

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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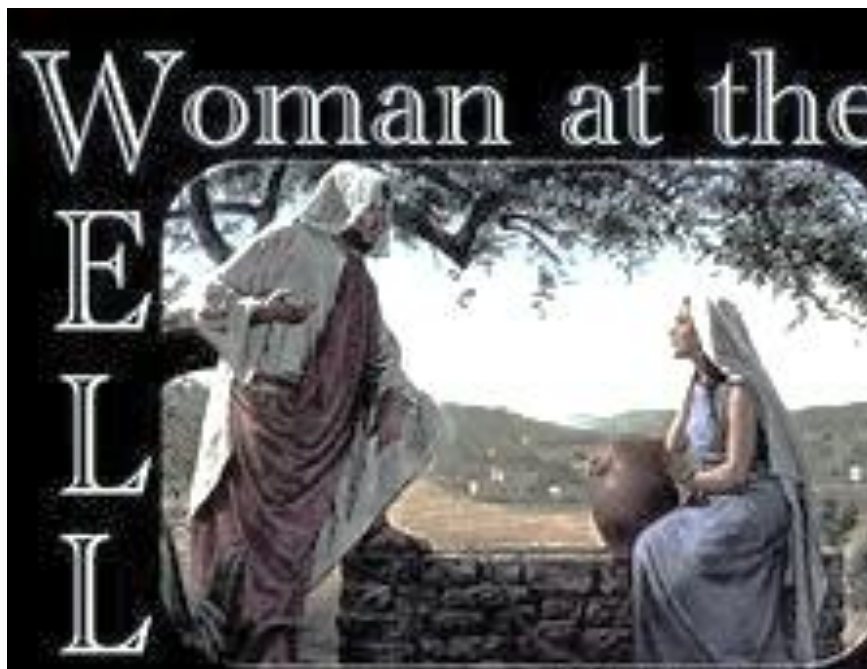
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Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 9 - 1:30 p.m.

The church is open daily from 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

March 12, 2023, Third Sunday of Lent



Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz – Extension #4

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Executive Pastoral Board: Giovanna DeSimone, Jennifer Bedoka, Patty Turner

This Coming Week's Mass Schedule - Extension #2

Tuesday and Thursday 12:15pm., **Wednesday 8:15 & 5 pm.** **Friday 8:15am.**, Saturday 9 am. and 4 pm. (vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am.

Sacraments and Spirituality

Reconciliation: **Saturday after the vigil Mass – 5:30 pm.** (during Lent), Sunday 9:45 -10:15 am.

Wednesday 4:30-4:50 pm.

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

Baptism: Two-month notice for a child's baptism. The next Baptismal Class is on March 26th at noon

Adult Baptism: Please call the office.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office.

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

Adult Faith Formation: Wednesdays at 6:45 pm. in the hall. Topic, Prayer, Devotions, and the Saints

Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles-Thursdays at 1pm. (Last Session)

Devotions

The Rosary: Tuesday through Saturday 1/2 hour before morning/noon Masses.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet: Tuesday after the 12:15 Mass

Stations of the Cross: Friday at 7 pm.

Sunday Scripture

Scripture readings begin on page 77. **Reading 1:** Exodus 17:3-7. **Reading 2:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5 -42

A Worthless Woman The Gospel Reading tells the story of a woman who is worthless by the standards of Jewish society at that time.

Jesus has sent his disciples off for food, and he is sitting at a well when she comes to draw water. There is every reason why he shouldn't talk to her at all.

First, she is a woman. It is only the disciples' awe of Jesus that keeps them from asking him what he thought he was doing when they return and find him talking to her without even a chaperone by her.

Secondly, she is a Samaritan. As she herself points out to him, Jews don't talk to Samaritans. Samaritans are self-made outcasts from the Jewish point of view, and self-respecting Jews stay away from them.

And, thirdly, this Samaritan has the sort of history that makes women pariahs even in their home communities. Jesus knows her status, and he lets her know he does. She has had five husbands—*five* husbands! and she is currently living with a man to whom she is not married. Even by the lax standards of our own day, this sort of history would make people look askance at her. In her village she is undoubtedly a shamed person.

So, take it all and all, she's a worthless person, isn't she? What Jew or Samaritan would want to invite her to lunch?

But you might be thinking, the savior of the world could certainly spare a crumb even for a shamed Samaritan woman. He could preach to her that her sins are forgiven, you might be supposing, or he could offer her some other kind of pastoral help.

But he doesn't, does he? No, he asks *her* to help *him*. He opens the conversation with her by asking her to give him a drink.

Breaking every barrier, he begins a dialogue in which he reveals to the woman *the mystery of living water*, that is, of the Holy Spirit, God's gift. Indeed, in response to the woman's surprised reaction, Jesus says: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to

you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (v. 10). ...This gift is also the source of witness. Like the Samaritan woman, whoever personally encounters the living Jesus feels the need to talk about him to others, so that everyone might reach the point of proclaiming that Jesus "is truly the savior of the world" (Jn 4:42), as the woman's fellow townspeople later said. Generated to new life through Baptism, we too are called to witness the life and hope that are within us. If our quest and our thirst are thoroughly quenched in Christ, we will manifest that salvation is not found in the "things" of this world, which ultimately produce drought, but in he who has loved us and will always love us: Jesus, our Savior, in the living water, that he offers us. And then look at how this story ends: she brings belief in Jesus to her village, and the villagers come to Jesus because of her.

She isn't worthless then, is she? No, then she takes her rightful place among the apostles. The evangelization of her village is *her* accomplishment.

And so, when Jesus asks her to care for him, he starts a process that brings her from being worthless to being the apostle to her village.
Eleonore Stump

Discussion Question: What barriers can you ignore when you try to take God's gift of the "living water" to people in need?

Please pray for those who need our prayers:

Beatriz Alfaro, Linda Anderson, Landyn Badger, Gregory Basham, Doris & Gilbert Buvelot, Veronica Campers, Robert Colbrook, Patrick Dempsey, The Hill Family, Michael Humphry, Mary Kelly, Marcella Dorado, Kevin Estrella, Nolan Grande, Mary Gregg, Shannon Kremer, Delia Mandia, Char Mayclin, Mila Miguel, Daniel Montelongo, James Parks, Maureen Poggetti, Robert Scarpone, Loretta Scobee, and Cecilia & Dominique Tarrant.

Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to turn



your clocks ahead Sunday morning and lose an hour of sleep.

Weekly Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, Mar. 11

4:00 pm. +Kenny Brannon

Sunday, Mar. 12

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

10:30 Ints. of Luis Araiza

Tuesday, Mar. 14

12:15 pm. +Dick Holling

Wednesday, Mar. 15

8:15 am. +Angeles Montemayor

5 pm. Ints. of Olga Delgado

Thursday, Mar. 16

12:15 pm. +Angeles Montemayor

Friday, Mar. 17

8:15 am. +Fr. Bruce Lamb

Saturday, Mar. 18

9 am. Ints. of the Victims of Sexual Abuse and Social Injustice

4 pm. +Lydia Leano

Sunday, Mar. 19

8:30 am. +Joni Griffin

10:30 am. Ints. of the People of the Parish

Stewardship: Plate Donations: 3/5 \$4,788.00
The 2nd collection this weekend is for Building Maintenance. The 2nd collection next weekend is for Catholic Relief Services and Home Missions.

Weekly Events

Sun. Mar. 12 8:30 am Men's Club Breakfast

10:30 am. Liturgy of the Word

5:00 pm. Youth Group/ Hall

Tues. Mar. 14 5:45 pm. Executive Board Mtg/CI

6:45 pm. Women's Guild Mtg/Hall

Fri. Mar. 17 6:00 pm. Lenten Meal/ Filipino Club

7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross

Faith Formation Ministry

Please email sesreled@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday, March 12th

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

5 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, March 14th

3:30 pm Faith Formation L1 & L2

Thursday, March 16th

4 pm Faith Formation L2

Sunday, March 19th

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

5 pm Confirmation 1st Year/CL

6:30 pm Confirmation 2nd Year/CL

Parent Teacher Meetings

THIS COMING WEEK'S SES DIRECTORY PICTURE TAKING SESSIONS SCHEDULE

March 12, Sunday

8-10am; 11-45am-1pm

March 14, Tuesday 5-7pm

March 17, Friday 5-7pm

March 18, Saturday 5-6pm

March 19, Sunday

8-10am; 11-45am-1pm

Register with our parish and
come to the parish hall at
dates and times listed above.

It is **FREE** to all registered parishioners.

*need to sign-up for a parent teacher meeting, please
sign-up on sign-up genius.*

You might not like having your picture taken,
so offer it up during Lent. What good is a
parish pictorial directory without you!

Friday is the feast of St. Patrick.

So, I asked the Bishop about a dispensation.

"I never give a dispensation from the Friday abstinence for St Patrick's Day. In my view

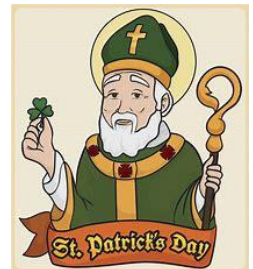
St Patrick was extremely penitential and I do not think it would be in his honor to have a dispensation for the Friday of Lent".

So have your corned beef on another day and show the Lord what sacrifice is all about.

About St. Patrick

Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. Years of prayer on the land kindled a fire in St. Patrick. He escaped from Irish captivity, went back to the Roman Empire of his birth, only to be shown by the Voice of the Irish in a vision that his true self was found in the land of his captivity.

There is perfect symmetry in this tale: Patrick left Ireland and returned in the same way, running for his life. In his *Confession* he tells us he would do this until he died: "Every day I keep expecting to be murdered, assaulted, sold back into slavery or some such thing."



Back in Ireland, Patrick was home. Upon his free return, Patrick brought the gift of Christ to the Irish, who adopted him into their tribes and revealed to him undiscovered parts of the Gospel. In Ireland, Patrick ran a new gauntlet that broke him open to a deeper well of power than those within the Empire had fully seen, a well that renewed the church and began a new reordering of the world.

Prayer of St Patrick

I arise today through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun, splendor of fire, speed of
lightning, swiftness of the wind,
depth of the sea, stability of the earth,
firmness of the rock.
I arise today through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.
Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind
me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above
me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of
me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.
I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank Karl and the Social Committee for the soup this past lenten meal and the Social Justice Committee for leading the Way of the Cross. This coming week we have the Filipino American Society preparing the lenten meal and leading the Way of the Cross.

Where is the holy water? As we are in Lent, a time of going through our desert to find the Lord, the fonts are filled with sand to remind us of our journey to Jesus, the Water of Life. The holy water is in the baptismal pool for us to reach down to and bless ourselves. Lent is a time to also to remind ourselves of our Baptism.

At the Easter Vigil, on Saturday April 8th at 8 pm. we will celebrate new members coming into the church. There will be a reception afterwards in the hall and I need someone /group to take care of a reception with finger foods and a cake.....Interested?

To remind people that we are almost in the middle of Lent, a time to pray about giving to the Annual Ministry Appeal in our parish. A basket is put out in front of the altar after Holy Communion to drop off your pledge. If you lost your pledge info, AMA envelopes are next to the bulletins as you come into the church. Please do not put the AMA Pledges in the regular collection.

What is the purpose of our "Crying Room?" It is a place for parents to take their children so as to not disrupt the Mass with noise. I personally could care less if a child cries, as that is life. The room should not be used as a place to go to when you are late for Mass or want quiet solitude for Mass. When you use the room for quiet solitude during Mass, you are not in total participation with the community. If you use it as a private place during Mass, at least turn on the lights in the room.

The diocese has published information about declaring chapter 11 bankruptcy. Copies are available next to the SCRIP table.

Ministry Schedule for March 18th & 19th

4 pm. Saturday the 18th Reader: Heigi Pillor
Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Madia, Linda Mish, Beth Turegano

Ushers: Joanne Bishop, Dianne Foppoli

Greeters: Linda Mish, Beatriz Vega

Sunday, March 19th

8:30 am. Reader: Selena Delgado

Eucharistic Ministers: Johanna Cancro -Kottman, Dave Grundman, Maureen Sheridan Scott

Ushers: Gus Chang, Liz Chang

Greeters: Juan Carlos Aranda, Char Mayclin

10:30 am. Reader: Scott Crossen

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Datu, Evelyn Estrella, Julie LaPlante

Ushers: Linda Shane, Bill Yates

Greeters: Giovanna DeSimone, Pat Yates

Looking Ahead. The Feast of St. Joseph has been moved to Monday March 20th , because of Sunday being the 19th. **We will have mass at 12:15 on the 20th.**