

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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Office hours: Tuesday-Friday. 9-12:30pm.
Church Doors are open from 7:30am.-7pm daily.

Sunday, October 13, 2024
The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said,
"you are lacking in one thing.
Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor.

Pastoral Staff and Extensions

Rev. Thomas Diaz, Pastor, #4, Day off-Mondays
Chris Giacometti, Office Manager, #1
Mass times: Extension, #2
Jennifer Bedoka, Faith Formation, #3

Sacraments and Devotions

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

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: Two-month notice. Next class TBA

Adult Baptism: "The Welcoming Church" noon in the hall mtg. room.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom.

Exposition and Benediction: Thursdays after noon Mass for ½ hr.

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

The Divine Chaplet: Tues. after noon Mass

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Oct. 12, 4pm. +Angelo & Kathy Leonardi
Sun. Oct. 13, 8:30am. Ints. of the Parish
10:30am. +Bill Bates
Mon. Oct 14, 8:15 am. +Joe Vargas
No Mass Tues-Thu **Priests Retreat**
Fri. Oct 18, 8:15am. Ints. of John Diaz
Sat. Oct. 19, 11pm. Funeral Mass for Joe Vargas
4pm. +Gregorio Cruz Sr.
Sun. Oct 20, 8:30am. +Pat Grundman
10:30am. Ints. of the Parish

Events for the Week

Sun. Oct. 13, 10:30am. Children's Liturgy of the Word
noon Welcoming Church
Wed. Oct. 16 6 pm. All Committee Meeting/ Hall Cl.

Sunday Readings

Reading I: Wisdom 7:7-11, Reading II: Hebrews 4:12-13 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Sunday Reflection

Inheriting Eternal Life In the Gospel Reading, a rich young man asks Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" In response, Jesus says to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor."

Selling what you own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what you own: a house, a car, a bed. And that's just the beginning, isn't it? There's also the computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on.

Early in Christian history, people who sold everything they owned set up religious orders, so that they could live together and share what they needed. And so, Jesus' exhortation to sell what you have and give to the poor is usually taken as a call to religious life. Understood in that way, Jesus' advice to the rich young man is one of the counsels of perfection. It explains what you have to do to be perfect in *this* life.

But here's a puzzle worth noticing. You don't have to be perfect to go to heaven. You don't have to be a member of a religious order to go to heaven. But going to heaven is what the rich young man was asking Jesus about: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" And so the answer Jesus gave the rich young man should have explained to him what you have to do to get to heaven. A counsel of perfection is by its

nature *not* an answer to the rich young man's question.

Or put it this way. If selling all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich young man needs to do to inherit eternal life, what about everybody else? Does *everybody* have to sell what he has in order to attain heaven? If you don't sell everything you have, are you going to hell?

The solution to the puzzle is to think about the description of the man asking Jesus the question: he is the *rich* young man. In other words, his gifts lie in his wealth.

Now gifts are highly various. There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of music, of many other things. But whatever a person's gifts are, they are meant to be given back in service to the Lord. You cannot bury your talent—your gifts—in the ground and hope to please the Lord.

So here is what you need to do to inherit eternal life: You need to follow Jesus and use your gifts to the full when you do. Eleonore Stump

Discussion Question: 1. Are possessions themselves the difficulty in Christian living or is it clinging to them? Or is the problem the inner drive to own and accumulate?

Parish Stewardship for October 6: \$4,508. Deficit \$1,492. The 2nd collection today is for Building Maintenance and next week the 2nd collection is for foreign missions. Thank you!

Please pray for our infirmed: Aubrey Adams, Andrea Davis, Patrick Dempsey, Marlene Dentoni, Marcella Dorado, Rosita Faltado, Bill Gardon, Jeanette Guidry, Regina Hill, Frank Manhoso, Marcelina Morales, Pat O'Brien, Cavan O'Connell, Sione Palu, Nicholas Patrick, The Rivas Family, Lora Sansom, Robert Scarpone, Suad Shami, Cecilia Tarrant, Dominique Tarrant, Jim Turegano, Orinia Vanderlind, Malik Whitehorse, and Marilyn Wills.

The Social Justice Ministry is coordinating **The Winter Coat Drive** for the homeless people of Rohnert Park throughout the month of October. Receptacles can be found in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

Congratulations to Evelyn Estrella who is Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Woman of the Year! She was honored with the Woman of the Year along with other women of the Diocese of Santa Rosa. Evelyn was voted on by her peers of the Women's Guild

This event is coordinated by the Santa Rosa Diocese Council of Catholic Women.

The priests of the diocese will be on retreat starting Monday afternoon in Menlo Park. Please pray for us. As I will be away starting in the afternoon, I have added a morning Mass on Monday at 8:15am. before I leave. **There will be no Bible Study this week.**

Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

(St. Teresa of Avila)

Sunday, October 13 th

9:30 am 1 st Year Confirmation/cl

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm Atrium Level 3

5-6:30 pm 2 nd Year Confirmation/cl

Tuesday, October 15th

4-5:30 pm Atrium Level 1 & Level 2

Wednesday, October 16th

2-3 pm 1 st Year First Communion/cl

3:30-4:30 pm 2 nd Year First Communion/c

Sunday, October 20th

9:30 am 1 st Year Confirmation/cl

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12 pm Mandatory Parent Meeting-Prayer

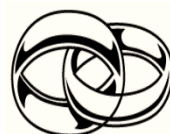
5-6:30 pm Atrium Level 3

5-6:30 pm 2 nd Year Confirmation/cl



The entire parish is invited to listen to Crisarlin M. Vázquez-Carrasquillo our Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Santa Rosa as she talks with us regarding prayer, Sunday, October 20, after the 10:30 am Mass.

Crisarlin actively participates in various activities at her parish, where she serves as a catechist. As a catechist, she is working with the parish's Religious Education Director to develop a sacramental preparation program for children with Disability. She is also pursuing the Master Catechist certification offered by the Diocese of Santa Rosa.



The next Wedding Anniversary Mass will be on Sunday, Oct 27 at the 10:30 am Mass. Please call the office if you plan on coming and being blessed. We skipped it last

month because no couples came forward.

Children of all Ages Friday October 25th Free Halloween Festivity for Family Movie night for kids of all ages



We will have
TRUNK OR TREAT
around the fountain
from 5-6 pm

hosted by the ministries in our parish
and a free dinner with chips.



The family movie

"Encanto" will
begin at 6pm.



Wear a costume!



Come join us and have fun!

Bring your sleeping bags or blanket to sit on
the hall floor and we will have some chairs
for the older kids



Please sign-up next to the SCRIP
table if you wish to attend the event



November, the month of All Souls is approaching, As, in the past most of the Mass intentions have been blocked off so the names of those who have died will be mentioned. I am asking that you print the names of those who have died, no more than

six, (Mr. and Mrs. George King would be one as they are a couple) and e-mail them to the parish office so a list can be made. Every year there are problems trying to read people's handwriting of names and so we ask that you send the names via e-mail during this month of October to, stelizseton@sbcglobal.net

Coming Events

1. **Oct 14-17th Diocesan Priests Retreat**
2. **Sun, Oct 20th Mass of the Filipino Saints 10:30am.**
3. **Fri, Oct 25th Halloween Festivity from 5-8pm.**
4. **Fri, Nov 1st All Saints Day Masses noon & 7pm.**
5. **Sat. Nov 2nd All Souls Day Mass 9am.**
6. **Sat and Sunday Nov 2 & 3 Crafts Faire by the Women's Guild**

Saints for the Week

Oct 15, St. Teresa of Avila (born March 28, 1515, Ávila, Spain—died October 4, 1582, canonized 1622; feast day October 15) was a Spanish nun, one of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and an author of spiritual classics. Her recognized written masterpieces on the progress of the Christian soul toward God through prayer and contemplation are *The Way of Perfection* (1583), *The Interior Castle* (1588), *Spiritual Relations*, *Exclamations of the Soul to God* (1588), and *Conceptions on the Love of God*.



Oct. 16, St. Margaret Mary Alagcoque was born in 1647 in France. During her time in this monastery, Margaret received several private revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These visions showed her the "form of the devotion, the chief features being reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a 'Holy hour' on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart." The Lord Jesus requested His love be made evident through her. In her vision, she was instructed to spend an hour every Thursday night meditating on Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, a practice, known as "The Holy Hour," that later became widespread. In December 1673, Jesus appeared to Margaret Mary again, and allowed her to rest her head on



His heart. His human heart was to be the symbol of His divine-human love. He revealed to her the wonders of His love. He explained to her that he wished to make these wonders known to all the world, and that He chose her for His work.

Oct. 18. St. Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). We know few other facts about Luke's life from Scripture and from early Church historians. It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile.



Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. He is the one who tells the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man who ignored him. Luke is the one who uses "Blessed are the poor" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in the beatitudes. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat where she proclaims that God "has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52-53).

Luke also has a special connection with the women in Jesus' life, especially Mary. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth including the Magnificat, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. It is Luke that we have to thank for the Scriptural parts of the Hail Mary: "Hail Mary full of grace" spoken at the Annunciation and "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus" spoken by her cousin Elizabeth.

Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of first importance to Luke. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the Prodigal Son welcomed back by the overjoyed father. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy. Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who wanted the door to God's kingdom opened to all, who respected women, and who saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.

Ministry Schedule for October 19th & 20th

4pm Mass

Reader: Tony Madia, Caroline Stevens
EMS: Janice Dyer, Dianne Foppoli, Linda Mish
Ushers: Olivia Salazar, Dianne Foppoli
Greeters: Roxanne Bialkoski, Beatriz Vega

8:30am Mass

Readers: Scott Crossen, Liz Ritchie
EMS: Armando Argueta, Maureen Sheridan Scott, Larry Biondini
Ushers: Gus & Liz Chang
Greeters: Pam Burgess, Mary Thayer

10:30am Mass

Filipino American Ministry Ministers

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Women's Guild
2024 2nd Annual

Holiday CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 2nd, 10 am to 4pm
Sunday, November 3rd, 9 am to 1pm.
All items offered are handcrafted.
The Men's Club is selling refreshments.
At the Kid's Korner, children can make a free ornament .
Santa Claus arrives at 11:30. Photos may be taken by parents. Children can purchase small gift bags for \$1, \$2, or \$3.
Great opportunity for early Christmas shopping.