

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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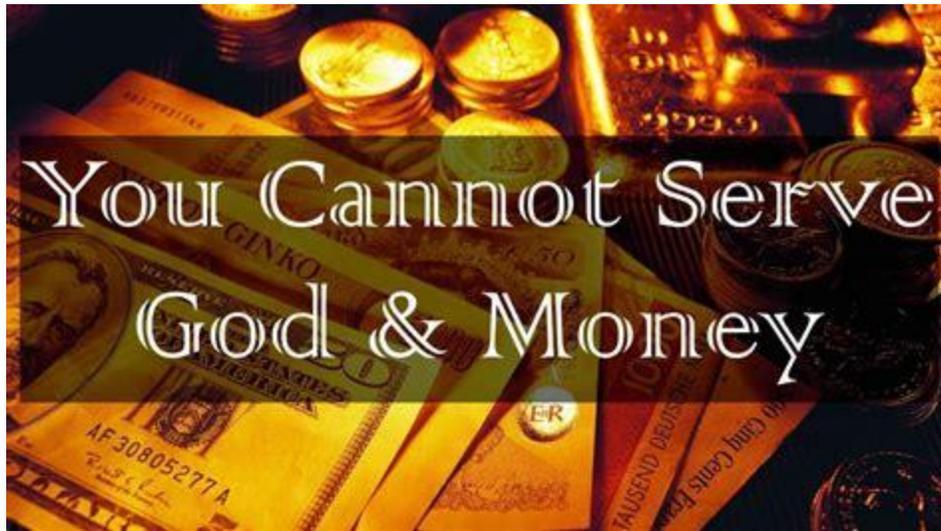
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The church is open daily from 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## September 18, 2022, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Diaz

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### 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 is on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**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

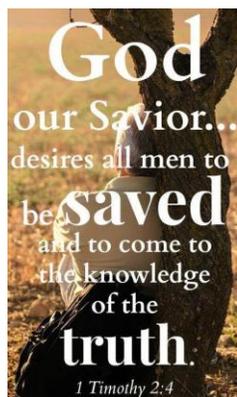
Giovanna DeSimone, Jennifer Bedoka, Patty Turner

## Sundays Readings

Please note that the Scripture readings begin on page 213. **First Reading:** Amos 8:4-7. **Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8. **Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13.

### Reflection on Sunday's Reading

**What God Wants** In the Second Reading Paul says it is the will of God that every human being be saved. But it is part of Christian doctrine that not all human beings are saved. Not all human beings go to heaven when they die. How could it be that an omnipotent God wills something, and yet it doesn't happen? Here we need to remember that heaven is more like a marriage than it is like a place.



For a human person to be in heaven is for her to be united in love to God. Now, union between God and a human person requires that each have a mind and a will, in order for there to be two to unite together. If God's mind and will are the only ones present, then whatever there may be, it isn't union between God and another person.

In consequence, God cannot bring about union all by himself. God can do all the work needed for union. He can offer the grace necessary for it as a gift. But if the will of a human person rejects that grace and refuses God, then even an omnipotent God can't get union with that person. God cannot succeed in giving grace if a human person chooses to reject it.

We have to see therefore that there are some things that God wants and does not get. The will of God is that every human being be saved, but not all human beings are saved, because a human being can reject God's grace.

But there is no frustration of God's will as a result. God wills to let a person's salvation depend entirely on her—not, of course, in the Pelagian sense that she can save herself without grace, but in the sense required by the First Reading: it is up to her and her alone whether or not she refuses the saving grace of God. And if she refuses it, then because God willed to create her as a person with a will of her own, God cannot give her the grace that she will not have.

God wants lovers, not slaves. And that is why, although it is God's will that all human beings be saved, when some are not saved, God's will is still fulfilled, only in a different way. Eleonore Stump

**Discussion Question:** God created humans with free will. Is free will a gift or a liability?

## Mass Schedule of Intentions

### Saturday, September 17

4:00 pm. +Roderic Barba

### Sunday, September 18

8:30 am. Ints. of Marcella Dorado

10:30 am. +Lydia Bozzoli

### Tuesday, September 20

12:15 pm. Ints. of Harper May Atkinson

### Wednesday, September 21

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### Thursday, September 22

12:15 pm. +Jordan Ginn

### Friday, September 23

8:15 am. +Jose Alvarez Sr & Jose Alvarez Jr.

### Saturday, September 24

4 pm. + Ethel & Skip Medlin

### Sunday, September 25

8:30 am. Special Int. for daughter & Echnaly & Nativity

10:30 am. +Carrie Ginn

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

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

**Stewardship:** Plate and donations 9/11/22: **\$3,769.**

Building Maintenance: \$1,036.

**This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for Liability Insurance** which is owed about \$35,000 for this fiscal year.

**Annual Ministry Appeal 2022 through August.** 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? I thank all those who have.**

**Fr Tom**

## Gatherings this Week

Sun. Sept. 18 9:30 am. St. Vincent de Paul Mtg./CI

## Children and Youth Faith Formation Calendar

**Please email [sesreled@gmail.com](mailto:sesreled@gmail.com) with any questions.**

### Sunday, September 18, 2022

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

5 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation

6:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation

### Tuesday, September 20, 2022

3:30 pm CGS-Faith Formation L1 & L2

Topic Creation, Adam and Eve

### Thursday, September 22, 2022

4 pm CGS-Faith Formation L2

### Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

## Faith Formation



**Adults (young and old) and older youth** needing community service hours who are interested in helping our younger youth this year. We can work with all schedules so take the time to serve once a month or more.....We will need event aides to help with our Reposado in December, Children and Youth Christmas Eve Mass, and Spaghetti Feed in February. Come join a growing ministry while praying and having fun!

**Atrium Week wrap up** Our Catechist and aides had a wonderful time getting to know your children during our faith formation class last week.

**Level One** (ages 2-6) started with practicing to whisper and using our soft voices in the atrium. We learned to roll a working mat. Some of our students did flower arranging, worked on prayer art, presentations of Jesus birth, washing windows, and restoring material just to name a few of our works.

**Level Two** (Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) started with Ms. Katie and Ms. Juana in the classroom to talk about possible rules or ways to work with each other. There were also reminded how important saying our prayers and started practicing them this week. They were introduced to our new Level Two Atrium and what work they can do. As time goes on more material will be available to your child as we learn their interests and how we can help the Holy Spirit. Some children worked on Calligraphy, creating prayer cards, flower arranging, and more.

Your child is being offered the most essential work and we will build on their relationship with God as time continues.....They were so intrigued and so many questions it was wonderful to see them invested into their faith

If you would like to observe what your child is doing in the atrium, please email at [sesreled@gmail.com](mailto:sesreled@gmail.com) so we can schedule some time starting in November.

### SAVE THE

**DATE** We welcome all



*Children's Rosary*  
A PRAYER GROUP MOVEMENT FOR CHILDREN

parishioners, children and their families to join us in prayer on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month (October 7<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 pm to pray the Rosary together as a parish family.



### Photo Historians needed

**Do you like taking pictures?** Our parish needs a few photo historians to help us

record our parish community at different events that our parish has. Please call the office and let us know you if you want to be part of keeping our parish in our memories

### Pastor's Corner

**I hope those who went to the parish Picnic/BBQ had a good time. I thank those who worked so hard to let**

*this event happen. Good company, good food, and good weather! Think If it happened a week earlier: hot weather or this weekend, rain. God is good!*

**Who Is this? Hint: Lives in G section** We need

photos of parishioners when they were young. We will publish the photo and you guess who it is in the parish. Call the office this week by 3 pm. on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> with your guess. First person to guess correctly will win a \$25 gift certificate to Safeway. Join the fun. The lovely young lady in last week's bulletin was Giovanna Desimone. Dianne Foppoli was the first to guess correctly and received her \$25 gift certificate from Safeway.



### What is Exposition and Benediction on Friday

**mornings?** Exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is not only a very old devotion in our Church, but one that highlights the fundamental mystery of the Holy Eucharist— that our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much *wants* to see you!

Pope John Paul II wrote, "Since the Eucharistic mystery was instituted out of love, and makes Christ sacramentally present, it is worthy of thanksgiving and worship. And this worship must be prominent in all our encounters with the Blessed Sacrament." While emphasizing the importance of the Mass, the Holy Father then recommended various forms of Eucharistic devotion: personal prayer and periods of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, exposition and benediction, Forty Hours devotion, Eucharistic processions, Eucharistic Congresses, and a special observance of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. All of these devotions which focus on the Blessed Sacrament aid in our spiritual union with our Lord. As Jesus said, "I myself am the Bread of Life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall ever thirst" (John 6:35).

The ritual for exposition and benediction as presented in 1973 by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship basically follows this ritual: The priest places the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance on the altar for adoration. At this time, a hymn of praise is sung as the priest/deacon incenses the Blessed Sacrament. During the period of adoration, the faithful may pray in quiet and foster a deeper spiritual communion with the Lord, reading. At the end of the period of adoration, the priest again incenses the Blessed Sacrament as a hymn of praise is sung and then blesses the congregation with the Blessed Sacrament, making the sign of the cross.

After the blessing, the priest reposes the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. This ritual seems to arise around the institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi by Pope Urban IV in 1264. On this feast day, the Holy Eucharist was carried in procession in vessels similar to our present day monstrances, which allowed the faithful to view the Blessed Sacrament.

## Prayer to the Most Blessed Sacrament



I adore you Jesus, true God, and true man, present in the Holy Eucharist, kneeling before you and united in spirit with all the faithful on earth and all the saints in heaven. In gratitude for so great a blessing, I love you with all my heart, for you are worthy of all praise and adoration. Lord Jesus Christ, may I never offend you with my lack of love. May your Eucharistic presence refresh me in body and soul. Mary, Mother of the Eucharistic Lord, pray for me and obtain for me a greater love for Jesus. Amen.

**Religious Education Congress 2022** On Saturday, September 24, 2022, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The event will be held at Cardinal Newman High School, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa. The theme is "The Church and the Most Holy Eucharist".

The day will begin at 8:30 am in the gym with the Holy Mass celebrated with Bishop Robert F. Vasa. A variety of speakers will be presented throughout the day. This day is designed to bring spiritual nourishment to all Adults in the Diocese. We look forward to seeing you.

We are happy to announce that this year's event is FREE. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed. [dre@srdiocese.org](mailto:dre@srdiocese.org) 707-566-3366 [www.santarosacatholic.org](http://www.santarosacatholic.org)

### **Pope Francis: Pope Francis: "Let yourself be transformed by the Eucharist."**

"The Eucharist is Jesus who gives himself entirely to us. To nourish ourselves with him and abide in him through Holy Communion, if we do it with faith,

transforms our life into a gift to God and to our brothers."

To let ourselves be nourished by the "Bread of Life," he said, "means to be in tune with the heart of Christ, to assimilate his choices, thoughts, behaviors."

It also means that we enter into "a dynamism of sacrificial love and become persons of peace, forgiveness, reconciliation and sharing in solidarity," he added.

In a speech the Pope turned to the Gospel reading from John Chapter 6, which recounted the last part of the "Bread of Life" discourse, and in which Jesus tells his disciples that "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

Francis noted the shock and astonishment of the crowd when they heard Jesus say this, and explained that such a reaction is understandable given the provocative nature of the Lord's statement.

With a style mirroring that used by many of the prophets, Jesus gives the people a strong image in order to stir up questions, and ultimately a decision, within them and us, he said.

Above all arise the questions "what does to 'eat the flesh and drink the blood' of Jesus mean? Is it only an image, a symbol, or does he mean something real?" the Pope said.

In order to respond, Francis continued, we have to look at what happened in Jesus' own heart when he broke the loaves to feed the five thousand.

"Knowing that he will die on the cross for us, Jesus identifies himself with that bread, broken and shared, and it becomes for him the sign of the sacrifice that awaits him."

This process culminates in the Last Supper, when the bread and wine actually become Jesus' Body and Blood, the Pope said, explaining that when he gives us the Eucharist, Jesus does it with a purpose: "that we may become one with him."

Communion, he said, "is assimilation: eating him, we become like him. But this requires our 'yes,' our adhesion of faith."

Pope Francis then noted how some might question the purpose of attending Mass, going only when they feel like it with the excuse that they pray better alone.

In response, Francis stressed that the Eucharist "is not a private prayer or a beautiful spiritual experience, it's not simply a commemoration of what Jesus did in the Last Supper."

Rather, it is a "memorial, namely, a gesture that actualizes and makes present the event of the death and resurrection of Jesus: the bread is truly his Body given, the wine is truly his Blood poured out."

To live in concrete communion with Jesus through the Eucharist while on earth is already the beginning of our passing from death to life, he said.

By doing this "we close our eyes to this world in the certainty that on the last day we will hear the voice of Jesus Risen who will call us, and we will awaken to always be with him and with the great family of saints," the Pope concluded.

