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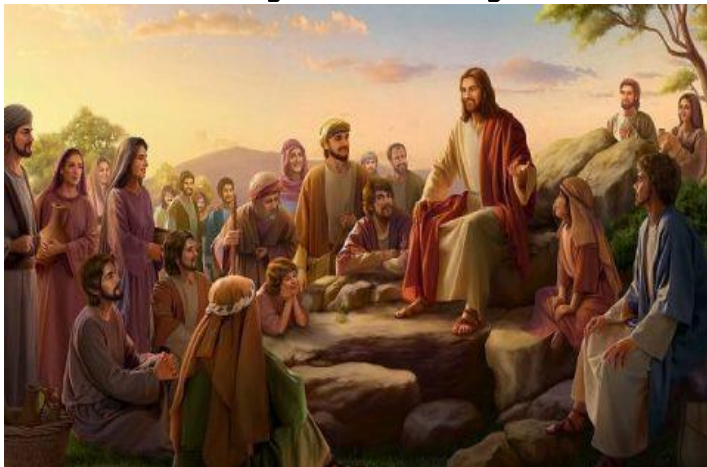
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Office Hours: Tues. through Fri. 9am. -1pm.

February 19, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.**

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 app.

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: One-month notice. Next Baptismal class
February 23rd at 3:00pm/Cl

Welcoming Church: Sundays: 12:15pm/classroom.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom.

Exposition and Benediction: Thurs. After Mass for ½ hr.

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

The Divine Chaplet: Tues. after noon Mass

Bible Study: Tuesday at 1pm. in the hall (John 20-21)

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Feb. 15, 4:00 pm. Ints. of Joyce Arend &
John Pritchard

Sun. Feb. 16, 8 30 am. People of the Parish
1 0:30 am. + Rosa & Adam Sagon

Tue. Feb. 18, 12:15 pm. Ints. of Timothy Keegan

Wed. Feb. 19, 8:15 am. + Esperanza Beigel

Thu. Feb. 20, 12:15 pm. Ints. of Fr Tom

Fri. Feb. 21, 8:15 am. Ints. of Charles Mc Collum

Sat. Feb. 22, 4:00 pm. + Abraham Diab &
Mike Sweeney

Sun. Feb. 23, 8:30 am. People of the Parish
10:30 am. Ints. of Fr. Tom

Events of the week

Sun. Feb. 16, 8:30 am. Men's Club Breakfast
After Masses

10:30 am. Liturgy of the Word

After the 10:30 Mass Hispanic Ministry Mtg./CL

12:15 pm. Welcoming Church/ Cl

Tue. Feb. 18, 1 pm. Bible Study

Sat. Feb. 22, 9 am. Finance Committee Mtg/Cl

Sun. Feb 23. 3 pm. Baptismal preparation/CL

Readings for this Sunday

Reading I: Jeremiah 15:5-8, Reading II: 1 Corinthians
15:12, 16-20, Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

Scriptural Reflection

The End of the Story In the Second Reading, Paul says that if Christ is not raised, your faith is in vain.

This is a hard saying. Faith is meant to make a person fruitful, like a tree planted by running water, as the Psalm says. Why would a person not be fruitful if he thought there was no resurrection?

Well, the fruits of a life are the fruits of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Here are the first four: love, joy, peace, and patience. If God is indwelling within you, then he is present in love to you; and love, joy, and peace come from the presence of your Lord. It is easier to wait in patience through the afflictions of this life if God is with you, too.

And here we should notice that you can lose the fruits of the Spirit and become a fruitless person whose faith is in vain in different ways.

The First Reading says that you will be like a dried up plant if you put your trust in the things of this world. You can lose your job or your health or your spouse, for example. And then, if you trusted in the things of this world, you would become bitter because your career or your life or your relationships would have failed to be what you trusted they would be. You wouldn't be fruitful in love, joy, and peace in that condition.

But you can go wrong another way too. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that those who are hungry and weeping and hated are blessed. If you think there is no resurrection, you will think that being in so miserable a condition is the best you will ever have. And then you will certainly lack love, joy, peace, and patience. Then you will be both bitter and self-congratulatory in the mistaken view that you are spiritually advanced because you are taking the denying of yourself as a good in itself.

So, for your faith to be fruitful, you do need to believe that there is a life after this one, where there is no more hunger, weeping, or hatred. If you grasp that, after the crucifixion of this life, there is the life of the resurrection when God himself will wipe all tears away, then and only then will you be fruitful in love, joy, peace, and patience. Eleonore Stump

Discussion Question: What would your life be like now if you had no hope of resurrection?

Please pray for our infirmed: Elizabeth Chang, Patrick Dempsey, Marlene Dentoni, John Diaz, Tim Diestel, Marcella Dorado, Father Balaswamy Govindu, Alan Hennessy, Jan Hoermer, Alita Johnson, Tony Madia, Bill Mish, Debbie Molakides, Mary Jane Nolan, Sione Palu, Nicholas Patrick, Rivas Family, Raymond Pellinacci, Theresa Rosser, Robert Scarpone, and Jim Turegano, Betty Vega, George Yates.

Parish Stewardship February 9th: \$4,737. Building Maintenance \$2,307. **The 2nd collection today is for Liability Insurance. We owe over \$40,000.** Your generosity is needed and appreciated.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal has 97 families pledged at this time from St Elizabeth Ann Seton out of 550 families. Thank you for participating in this.



Men's Club Breakfast Please come and join us and fellow parishioners for a hearty breakfast today, Sunday, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.

Come and enjoy a good meal and friendly conversation.

Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

“Having a place to go is a home. Having someone to love is a family. Having both is a blessing.”

(Donna Hedges)

Sunday, February 16th

9:30 am 1st Year Confirmation

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm Atrium Level 3

5-7pm Youth Group

Tuesday, February 18th

4-5:30 pm Atrium L1 and L2

Wednesday, February 19th

2-3 pm 1st Year Sacramental Prep

3:30-4:30 pm 1st Year Sacramental Prep

Sunday, February 23rd

9:30 am 1st Year Confirmation

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm Atrium Level 3

5-6:30 pm 2nd Year Confirmation

SAVE THE DATE

Fri., April 4th Confirmation at 5:30 pm

Sat., May 31st 1st Communion at 11:30 am

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 6TH THROUGH 12TH

IT'S RETREAT TIME!

ALL ARE INVITED...

FLIERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS
YOUTH RETREAT

Join us as we host a multi parish retreat to create community and a foundational moment that will inspire our youth!

WHY RETREATS?

- FAITH CAN BE FUN
- PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
- YOUTH TO EXPLORE THEIR FAITH
- FELLOWSHIP
- SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

WHEN: MARCH 7TH 5PM & 8TH TILL 8 PM

Day Cost: \$60.00
Overnight Cost: \$75.00

INQUIRIES: EMAIL SESRELED@GMAIL.COM
Due to no cell service, please leave electronics including cell phones at home



El Ministerio Hispano de St. Elizabeth Ann Seton desea invitarlo a nuestra segunda reunión de 2025. Por favor, pase por el salón el domingo hoy día después de la misa de las 10:30 am. Finalizaremos nuestros planes para apoyar el SES Café el 9 de marzo. ¡Continuaremos

discutiendo nuestra misión para nuestro Ministerio Hispano en 2025! Únase a nuestro ministerio mientras asistimos a nuestra parroquia durante todo el año y promovemos nuestra cultura hispana.

Los misales en español ahora están disponibles para usar durante las misas. Los Missalettes están en una estantería junto a la estatua de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton en una cubierta azul. Por favor, devuélvalos al mismo lugar después de las Misas.

Event Calendar in February and a Bit of March

Sun. Feb. 23rd Baptismal Preparation Class
3:00pm./CI

Wed., Feb. 26th Monthly Potluck at noon

Sat., March 1st Mardi Gras Dinner Dance

Wed., March 5th **Ash Wednesday**
Masses at 8:15, 12:15 & 7pm.

Fri., March 7th Lenten Meal by the Men's Club
Stations of the Cross

Organizations leading the Way of the Cross are asked to come to the Office and choose a particular Way of the Cross Booklet. We have a variety of booklets

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON MARDI GRAS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST FROM 5-9 PM.

DINNER, DANCING, SILENT AUCTION!

TICKETS \$25 EA.

LIMITED TO 100 ADULTS

ON SALE NOW

**No Host Bar: Beer,
Wine, & A Mardi Gras Mocktail**

MUSIC BY ANDY DARROW & THE BAND

No tickets sold at the door

All proceeds go to the Hall Kitchen Renovation.

**Please bring cash or checks to
take advantage of the Silent Auction.**



February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel. First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us...A lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character...A lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the Carpenter's Son, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work. — Paul VI at Nazareth, January 5, 1964



**WHY DO WE USUALLY ONLY
RECEIVE THE HOST NOWADAYS**

in spite of giving equal weight eating the body and drinking the blood of Christ?

ANSWER:

The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus Christ is present (body, blood, soul, and divinity) under both species of Communion. Therefore, to receive either the host alone or to drink from the chalice alone is to receive the true and real presence of Jesus Christ.

The Council declares, moreover, that though



our Redeemer at the last supper instituted and administered this sacrament to the Apostles under two forms, as has already been said, yet it must be acknowledged that Christ, whole and entire, and a true sacrament are received under either form alone, and therefore, as regards its fruits, those who receive one species only are not deprived of any grace necessary to salvation (*Council of Trent, On Communion, First Decree, ch. III*).

While receiving Communion under both species is a “fuller” outward sign of receiving from the table/altar of the Lord, it is not necessary in order to receive the fullness of the sacrament.

The parish will begin Holy Communion under both species at weekday Masses beginning in Lent when the number participating is under 25 people. *“Bishop Vasa has established this norm for small groups at Mass only.*

COMING TO MASS LATE AND LEAVING EARLY

A parishioner was heard to say that her family attended 11:15 Mass. There is no 11:15 Mass. She laughingly explained that her family always arrived 15 minutes late — every Sunday. Are these folks also always 15 minutes late for a doctor or dental appointment or to the school bus stop?

In the course of events, it seems odd that we can't organize our lives in such a way that we can attend Mass in its entirety. It isn't as if we are spectators at a stage play or ballgame and decide to show up at the bottom of the second inning or arbitrarily leave before the event is over. At the play or the game, neither the actors nor the players leave before the curtain goes down or the last out is made. Similarly, they are on hand when the curtain goes up or the first pitch is made. During the Mass, we are the players; we are the participants.

Pope St. John Paul II, in a May 31, 1998, apostolic letter titled “On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy,” wrote: “Like the first witness of the Resurrection, Christians who gather each Sunday to experience and proclaim the presence of the Risen Lord are called to evangelize and bear witness in their daily lives.

Given this, the Prayer after Communion and the Concluding Rite — the Final Blessing and the Dismissal — need to be better valued and appreciated, so that all who have shared in the Eucharist may come to a deeper sense of the responsibility which is entrusted to them.

Once the assembly disperses, Christ's disciples return to their everyday surroundings with the commitment to make their whole life a gift, a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God.

The “Crying Room” in a Catholic church has both good and bad aspects.

Good aspect:

1. Provides a break from the main worship space for flustered parents.
2. Bringing children to mass carries an obligation to avoid deliberately distracting others, and parents should always try to discern when it is more appropriate to move a child who is causing a disruption.
3. Some parents also bring their children there so that they can be children — wild, free, curious, bustling with energy. It's not that asking a child to sit through the Mass is misguided. They'll eventually need the stamina to make it to the final blessing. But asking a young child to sit still for any length of time, even at the dinner table with food that he or she likes, is nearly always a fool's errand. Children want to play. And that's a good thing, because that's how they were made.

Bad Aspect:

1. People focus on what is going on in the crying room and not focus on the Mass.
2. People have personal conversations in the crying room during Mass, as some are in their own world and not with the worshipping community.
3. The whole community cannot hear the people's responses as we pray with one voice,
4. The crying room is not meant for people without small children who come late or do not feel well.

The SEAS Women's Guild is excited to announce we are now accepting applications for the 2025 scholarship program. The scholarship amount is \$1000. Applications can be picked up in the parish office.

This will be awarded to a high school senior student who plans to attend a college, university, or trade school. Eligibility: be a practicing catholic and member of the SEAS parish and in good standing academically with their current school/education program

Deadline: turn into the parish office by Wed. April 30, 2025.

Start thinking about Lent as it is under a month away.



**“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”
Lent: How to Slow Down and Make More Room for Jesus in Your Life**

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank the 97 families who have pledged to the Annual Ministry Appeal so far.

The small parking space behind the kitchen is for dropping things off for the hall and a kitchen event. Please do not use it for regular parking as it is for temporary parking.

How many people like Calamari steaks?

Would you like a dinner not soup on a Friday night during Lent? Let me know.

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God, is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. If I can get enough people interested one evening a week beginning in Lent to pray, all you would need is a cell phone as you can get online and not have to buy a book. The Magnificat has an abridged version I believe but I get online to Breviary, as it is a prayer form. If you are interested just let me know. And we can have a time before lent to get acquainted with this prayer form.

Ministry

Schedule Feb. 15th & 16th

4 pm. Mass

Readers:

Linda Anderson, Evelyn Estrella

EMS:

Linda Mish, Beth Turegano

Ushers: Janice Dyer, Dianne Foppoli

Greeters: Ron & Debra Ciarasso

8:30 am Mass

Readers: Phillip Alvarado, Maria Van Anne

EMS: Armando Argueto, John Bughagiar, Maureen Sheridan Scott.

Ushers: Maureen Sheridan Scott, Liz Chang

Greeters: Pam Burgess, Patty Ramos

10:30 am Mass

Readers: Scott Crossen, Mary Denson

EMS: Milambo Gaudence, Nora John, Julie La Plante

Ushers: Sally Shami, Augustin Gonzalez

Greeters: Lorraine Datu, Nativity Mata

Ministry Schedule Feb. 22nd & 23rd

4pm. Mass

Readers: Tony Sacramento

EMS: Gloria Bacani, Luisa Bustillos, Dave Grundman

Ushers: Mark Johnson, Tony Turegano

Greeters: Roxanne Bialkoski, Olivia Salazar

8:30 am Mass

Readers: Scott Crossen, Marie Ebbing

EMS: John Bughagiar, Milambo Guadence, Patty Ramos

Ushers: Liz Ritchie, Mary Thayer

Greeters: Larry & Jo Ruminson

10:30 am Mass

Readers: Evelyn Estrella, Marie Horwitz

MS: Julie La Plante, Giovanna Desimone, Mila Morrical

Ushers: Nativity Mata, Mila Morrical

Greeters: Fred & Janet Adam