capable of making room for such love? Can love-

incarnate come to life in us if we gradually allow it to?

Yes. Love-incarnate wants to unite with us in the deep image and likeness of God. You and I have been created in it. This is the "image and likeness" we are made for.

If we addict ourselves instead, if we "exalt" ourselves, as Jesus puts it in the Gospel, we will wrap our souls in layer after layer of fraud. We will try to become our possessions, we will try to become what other people think of us, what culture manipulates us to be.

But our tiny boats of life actually are ship-worthy after all. If only we do not think they are ocean liners, able to grab whatever we want, we will "conduct our affairs with humility" (First Reading); we will allow God to love us and live in us.

And then we will be able to make a difference in the world. We will become the image and likeness of God's tolerance shining forth. John Foley, SJ

Discussion Question: Jesus experienced our human pain along with us to help us get to the banquet. Do you feel any responsibility as a member of the body of Christ to help other people get to the banquet?

Mass Schedule of Intentions

Saturday, August 27

9 am. Ints of Victims of Sexual Abuse and Social Injustice
4 pm. +Manuel& Melencita Bacani

Sunday, August 28

8:30 am. Ints. for the People of the Parish
10:30 am. +Matt Moore

Tuesday, August 30

12:15 pm. +Dolores Rimón

Wednesday, August 31

8:15 am. +Carrie Ginn

Thursday, September 1

12:15 pm. +Paul Schmitt

Friday, September 2

8:15 am. Ints. of Regina Hill

Saturday, September 3

No Saturday Morning Masses thru Oct.

4 pm.+ Nora Olsen

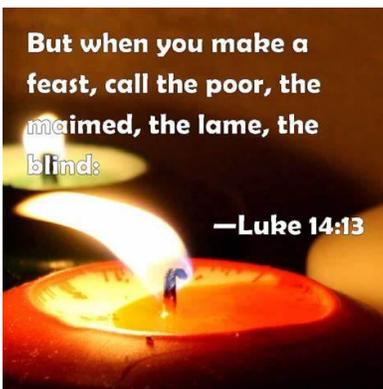
Sunday, September 4

8:30 am. Ints of the People of the Parish
10:30 am. + Colton Jamanetti

Please phone the office to schedule a Mass intention for Sept. and later months.

Please pray for those that need our prayers: William Callas, Marilyn Coffin, Salome Dede, Marcella Dorado, Erin Dorado, Brian Fung, Alfonsa Genido, Fran Guzman, Natalie Harmon, Kate Ingram, Jeannine Jacobs, Lydia Mandano, Frank Manhoso, Mila Miguel, Joseph Nocifra, Rory O'Neil, Larry Ruminson, Sharon Patrick, Robert Scarpone, Frank Stranzl, Dominique Tarrant, Jon Thayer, Jenna Tiewater, Emma Torres, Molly Touchette, and Ted Vega, Logan Wilson.

Please pray for the soul of Jarad Jones and remember his family in your prayers.



Stewardship: Plate and donations, 8/21 \$3,114. Collection for Peter's Pence \$679. Additional donation for the Feast of the Assumption \$52. So far we have **Annual Ministry Appeal 2022 through July. Goal:** \$18,744. Parishioners: **500**. Parishioners pledged **172 34.4%** Let us get at least to **40% participation!** Amount received so far: **\$37,422**. Money to be refunded to the parish **so far \$20,728**. **Have you participated?**

Events of the Week

Sat. Aug. 27, 5 pm. Parish Ministry Expo/Hall
 Sun. Aug. 28, 9:30 am. Parish Ministry Expo after Mass
 10:30 am. Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Parish Ministry Expo after Mass
 Wed. Aug. 31, 12 pm. Monthly Potluck/Hall
 Thu. Sept. 1, 7pm. Picnic Volunteer Mtg./CI

"ASK NOT WHAT YOUR PARISH CAN DO FOR YOU; ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR PARISH." The Parish Expo after all the Masses!

We offer many opportunities for you to become involved in our parish. We believe that being active in our parish and belonging to a ministry or organization or two can lead to further believing and deeper faith.



Raffle for August In the month of August, the Social Committee is running a 50/50 raffle and three themed baskets (Spanish Paella Dinner for 4-6 guests, **Wine Tasting Charcuterie Board** for 4-6 guests for 8 guests), **Murder Mystery Game & Dinner** for 8 guests). Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. Normally, winetasting in Sonoma is \$40 per person...What a deal if you are lucky! Your support will be used to offset costs for the picnic and future planned social events. Please help support this fundraiser

FAMILY DIRECTORY PICTURES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE HALL DURING THE EXPO, PLEASE STOP BY AND REGISTER.



MONTHLY POTLUCK
 Greetings, just a reminder that the August Potluck will take place this Wednesday at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Please bring a main dish or a dessert to share. Looking forward to seeing you on the 31st.
 Linda, Jo, and Larry

You are Invited!

Holy Hour Evening Retreat

Friday, September 2nd at 6 pm
 St. Joseph Catholic Church - Cotati, CA
 Eucharistic Adoration | Rosary | Benediction

Spiritual Talk: Drawing the Power of Jesus Christ into Our Lives

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton BBQ Picnic

Mark your calendars to join us in a Parish Picnic at Alicia Park on September 11 from 12:30-3:00PM.

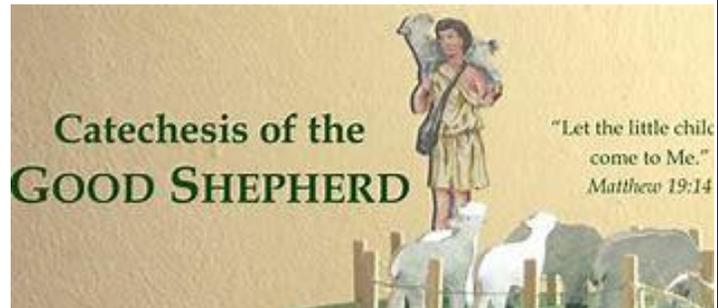


With organized games and family fun! **Tickets will sell for \$5/person or \$15/family.**

Volunteers are welcomed to assist us with the picnic in kitchen prep, set-up, clean-up, as well as helping with the games. Please sign-up at the table outside. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a great event.

Remember that family tickets are \$15, and NO tickets will be sold on the day of the event. There will be no Mass at the picnic this year. Tickets are on sale now through September 4th after all Masses. Tickets are not being sold in the parish office

Sunday Mass 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word/Hall



Registration fees are now an additional \$30.00 for registering your child/ren late. Parents have only till 9/2/2022 to register their child/ren for any of our faith formation programs.

In-person registrations will be available:

August 28th 5:30 pm - 8 pm/ LGCL

August 29th 5:30 pm - 8 pm/ LGCL

August 31st 5:30 pm - 8 pm/ LGCL

September 2nd 5:30 pm - 8 pm/ LGCL

Classes will be starting the week of September 12th.

Faith Formation has been in contact with all registered families this past week. If you have not heard from us to confirm your child's registration, please contact us by phone or email.

On Fire, is on September 17th and will be here before you know it. We will have a full-on day of prayer, rides, and song at Six Flags Marine World in

Vallejo. This is for 2nd year Confirmation students and/or in 8th grade or higher. Please reach out if your child/ren are interested to Jennifer, sesreled@gmail.com for more details.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR WISH TO BE FULLY INITIATED THROUGH BAPTISM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, AND CONFIRMATION OR WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH. The Welcoming Church will begin on Wednesday October 26th from 6:30 to 7:45 pm.

And

Those who wish to have **scripture faith sharing**, we will begin on **Thursday, Oct 27th from 1-2 pm.** with soup or salad being provided. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles.

There is no cost for these sessions, but you are asked to register with the office for Adult Faith Formation.

Please reregister ASAP! if you have not over the past two years in the parish. You can go online and fill it out and send it online or you can phone Chris at the office Tuesday-Friday from 9-1:30 and she can assist you on the phone filling out the new form. Under 50% of our parishioners have reregistered and many of us here in the parish are disappointed. The newer forms have more vital information needed to assist our parish.

The month of September is known as the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows. She was slashed by the sword of sadness as she stood at the foot of the cross, just as S These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial.



n all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation. **The Feast is on Sept 15th**

Pope Francis

In talking to a Catholic family who had a private audience with him.

"Let us not forget prayer, because prayer helps us to keep faith alive; the balm of faith is preserved by often

turning our thoughts to the Lord: it can help us so much to look at the image of the crucifix, to stop our gaze there. It is a beautiful way to pray."

Harmony in families

"I am reminded of Psalm 133: 'How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one! Like fine oil on the head, running down...'"

The oil, he noted, is a beautiful image of union, and of the happiness of being in communion.

"But the oil," he added, "is also an image of the faith that strengthens our bonds and, through the Holy Spirit, makes harmony in families possible - this is important - harmony also in the Church, in the world."

Never run out of 'oil of faith'

"I encourage you," the Pope continued, "never to let the oil of faith run out in your lamps."

In this way, he said, they collaborate with the grace of God that we experience in our encounter with Him.

"We experience the Lord's presence in many circumstances, but especially in the sacraments and meditation on His Word," he said.

Prayer keeps faith alive

Never forget prayer, the Pope insisted.

"Not only does it keep faith alive," he said, "the very act of turning our thoughts to the Lord" can do the faithful so much good.

Keeping our gaze fixed on the Crucifix, the Pope said, "is a beautiful way to pray."

Trust in Lord's goodness

"As a family and as individuals," he said, "I invite you to go forward on your journey of faith, trusting in the goodness of the Lord and in the protection of the Blessed Virgin, whom you venerate with so much love at Fatima. "

Pope Francis concluded by inviting them to join him in praying three Hail Marys and asking them to pray for him.

Pastor's Corner

Just a reminder that the Saturday morning Mass at 9 will be stopped through the month of Oct.



We are starting something new.

We need photos of parishioners when they were young. We will publish a photo and you guess who it is in the parish.

This person is very popular in the parish and is a Giant's fan. If you know who it is, phone the office by 3 pm. on Sunday/today28th

and the first right caller will get a gift card for \$25 from Safeway. The family of the person in the photo cannot be participants.