St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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November 8, 2026, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz #4
Office Manager: Chris Giacometti: #1
We welcome Dulcenea Flores who is running the office while Chris is away on vacation
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 (707)338-3959

Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays: 9:45-10:15am, Thu 1-1:30pm
Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.
Infant Baptism: The next Baptismal Class TBA
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 the12:15 Mass
Exposition & Benediction: Thu.12:45-1:45pm.
The Welcoming Church: Wed. 6pm/Hall

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/Nov 7 **4pm +** John & Marilyn Rooney
Sun/Nov 8 **8:30am** +For the Parish
10:30am Manuel Bacani
Tue/Nov 10 **12:15pm** All Souls
Wed/Nov 11 **8:15am** All Souls
Thu/ Nov 12 **12:15pm** All Souls
Fri/ Nov 13 **8:15am** All Souls
Sat/Nov 14 **4pm** Int of Noah Patrick
Sun/Nov 15 **8:30am** People of the Parish
10:30am +Manuel Bacani

Events in the Parish

Sun/Nov 8 **9-1** Craft Faire
10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word
Tue/ Nov 10 5:30**pm** Women's Guild
Wed/Nov 11 **6pm** The Welcoming Church
Fri/ Nov 13 **4:30pm** Social Justice Mtg/Cl
Sun/Nov 15 **11:30am** Tamale Pick-up

Stewardship for Nov 1st

The collection this past weekend was $4,456.
The 2nd collection this weekend is for Building Maintenance. The 2nd collection next weekend is for the Church Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe

Last Sunday's Homily Highlights

- There are two kinds of saints: the ones canonized and the ones not canonized that are with God
- Your family members could be saints in heaven
- The saints are our friends as they pray for us.
- Do you have a special saint you try to imitate?

Sunday Scripture Readings

Reading I: Wisdom 6:6-16, **Reading II:** Paul 1Thessalonians 4:13-18**, Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13.

Sunday Reflection

Are We There Yet? How can it be that the "typical questions" of children pass down from generation to generation? They do.

Our family car was halfway to Colorado and I was about six or seven and I clearly remember asking my mother that famous, time-honored question, "Mommy, are we there yet?" It was a real question, and I wasn't quoting someone else, so I thought.

By now I have heard child after child ask exactly the same question of a parent, in exactly the same words. Maybe it is an innate instinct, like geese flying south or robins pulling up worms.

As we become mature, we human beings do learn to wait, to live with the "not yet." We call it "delayed gratification." We may want to be home, for instance, but to get there from work, we might have to walk to the bus stop, wait for the #10, hand over the fee, stand until there is a seat, sit down at long last, wait some more, get off, walk 50 blocks (it seems), unlock the door, and finally, finally, finally, put our feet up and relax. Some days this can be annoying, but usually "we get used to it."

But we shouldn't get overly used to it. That is the point of this week's readings. Since we are not children, we can overlook the joy or pleasure when

our goal finally arrives. Do you even remember to taste food when you finally get your dinner? Did you remember to enjoy in quiet detail the friend you haven't seen (at least virtually) in a year?

Sunday's First Reading reminds us peacefully and beautifully to watch for God at dawn; to keep vigil because Wisdom (the Holy Spirit of God) actually is searching for those who are waiting. The Responsorial Psalm boldly names our craving for God! It says, "my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." And, the Gospel adds, stay awake, make preparations. Do not be foolish. Do not forget to be ready.

We are like parched ground without rain. We have huge fractures in our surface. Our souls ache for the gentle, courteous and tender outpouring God wants to do—not a thing like hurricanes or floods, but like a mother feeding her newborn.

Let's face it. You and I desire God more than anything else. At the center of our souls is a thirst that will never be slaked unless the God of all creation comes in person to be living water for us.

"Your kindness is a greater good than life," the psalm says to God.

What? But life is so essential, so to be preserved, so valuable that we fight like a cornered wolf when it is threatened. Even so, in spite of all our flurry, God's delicious kindness is a far greater good than anything else we know, greater even than being alive. It is worth the wait, no matter how long.

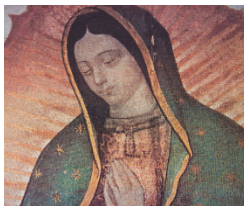
So, be excited like a child. Let yourself say "I want," like kids do. But also, be calm like an adult. Know that when our desires are thwarted, we can wait, as wisdom waits for us. John Foley, SJ.

Discussion Question: When you watch for God in your life do you sometimes "doze off"

Family Connection: Gather together as a family and talk about some of the things our faith calls us to do every day and every week to keep God first in our lives. Talk about what might happen if we don't do these things regularly. Explain to your family that Jesus taught us that it is important to keep ourselves ready to receive him when he comes again. Tell them to listen as you read the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel. Read aloud Matthew 25:1-13. Talk with your family about why Jesus says that it is so important to remain ready to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Pray together that your family will always keep God first in your lives so that you will all be prepared to receive Jesus when he comes. Pray together the **Act of Hope.**

O Lord God, I hope by Your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after this life to gain eternal happiness because You have promised it, who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful. In this hope I intend to live and die. Amen.

Ministerio Hispano Tamale Sale



It is that time again! We are going to have **our tamales presales through Nov. 7th after mass**. We are only making 50 dozen! So place your orders! Pick-up will be on Sun., Nov.15th after the 10:30 Mass.





Quote of the Week

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

St. John Paul II

Faith Formation Schedule

Sun., November 8th

9:30am 1st Year Confirmation/CL
5pm 2nd Year Confirmation/CL

Tues., November 10th

3:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-6/Atrium

Wed., November 11th

NO sacramental Prep Class. Enjoy the afternoon with your family

Sun., November 15th

9:30am 1st Year Confirmation/CL
11am-2pm Youth Group-Bowlero

Volunteer Opportunities please sign up using the links below: Stamp Mass Cards, https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA5AF2AA0F9C52-65333187-20262027

Assist Wednesday evenings from 3:15pm-5pm https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA5AF2AA0F9C52-65333056-20262027

You can email sesreled@gmail.com or text if you want to help and get community service hours!

Tamale Making: Friday, November 13th 3-8 pm Saturday, November 14th10-1 pm/1-3pm

Please call or text 707-888-9672 if you can help.

Please Pray this week for: Giovanna DeSimone, John Diaz, Nancy and James Keegan, Judy Nelson, James Ruzicka, and Jim Turegano.

If you want the name of someone who is ill on the list again, please let us know.

Please pray for those who have died: Manuel Bacani and Bob Arend Please keep their families in your prayers.

Women's Guild

MERRY CHRISTMAS

4th Annual Craft Fair

SES WOMEN'$ GUILD

CHRITMA CA$H-A-PALOOZA

QUILT RAFFLE & MY$TERY BOX

CA$H PRIZE$: $500, $250, $150, $100

$20 PER SQUARE

Quilt and My$tery Box raffle ticket$:

$2 each, 3 for $5, 15 for $10, 40 for $20

emergency situations that might take place in our community.

If you are able to attend, please contact **Larry Ruminson** by calling or texting him **at 707-548-7058.**

Ministry Schedule Nov:7th & 8th

4pm Mass

Readers: Tony Madia, Tony Sacramento
EMS: Dianne Foppoli, Linda Mish, Beth Turegano
Ushers: Janice Dyer, Olivia Salazar
Greeters: Ron & Debra Ciarasso

8:30am Mass

Readers: Teresa Fonseca, Maria Van Anne
EMS: Remie Alinas, Larry Biondini, John Buhagiar
Ushers: Scott Crossen, Mary Thayer
Greeters: Barry Goff, Larry Ruminson

10:30am Mass

Readers: Fred Adam, Nora John
EMS: Jovita Bishop, Lorraine Datu, Dianne Foppoli
Ushers: Scott & Mila Morrical
Greeters: Fred & Janet Adam

Pastor's Corner

In your envelope packs you will find one for Thanksgiving Day. This our annual collection is for St. Vincent de Paul and so make out your checks the parish so you can get credit and the money will be transferred to the society. You can drop that envelope off in the collection basket at any time during the month or wait until Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be at 9am.

Congratulations to Dave Grundman who was voted the Man of the Year at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. David is a blessing to the parish as he has been so helpful with the facility maintenance, and making sure that codes are followed, saving the parish money with upgrades, etc. I find Dave the perfect man to receive this honor.

I want to thank those who have been praying for me. I am on antibiotics as I have had pneumonia and I hope to be back in full swing this week even though I tire easily. Make sure you get your shots as God has given us the wisdom to fight disease.

Congratulations to the youth in putting on the Carnival last week.

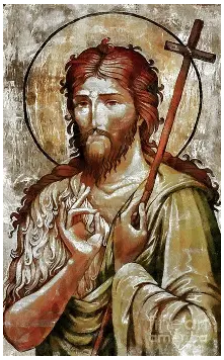


We hope the whipped cream tastes good!

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Today Nov 8th: 47 Days to Christmas**
- **Sunday Nov 15th: Tamale pick-up after the 10:30 Mass**
- **Wednesday Nov 18th: Monthly Potluck at noon**
- **Friday Nov 20th: Men's Club emergency preparedness presentation at 6:30pm. A Fire Marshall and a Law Enforcement Officer from the Rohnert Park Dept of Public Safety will be the speakers.**
- **Thursday Nov 26th: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am with collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society**
- **Tuesday, Dec 8th: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Wed-Thu, Dec 9th and 10th: Advent Evenings of Reflection**

Wed Dec. 9th 5 pm: Mass
Soup/Stew Dinner with talk in Hall afterwards.
Thu. Dec 10th 5 pm: Mass



Soup/Stew Dinner with talk in Hall afterwards.

Presented by Fr. John Auther, SJ.

Don't let this Advent be a forgotten season because you have too much on your mind for Christmas

SPECIAL SAINTS THIS WEEK

Friday Nov. 13th: St Frances Xavier Cabrini

St. Francis Cabrini was my Father's Patron Saint. As he went into surgery at the end of WWII for brain damage, it was not a sure thing if he would make it.
My father had a picture/pin of St. Francis Cabrini pinned to his hospital gown. He survived the surgery. Before his death he passed the picture/pin off to one of my sisters for her health.



Frances Xavier Cabrini, *Francesca Saverio* [or *Saveria*] *Cabrini*; born Maria Francesca Cabrini; 15 July 1850 – 22 December 1917), also known as Mother Cabrini, was a prominent Italian-American religious sister in the Catholic Church. She was the first American to be recognized by the Catholic Church as a Saint.

Cabrini founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC), a religious institute that today provides education, health care, and other services to the poor in 15 nations. During her lifetime, Cabrini established 67 schools, orphanages and other social service institutions in Italy, the United States and other nations. She became a revered and influential figure in the Catholic hierarchy in the United States and Rome.

Born in Italy, Cabrini migrated to the United States in 1887. Despite anti-Italian prejudice and opposition within the Catholic Church in America, she successfully established charitable institutions in New York City for poor Italian immigrants. She later extended these efforts to Italian immigrant populations across the United States. Catholic leaders were soon calling on her to create missions in Latin America and Europe.

Cabrini became a naturalized American citizen in 1909. After her death in 1917, Pope Pius XII started a campaign for her sainthood. The Vatican beatified Cabrini in 1938 and canonized her a saint in 1946. The Vatican named her as the patron saint of immigrants in 1950.

Having just celebrated All Saints Day, who is your Patron Saint?

Do you plan on eating alone on Thanksgiving Day Fr. Tom has room for 7 people to join him for dinner. At 3pm.



The menu will be: turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, yams, string bean casserole, roasted carrots, pumpkin pie for dessert and more.

All you need to do is bring your appetite!

If you are interested just give me a call, extension, #4 by the 16th. You can also take home a doggie bag afterwards

Planning St Elizabeth Ann Seton Day for Friday, Jan 8th at 6pm. Are you interested?

Anyone wishing to be on the planning committee let Fr. Tom know It will be a sit down dinner for 60 people. Menu possibilities: Rib Eye Roast, Shrimp Scampi, Calamari Steak Dore, Twice Baked Potatoes, Pasta in a Garlic Wine Sauce, , a Wedge Salad, Bread Pudding with Vanilla Brandy Sauce, Wine. The price has not been set yet but is will be quite reasonable.



VATICAN CITY (AP) — Three weeks after lung cancer surgery, Pope Leo XIV is embarking on the longest and farthest trip of his pontificate: a 12-day, three-nation tour of Latin America that carries more personal and historic weight than any of his voyages to date.

The U.S.-born Leo is returning home to Peru, where the former Robert Prevost lived for two decades as a missionary priest and learned to be the pastor he is today. Leo holds Peruvian citizenship and is so attached to Peru's people he gave them a shoutout in Spanish from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica on the night of his election.

Leo is also going to Argentina, the home of his predecessor, Pope Francis, to whom Leo owes his pontificate. It will be a homecoming of sorts there, too, since Francis never returned to Argentina after his 2013 election, leaving a complicated legacy that Leo will now have to navigate.

Leo starts his trip Friday in Uruguay, the least Catholic, most secular country in all of Latin America, where not even the big Catholic feast days get their due: Christmas in Uruguay is officially "Family Day" and Holy Week is "Tourism Week."

Leo is nevertheless expected to draw huge crowds throughout his trip and will likely raise issues of concern to his still-young pontificate: economic injustice, the plight of Indigenous peoples and the Amazon, and the church's dreadful legacy of clergy sexual abuse.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Next week we will publish again the names of those who have given to the Diocesan Annual Ministry Appeal through October. Envelopes are available in the vestibule pamphlet rack. Every bit helps, even $10!

- **Goal: $19,300**
- **Amount Pledged: $72,063**
- **Amount Received: $64,506**
- **Rebate so far: $45,206**
- **Average giving $350**
- **Registered Families participating: 206**
- **% of participation:36%**
- **Non-participating Families 64%**

Every bit helps, even $10!

We thank those who have participated!