

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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



October 30, 2022, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Mass Schedule - Extension #2

Tuesday, Nov 1st - All Saints Day: 12:15 & 7 pm., **Wednesday, Nov 2nd - All Souls Day:** 8:15 am. & 12:15 pm.

Thursday 12:15 pm. & Friday 8:15 am.

Saturday 4pm. (Vigil), Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am.

Sacraments and Spirituality

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

Marriage: One-year notice. Please call Fr. Tom to begin preparation.

Baptism: Two-month notice for a child's baptism and our Baptismal class is today, Sunday Oct. 30th at noon in the parish hall

Adult Baptism: Please call the office. Our gatherings are on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. in the hall.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office

Bible Study: "The Acts of the Apostles, Thursdays at 1 pm. in the hall.

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: After Friday morning Mass for 15 minutes.

Devotions

The Rosary: Tuesday through Friday 1/2 hour before weekday Masses

The Divine Mercy Chaplet Tuesday after the 12:15 Mass

Sunday Readings

Please note that the Scripture readings begin on page 225. **First Reading:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:11-2:2. **Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10.

Sunday Reflection

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus comes to Zacchaeus's house for dinner, and it is an enormous honor for Zacchaeus that he does.

Great honors come to great people. If you are a great scientist, you might win the Nobel prize. If you are a great athlete, you might win an Olympic gold medal. The people who get these honors seem amazing to us. And yet these are not the big honors. They pale in comparison to having God incarnate come to dinner.

How are they made worthy? By living in such a way that the name of Jesus is glorified in their lives.

So, what is it about Zacchaeus that makes him win an honor bigger than the Nobel prize or the Olympic gold medal? What are the standards of greatness on God's standards of value?

The Second Reading explains it. As Paul tells them, he prays for the Thessalonians that they might be made worthy of the calling of God. And how are they made worthy? By living in such a way that the name of Jesus is glorified in their lives.

How does a life glorify the name of Jesus? Well, people looking at you will not think the God you worship is great if you humiliate your wife in public, neglect your children, spend most of your free time on TV, gossip maliciously about others, and try hard to get as much attention for yourself as you can, will they? Who would want to be like you? Who would want to worship the God you say you worship?

So, to be great by God's standards of value is to live in such a way that others looking at you can see and admire the greatness of the Lord.

Now look at Zacchaeus. He didn't attract anyone's admiration. He was a tax collector, and he got rich from the oppression of his own people. He didn't care much for his own dignity either. Short as he was, he climbed a tree to see Jesus.

But this is the point of the story and the answer to the question about greatness, isn't it?

A person's winning human prizes (and being tall) isn't what glorifies the Lord. What glorifies the Lord is a person's seeking the Lord first, above all other prizes.

Zacchaeus doesn't care what happens to him, as long as he can get to the Lord. That is what makes Zacchaeus great. And that is why Jesus came to dinner at his house. Eleonore Stump

Discussion question: A man climbs a tree, in order to see. A holy man goes to a "sinner's" house for dinner. A repenting person gives half of all his possessions to the poor. How do you explain these

events? Does knowing Jesus Christ elicit extraordinary behavior from you?

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, October 29

4 pm. +Irene Rodriguez

Sunday, October 30

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

10:30 am. +Jordan Ginn

All Souls Day, Tuesday November 1

12:15 pm. All Souls

7pm. All Souls

Wednesday November 2

8:15 am. All Souls

12:15 pm. All Souls

Thursday November 3

12:15 pm. All Souls

Friday November 4

8:15 am. All Souls

Saturday November 5

4:00 pm. All Souls

Sunday, November 6

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

10:30 am. All Souls

Please phone the office to schedule a Mass intention

Please pray for those that need our prayers: William Callas, Marilyn Coffin, Toni Carlsen, 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, Char Mayclin, Mila Miguel, Joseph Nocifra, Rory O'Neil, James Parks, Larry Ruminson, James Parks, Robert Scarpone, Frank Stranzl, Gene Allen Stong, Dominique Tarrant, George Tatum, Jon Thayer, Emma Torres, Ted Vega, and Ryan Wells.

Please pray for the souls of Godofredo Balitbit, Amalia Rosa Espineira, Tomas Esperon, and Barbara Valkenburg keep their families in your prayers.

Stewardship: Plate offerings and Donations: \$3,206. The second collection this week is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their continued support of those in need.

Annual Ministry Appeal 2022 through Sept 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? Time is running out! I thank all those who have and are participating** **Fr Tom**

Gatherings this Week

Sun. Oct. 30, 10:30 am. Children's Liturgy of the Word

After 10:30 Mass Carnival in the Plaza

12:00 noon Baptismal Class/ Hall

Tue. Nov. 1, 3:30 pm. Faith Formation Hall/CI

Wed. Nov. 2, 4:30 pm. Filipino Prayer Grp./Mtg

6:30 pm. Welcoming Church

Thu. Nov. 3, 1 pm. Bible Study Class

4 pm. Faith Formation/CI

6:30 pm. Parish Committee Mtg./CI

Fri. Nov 4, 5 pm. Altar Server Practice /Church

6:30 pm. Children's Rosary Church

Faith Formation Ministry

Please email sesreled@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday, October 30th

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

After Mass Saints Carnival

No Youth Group or Confirmation Class

Tuesday, November 1st

3:30 pm CGS-Faith Formation L1 & L2

Thursday, November 3rd

4 pm CGS-Faith Formation L2

Friday, November 4th

6:30 pm Children's Rosary/church

Saturday, November 5th

10 am Los Posadas Planning Faith Formation
Planning/ CL

Sunday, November 6th

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

5 pm 1st Year Confirmation/CL

6:30 pm 2nd Year Confirmation/CL

Purchase a pumpkin pie for your Thanksgiving dinner! The youth of our parish will be taking pie orders to help our Advent service projects starting next week.



This Week

The Topic for the Welcoming Church: "The God of the Old Testament." Wednesday at 6:30 in the Hall. All are invited: baptized, not baptized, inquirers, etc..

Bible Study & Salad this week. Please read The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1. All are invited

This weekend the Women's Guild begins



selling raffle tickets for their baskets. They have the following baskets: Sewing and Crafts, Spa, Holiday, Sports and a Family Mystery Box. In addition, another beautiful handmade quilt and two auction items: a Windsor Golf Club Gift Certificate for 2 players and a cart and 4 Tickets to S.F. Giants

Game. The raffle will take place on Sunday, November 20th after the 10:30 Mass. Remember all proceeds will go to church projects

Wednesday, 4:30 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer in church

The Filipino-American Group of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton would like to invite you (Filipino or not) to be involved our by attending our monthly meeting at 5pm in the hall to



discuss our up and coming calendar of events.

Looking forward to seeing you there

Parish Men's Club Breakfast Next Sunday Nov. 6th

After a huge success the Men's Club will be hosting another **tasty breakfast immediately following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses** on Nov. 6th. There will be no charge, but if you so desire, Donations will be accepted. **SEE YOU!**

Looking Ahead



**Saturday, January 21 •
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA •
San Francisco
19th Annual Walk**

for Life-West Coast. Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 21, 2023. There will be Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm.

We will be coordinating buses for transportation from St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Rohnert Park, the cost will be \$35 per person.

Reserve your spot by November 18th!

We welcome youth groups!

Please contact Peggy at

pegbanker@sbcglobal.net or **707-484-8151** or **Evelyn Estrella at evelyn.z.estrella@gmail.com** or **707-228-5746.**

All parishioners who go on the bus will get a free breakfast in the parish hall that morning.

Guess Who???

Please send in a favorite photo of yourself as a child. We look forward to seeing all the great entries. It is a chance to win a \$25 gift card of your choice. Make sure to call between 1-3 pm on Sunday October 30th.

Last weeks winner was Olga Dorado. She guessed that the little lady with the huge lollipop was Beth Turegano. Join the fun!

This infant believes in community safety in Rohnert Park. Who is she?



Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints.

I desire to join in their company, worshipping you

forever in Heaven.

Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours,
Jesus Christ.

All Saints Day Tuesday, November 1st Mass
time



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12:15
and
7
pm.



All Souls Day, November 2nd

Mass times: 8:15 and 12:15 pm.

All Souls Day reminds us to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory who have not yet attained Heaven. The early Church maintained the belief in the success of praying for the souls of the dead, giving testimony to the practice. Patristic evidence for praying for the souls in Purgatory comes from the Acts of Paul & Thecla (2nd century), the martyrdom of Sts Felicity & Perpetua (turn of the 3rd century), St. Cyril of Jerusalem (3rd Century), St. Gregory of Nyssa (4th century), St. Augustine (5th century), and more down through the ages.

In brief, Purgatory comes from Church doctrine but also the witness of the Church since its beginning. **It's not an optional belief for Catholics because it comes from the deposit of faith.** The Church has held fast to the practice, defending it in ecumenical councils (especially Trent), all the way to our present day.

The liturgical year winds down in November, and the cycles of readings give us scriptures relating to the apocalypse, our judgment, and other things that draw our attention to the world beyond this life. The feast of All Saints plays in harmony with that theme. **Let us remember in prayer all those who have gone before us!**

All Souls Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Prayer for all Souls

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Pastor's Corner

During the month of All Souls our dead who sleep in peace will be remembered at most of our Masses in November by the names given to me.

There is a list on the bulletin board next to the holy water container of the dates when these people will be remembered. I thank Chris in the office who tried to decipher some of the names as some could use a course in printing.

I did not get any offers from anyone to dig holes for our new trees. I would do it, but I have

All Saints Day honors and thanks the saints in Heaven as they are our friends. Scripture indicates, those in heaven are aware of the prayers of those on earth. This can be seen, for example, in Revelation 5:8, where John depicts the saints in heaven offering our prayers to God under the form of "golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."—those who have been recognized by the Church as saints, as well as those who have not been canonized and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The feast was established in Rome as a result of the emperor's giving of the Pantheon (the temple to all the gods) to the Church and its dedication to St. Mary and All the Martyrs. This followed the principle, "Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!" (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands). Thus, throughout the Mediterranean many churches have been built over pagan sites, sanctifying them for Christ.

The feast was originally on the date of the Pantheon's dedication, May 13, 609. The current date of November 1 was established by Pope Gregory III during his reign (731-741 AD) when he dedicated a chapel in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all saints.

Not only do those in heaven pray with us, they also, pray for us. In the book of Revelation, we read: "An angel came and stood at the altar [in heaven] with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God" (Rev. 8:3-4).

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. So let us thank the saints.

deterioration in my c-1 and c-2 vertebrae and am not to do it at the doctors request. As I have been doing some janitorial work in the bathrooms...Please flush afterwards

Next week, a Church response to some of the voting issues .