

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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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.

September 4, 2022, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz - Extension - #4

Office Manager: Chris Giacometti - Extension # 1

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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 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 208. **First Reading:** Wisdom 9:13-18b. **Second Reading:** Philemon 9-10, 12-17. **Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33.

Reflection on Sunday's Reading

My Own Heart Here is the question we will look at this week: what is life about? Many times has this been asked! Let us look at Christ's answer.

According to the First Reading: Deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. The body weighs down the soul, the earth weighs down the mind. ... What is within our grasp we find with difficulty.

Sounds like the writer was having a bad day. But these words actually do apply to all life. We have choices, we have problems. What are we to do?

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

This is the Serenity Prayer, well-known, possibly trite to some people. But it shows us the essence of humility: be who you are, not more, not less. Trust in God for everything you cannot do. Let go, let God.

So, there I find a first answer. Life here on earth, even though timid and weighed down, is about humility.

The second answer is love. Real, toiling, sweating love.

Look at the apostle Paul in the Second Reading—the fiery, tempestuous Paul—now an old man and in prison. We are reading a personal letter here, one he wrote to Philemon. It turns out that Philemon's slave Onesimus ran away and came to Paul in his jail cell. Paul became like a father to him, converted him to Christianity and now sends him back to Philemon not as a slave but "as a man and in the Lord."

Listen to the language Paul uses. "I am sending him, that is, [I am sending] my own heart, back to you." Onesimus is not a servant anymore. Paul is sending someone so dear to him that he refers to that man as "his own heart." This is true personal love. It is what life here on earth is all about. The third answer, as the Gospel tells us, is to get our values straight. Jesus says he wants you to:

1. hate your father, mother, children, brothers, sisters, and your own life,
2. renounce all your possessions,

3. carry your own cross just as he carries Hang on, don't panic. These sound horrible, but examine them.

1. The word "hate" is probably an oratorical way to say "love them in proportion." If you let love of God be first in your life, your beloved family will come right along with it. If you do not, you will lose them. Hate means not having them be overboard in their importance to you.

2. "Renounce all your possessions." If you are tempted to love material things above all else, then renounce them. It is God you need to love above all things, and everything else only in proportion.

3. Why are we supposed to carry a cross? Because it is far too easy for us to pretend that the world is not really painful, that no one actually suffers. But they do and we do, in a big way. Taking up our cross sends us out with Jesus to help others carry theirs.

And that is the real and final answer to the problems presented in the First Reading. What is life about here on earth? It is about being humble, about loving others truly, and about loving God above all things.

If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. John Foley, SJ

Discussion Question: What part does love play in any change for the better? Has love worked any changes in your life?

Mass Schedule of Intentions

Saturday, September 3

4 pm. +Nora Olsen

Sunday, September 4

8:30 am. Ints. for the People of the Parish

10:30 am. +Colton Jamanetti

Tuesday, September 6

12:15 pm. +Dr. Francis Mouttapa

Wednesday, September 7

8:15 am. +Giovanna Desimone

Thursday, September 8

12:15 pm. +Int. of Julie La Plante

Friday, September 9

8:15 am. +Nora Olsen

Saturday, September 10

4 pm. + Dick Newzel

Sunday, September 11

8:30 am. Ints of the People of the Parish

10:30 am. Ints of Ryan Swanson

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, 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.

Stewardship: Plate and donations, 8/7 \$4,663.87
8/14 \$3,675.59 8/21 \$3,114 8/28 \$3,096. Feast of the Assumption of Mary \$292. Peter's Pence \$689. Church Maintenance \$975 On-line for August \$1,340.82.

Events of the Week

- Sun. Sept. 4 10:30 am. Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Mon. Sept. 5 6:30 pm. Men's Club Mtg./CI
- Tue. Sept. 6 5:30 pm. Exec. Board Mtg//CI
- Wed. Sept. 7 4:30 pm. Filipino Prayer Grp & Mtg.
- Fri. Sept. 9 6 pm. Polish Mass & Social/CI
- Sun. Sept. 11 12:30 pm. Parish Picnic/Alicia Park Directions will be in next Sunday's bulletin**



Filipino-American Society of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (FASSES) would like to invite one and all to pray to Our Lady of Perpetual Help this Wednesday, September 7th at 4:30 pm in the church. Please stay and join our September

meeting in the parish hall at 5pm. You are always invited to bring a dish share as we plan for our Filipino Saint Mass on October 9th at the 10:30 am Mass and planning for our holiday party!

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank all those who signed-up last weekend for joining ministries and more at our MINISTRY EXPO.

We are still in dire need of Ushers for the three Masses. The Ushers watch the collection basket(s) and after Mass put the collection in security bags and drops them off in the safe as a team of two. If you can volunteer please let the office know this wee. If we cannot find more ushers we will have to change the procedures and have people process up at the Offertory (like they were going to Holy Communion and drop their monetary gift in a basket in front of everyone and I will have to ask in church volunteers to take the collection to the safe. What we are doing now is so simple but we need help.

WANTED We are in need of a new janitor. The one we just hired is going to college and has conflicts in his studying and do janitorial work. The job pays \$25 an hr. Let the office know ASAP. We can split the job up as to the locations of the janitorial work.

I leave to go to the Vatican to cook for Pope Francis and afterwards will be flying to Mars for NASA during 16 days, I leave the night of the 11th and return on the 28th. Fr Loren Allen will be covering for me as he has covered before...Mass will be quicker!

The church is having two gates made for the driveways in and out. We have had problems with unwanted visitors dumping garbage, having sex, and racing in the parking lot.

Faith Formation Ministry

Please email sesreled@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday, September 4, 2022

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

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

3:30 pm Faith Formation Material Making

Faith Formation REGISTRATION IS CLOSED!

Faith Formation Sessions begin soon

Tuesday, September 13th

Level One and Level Two
Atrium 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

September 15th

Level Two

Thursday Atrium 4 pm to 6 pm

Sunday, September 18th

Level One Confirmation 5 pm to 6:30 pm

Level Two Confirmation 6: 30 pm to 8 pm



OnFire, is on September 17th and will be here before you know it. We will have a full-one 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 sesreled@gmail.com for more details or go to www.onfirenorcal.com.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated at 10:30 am Mass every Sunday. The role of the adult lector is to lead prayer and accompany our parish children on their faith journey as we share the Good News!

Parent volunteers are needed, and we provide the materials and resources to all the lectors and aides. Training is provided.

Faith Formation



We are always looking for assistants to help serve our parish children. Help is needed for all ages 3-18th and serving once a month is feasible. We help maintain a prayerful atmosphere so come join our growing ministry.

St. Vincent de Paul Update

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought food hygiene items to the homes of 26 families in need and this month as well as rental assistance for a lady facing eviction. We also supplied a homeless individual with the basics he needed as he entered housing.

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ."

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Donate or join our meeting on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30 am. in the large classroom.

Social Fundraiser

Thank you all for your wonderful support of the Socials Fundraiser. Our 50/50 raffle winner was Ignacio Romo with \$116.50, which he generously donated back to socials for the picnic. Our basket

raffle winners were: Liz Ritchie (Paella basket), Lili Pardo (Cheese board & wine tasting), and Fr. Tom (Murder mystery basket). The biggest mystery is which seven guests will be invited to participate in his dinner event!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Picnic Fiesta.

Mark your calendars to join us at Alicia Park on **September 11th from 12:30-3:00PM.**

With organized games and family fun! **Tickets are \$5/person or \$15/family thru today, Sunday but will not be sold afterwards.**



There will be no Mass at the Picnic as the distractions are many with other families playing around and a soccer game maybe going on like last year. 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.

TACO SUNDAY PICNIC FIESTA

MENU:

- Street Tacos with Carne Asada, Pulled Chicken,
- Spanish Rice, Refried Beans,
- Tortillas, Roasted Corn Salad,
- Caesar Salad, Heirloom Tomato with a Tomatillo Dressing,
- Sliced Watermelon,
- Dessert & Beverage

Who Is This Person?

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 (extension #1) by 3 pm., Sunday, September 4th with your guess. First person to guess correctly will win a \$25 gift certificate to Safeway. Join the

fun. Hint...She is very involved in the parish and goes to Mass a lot.

Last week the photo was Tony Turegano and no one guessed him.