

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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

The Church is open weekdays 7:30–6:30pm

Saturdays & Sundays 7:30 - 5:15 pm

### June 21, 2026, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### 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 Rantissi Heric

#### Sacraments and Devotions

**Reconciliation:** Sundays: 9:45-10:15am

**Marriage:** One year notice to the pastor.

**Infant Baptism:** 1 month notice. Today the Baptismal preparation class will be in the Hall from noon to 2pm.

**You need to register in advance to attend.**

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call Fr. Tom.

Usually, it is celebrated after 10:30 Sunday Mass

**The Rosary:** ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

**Divine Chaplet:** Tuesdays after the 12:15 Mass

**Exposition & Benediction not this week**

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/June 20	4pm	+Abel Sagon
Sun/June 21	8:30am	Ints. of Dolores Sanchez
	10:30am	People of the Parish
Tue/June 23	12:15pm	+Felix Rojas
Wed/June 24	8:15am	+Sister Eufemia Volpane
Thu/June 25	8:15am	
Fri/June 26	8:15am	+Felix Rojas
Sat/June 27	4pm	+Kathleen Skirra
Sun/June 28	8:30am	Special Men's Club Mass
	10:30am	People of the Parish

#### Events in the Parish

Sun/June 21 Noon-2pm Baptismal Preparation Class

#### Stewardship for June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**Plate:** \$4,936. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Building Maintenance \$1,849.

The second collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence & Catholic Communication which assists our diocesan magazine.

Peter's Pence is an annual collection by Catholics worldwide to support the Pope's charitable, humanitarian, and pastoral work.

It allows Catholics to express unity with the Pope while providing financial support for the Church's charitable works, humanitarian aid, and social promotion projects

The collection is not merely a donation; it is a tangible expression of communion with the Pope and the global Catholic community.

**The Annual Ministry Appeal 2026** Please get your pledges in as we have received 189 pledges out of 580 families. You have through December to fulfill your pledge. Take an envelope in the vestibule booklet rack. We will be posting the names again of those who have pledged, the first Sunday in July. I hope to see your name on the list. Help the parish and the diocese at the same time. All money pledged at this time will be returned to us in Feb. It will then help pay for our liability insurance which will be going up like everything else. Fr. Tom

#### Last Week Homily Highlights

- Many people are troubled today because they do not have enough faith in the Lord.
- The Lord wants us to help Him bring the "Good News" to people.
- As the Lord sent out his disciples to heal, show compassion etc., He calls us to do the same.
- How do you help the Lord in your labors for Him?

#### Sunday Scripture Readings

**Reading I:** Jeremiah 20:10-13 **Reading II:** Romans 5:12-15  
**Gospel:** Matthew 10:26-33

#### Sunday Reflection

**Taking Life Seriously: John Foley, S.J.**

In the Gospel, Jesus encourages us as follows: "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid."

God pays attention to each of us. God knows us each in the tiniest detail!

A conclusion follows. See what you think of it:

Each of us is created to be a place where God's love can dwell.

It follows that we will never be truly human unless the greatest value in each of our lives is to receive the love of God and to carry it to the people around us.

Our culture would never buy such a proposition. On television we see people seeking ease, beauty, convenience, pleasure and so on. Quite often on broadcast channels, cable channels, and now on subscription programs, one could conclude that the human person is made for one purpose only: sex. Without realizing it, commercials are built to encourage the seven Capital Sins (pride, gluttony, avarice, lust, sloth, envy and anger). Jot that list down, put it by your television and put a check behind each one when it is promoted.

Alright, we human beings do get attached to many things or fascinated by them. But if each of us is created to be a place where God's love can dwell, then any of these fascinations might be left aside if it begins to take over God's place. If I am attached to wealth, or my stamp collection, or my good looks, or drugs, or even my mate—in a way that makes God's love take second (or third or fiftieth) place, then my life is disordered and I am headed for a fall.

How do you react to this proposal? Personally, I used to react to it with confusion and resistance. "You mean I am to love God only and not care about my friends, my family, music, sports, food, health, etc? Not care about anything except God?"

No.

Healthy love of all these things has its roots in love of God. Everything gets its own individual value from the indwelling of God within it. Each person, each blade of grass receives its full value of love because it proceeds from God's gentle hand.

Whoever takes this proposition seriously will live a full human life. But I can hear the reader saying immediately that this is too difficult. So many things get in the way. Have a look through your life and see how often you forget God the source. "Leave me, I am a sinful man," Peter once said to Jesus in the boat, remembering that he had actually deserted Jesus at least three times. How many times have you and I done likewise?

So, does the above proposition really apply just to those who never sin?

Not at all. "If you sin, I will not leave you, I will love you," God has said throughout the ages. The cross of Jesus is the ultimate statement of that truth. God's love remains constant and dear, in spite of the rampant sin in all of us and each of us. His love will help us get closer to the goal.

Let us rejoice, then. No matter how many hairs we have on our head, God's love remains to be let in.

**Discussion Question:** Discuss the fact that proclaiming the gospel brings some suffering with it.

**Family Connection:** It is not only individuals who need reassurance about God's love and protection. Communities need this reassurance as well, including the community of the family. Children rely on the confidence of their parents for this assurance. Parents can help the entire family's growth in trust and confidence in God by witnessing ways in which daily family needs are entrusted to God's care. As the family gathers, distribute pieces of paper to each person. Tell them to write or draw ways in which they believe that God's help is needed for each person and for the family as a whole. Each slip of paper can then be collected in a basket. Invite one member of the family to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:26-33. Recall together how well God knows your family and thank God for this wonderful grace. Conclude by praying together for each of the needs identified on the slips of paper. After each need is read, pray together, "God, we trust you because you know us so well." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father. This practice might become a regular part of your family's prayer. Set the basket in a place of prayer and encourage family members to add other needs throughout the week. Perhaps your family can pray for these things together during a family meal.

**Please pray for the health intentions of:** Bi Bi Ballesteros, Giselle Ballion, Kathy Detrick, Giovanna DeSimone, John Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Maryann Eger, Jim Estrella, Rosita Faltado, Janet Fenstermacher, Kathy Fontana, Cedric Fontana, Greyson Goff, Trinidad Legasti, Nancy Keegan, Fatima Manhoso, Judy Nelson, Mary Piccioni, Vivian Pruet, Emi Jade Przyborowski, Linda Sime, Cecilia Tarrant, Diane Thrailkill, Jim Turegano. Jackson Vallee.

***Children and Youth Faith Formation 2026-2027***  
***Registration academic year opened to active registered St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners and non-registered parishioners.***  
***Pricing is: \$125.00 per child and non-registered parishioners is an extra \$50.00 per family.***

**REGISTRATION IS OPENED!**

*Please use the QR code provided or fill out a packet located in the vestibule.*

***First Communion preparation program is 2 years long, and children may begin as young as 1<sup>st</sup> grade.***

***The Confirmation program is a 2-year long preparation. We use the Chosen program from Ascension Press, as well as our own material. Students must be in at least 6<sup>th</sup> grade and have***





For beginning the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.

Our Faith Formation table this weekend to register or have questions. Registration closes August 30<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Catechesis of Good Shepherd Level 1 Atrium (ages 3-6)** helps the child to fall in love with God, assisting the child's relationship with God and their enjoyment of that relationship and will be available this fall starting in October.

### Woman of the Year 2026

Do you know a woman at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton that has played an exceptional role in our parish? We are seeking nominations from parishioners to represent St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish as Women of the Year. In the last few years Giovanna De Simone Evelyn Estrella, and Maureen Sheridan-Scott have been chosen. Nominees must be registered member of the parish. Please complete the form below including your phone number should we need more information. **Place the form in the collection box in the vestibule. Deadline is June 28 at noon.** Contact Linda Biondini for questions: (707) 407-6386

Your name(print): \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Person you are nominating and reason: (print)**

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### Pastor's Corner

**Because of a lack of communication and cooperation by the condo/townhouse residences next door** we will be putting in cyclone gates at the entrance



of the church property. I have warned our neighbors a few times that this is church private property and many of them go in and out the same way. I really do not like being security at night. More info soon.

**Flowers Now is the time for gardens to bloom, and we are asking for cut flowers.** If you can help, please call Cesira Rantissi Heric at 707 338-3959, as she is in charge of floral arranging.

**Beginning in a few weeks** the parish bulletin for the summer will be published every other week. We will still have weekly mass info and more.

**I want to thank the Angels of Hope** for providing receptions lately for families who have lost loved ones.

**I am away late Thursday morning**, and so Mass will be at 8:15 am. There will be no confessions or Benediction.

**I will be contacting those who volunteered to be on the hall kitchen remodeling this coming week.**

**Have a Great Summer!**

### Ministry Schedule June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

#### 4:00pm Mass

**Readers:** Linda Anderson, Linda Biondini

**EMS:** Joanne Bishop, Dianne Foppoli, Linda Mish

**Ushers:** Mark & Selina Johnson

**Greeters:** Olivia Salazar, Pat Yates

#### 8:30am Mass

**Readers:** Fed Adam, Men's Group SEAS

**EMS:** Larry Biondini, John Buhagiar, Bill Yates

**Ushers:** Tony Turegano, Bill Yates

**Greeters:** Ron Ciarasso, Larry Ruminson

#### 10:30am Mass

**Readers:** Milagros Morrical, Nora John

**EMS:** Victoria Gregorio, Nativity Mata, Milagros

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**Ushers:** Sally Shamiand ?

**Greeters:** Fred & Janet Adam

### Pope welcomes US-Iran agreement, calls for mutual trust in Middle East

Pope Leo XIV expresses his hopes for peace in the Middle East as the US and Iran prepare to sign an agreement and appeals for an end to the war in Ukraine.

**By Devin Watkins**

As he held his weekly General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Leo XIV appealed for Iran and the United States to continue along the path of dialogue and cooperation.

The two countries are expected to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on Friday, after nearly four months of war.

"I welcome with satisfaction the reaching of an agreement between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America, which will be signed on Friday, as an encouraging result of patient work of dialogue and negotiation," said the Pope.

He thanked the third-party countries that have worked to facilitate peace negotiations.

"I hope that this agreement may help strengthen mutual trust, security and stability in the Middle East, promoting paths of dialogue and cooperation among peoples," he said.

The United States and Israel launched airstrikes on Iran on February 28, targeting the country's nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

Iran responded with counter-strikes against Israel and US bases and allies in the Gulf region, while disrupting shipping through the Strait of Hormuz.

### Appeal for Ukraine

Pope Leo also lamented the growing number of deaths in Ukraine as Russia intensifies its attacks on the country, especially on Ukrainian cities.

"There are many innocent victims, rescuers killed, churches, and places of cultural heritage devastated by flames," he said. "I am close to all those who mourn their loved ones, to the wounded, and to those who, amid violence, continue courageously to serve life."

Pope Leo XIV invited everyone to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. "Let us ask the Lord to open paths of dialogue, to extinguish hatred."



## Philippine A Friendship

July 12, 12pm at S

**ENJOY CHICKEN A  
(1) PORK S  
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BOTTLED WATER**

\$25/per

\$15/ child, unde

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