

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tue.- Fri. 9am - 1pm  
The Church is open

weekdays 7:30–6:30pm,

Saturdays & Sundays 7:30 - 5:15

## May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Do not let your hearts be troubled.**

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Diaz #4

**Office Manager:** Chris Giacometti: #1

**Mass times:** #2

**Youth Faith Formation:** Jennifer Bedoka #3

**Executive Board:** Tony Madia/Chairperson,  
Linda Biondini/Vice Chairperson, Katie Chase,  
Larry Ruminson, Diane Colbrook

**Floral Decorations:** Cesira Rantissi Heric

### Sacraments and Devotions

**Reconciliation:** Sundays: 9:45-10:15am, Thu 1-1:30

**Marriage:** One year notice to the pastor.

**Infant Baptism:** 1 month notice. The preparation session TBA

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call Fr. Tom.  
Usually, it is celebrated after 10:30 Sunday Mass

**The Rosary:** ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

**Divine Chaplet:** Tuesdays after the 12:15 Mass

**The Welcoming Church:** Sundays 1pm.

**Exposition & Benediction:** Thu. 12:45-1:45pm.

### Mass schedule and Intentions

**Sat/May 2 4pm** Ints Nancy Keegan

**Sun/May 3 8:30am** For the Church

**10:30am** +Josephine Reginato

**Mon/May 4 8:15am** Ints of Rosa Gomez

**Tue/May 5 12:15pm** +Therese Siu

**Wed/May 6 8:15pm** +Marilyn Rooney

**Thu/May 7 12:15pm** Ints of Mary Piccioni

**Fri/May 8 8:15am** +Felix Rojas

**Sat/May 9 4pm** + Victor Menezes

**Sun/May 10 8:30am** For the Church

**10:30am** +Maria Reyes

### Events in the Parish

**Sun/May 3 10:30am** May Crowning at Mass

**1pm** Welcoming Church

**Mon/May 4 6:30pm** Men's Club Mtg/Hall

**Wed/May 6 4:30pm** Filipino Ministry Mtg

### Stewardship

#### For the Month of April

4/5 \$13,080. 4/12 \$11,408. 4/19 \$4,435.

4/26 \$4,642. **Monthly average: \$8,688** Liability

Insurance \$1,855. Holy Land (Good Friday) \$1,430.

Church Maintenance \$1,876

On-Line Giving \$1,190.25.

### Last Week's Homily Highlights

- What do you listen to daily and for how long?
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd who tells us, his flock, to listen to Him.
- Do we take time in our busy world to listen to Him everyday.

### Sunday Readings

**Reading I:** Acts 14:21-27, **Reading II:** Revelation 21:1-5a, **Gospel:** John 14:1–12.

### Sunday Scripture Reflection

**Playing it Straight** Years ago on television, at the end of the George Burns and Gracie Allen show, Gracie would talk on and on and finally George would stop her dryly with the words, "Say good night, Gracie." She would reply, "Good night Gracie." **Laughter.\*** George was her "straight man."

In Sunday's Gospel, Philip and Thomas (of doubting fame) serve as straight men—not for a comedian but for Christ, who is explaining the very deepest meaning of Christianity. "There are many rooms in my Father's house," Jesus says. "I will come back and take you there. You know the way to where I am going."

Thomas asks rather naturally, "Master, we do not know where you are going;



how can we know the way?" He might as well have said, "Do your magic." So, Jesus makes a play on "the way." Thomas thinks these words mean a roadway or a pathway. But Jesus means something else. He says, Thomas, you already know The Way quite well. It is me. I am the Way and the Truth and the Light. I am the Pathway to the Father. If you know me then you know the Father.

The early followers of Jesus actually called their Jesus movement, "the Way," instead of "Christianity." All puns aside, what does "the Way" mean? It is the way to real life. Jesus is saying that the Father has been shown forth completely, in himself, the Christ. Jesus called him "abba," but he is the God all ages have sought for, the One who is all good and all loving and all powerful. God. Do you want to know God? Look at Jesus. Follow his way. Philip does want to know "the Father," but he completely misses Jesus' play on the words, "the Way." He replies, "Master, just show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." We can't understand your explanations, just give us the goods.

People throughout the ages had said the same thing. We want to know the gods. We want the favor of those exalted ones who have no suffering, no crop failures, no droughts, starvation, no aids, no genocide, no Covid. no death. We want what they have, luxury, power, honor, and glory. Show us that Father, Philip says.

Maybe you and I say exactly the same thing! We are so attracted to the itches of our heart: to have exactly what we want, to avoid troubles, to live "the good life." As television says, "it doesn't get any better than this." Oh doesn't it? Jesus' response: "show you the Father? What Are You Saying, Philip? I AM showing you the Father. God is so present in my life (and death and resurrection) that to know me is to know the Father."

Let the meaning in. Jesus seems to say that God is totally within him. They are one. Can you or I look at the Cross and the Resurrection and see God's infinite love embedded there? Can we see a love that is stronger than death, stronger than honor, power, riches, stronger than a "trouble-free life"? It is The Way to freedom. John B. Foley, S.J

**Discussion Question:** What challenges make it hard to follow Jesus, and how can we overcome them?

### Family Connection

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

#### **Please pray for the health intentions of:**

Giovanna Desimone, Marcella Dorado, Maryann Eger, Jim Estrella, Kathy Fontana, Cedric Fontana, Nancy Keegan, Mary Piccioni, Diane Thrailkiol, Jim Turegano. If you want a name on the list, please call the office

*Dear Friends,*

You are warmly invited to join us in prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, seeking her loving



intercession and guidance the first Wednesday of every month. Together, we lift our hearts in faith, entrusting our needs, hopes, and gratitude to our Blessed Mother, who never ceases to help those who call upon her on Wednesday, May 6th at 4:30 pm in the church. Let us come together as one family in Christ, confident that through Mary's powers, God's grace will abundantly flow into our lives. Whether you carry a special intention or simply wish to give thanks, your presence will be a blessing to all.

We will continue with our monthly meeting in the hall and all are invited.

With love and blessings,  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Filipino-American Society

**LaRosa.** The concert is this Sunday. A pasta dinner by Pasta King will be available after the concert. Stop by the formation table if you are interested in attending.

Email [sesreled@gmail.com](mailto:sesreled@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining our ministry!

### Interested in a Surf and Turf or Surf or Turf



**Dinner** in late spring or early summer. We have rib eye roasts, lots of big shrimp and calamari steaks. If interested in planning the dinner event for a future date give Fr. Tom a call.

### Quote of the Week

**"Let us love since that is what our hearts were made for"** St. Therese of Lisieux

#### Sunday, May 3rd

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation Class/CL  
10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word/Hall  
10:30 am Mass May Crowning  
4 pm Night of Peace  
5 pm Class Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L3/Atrium

#### Tuesday, May 5th

3:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L1/Atrium

#### Wednesday, May 6th

3 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Year First Communion  
3 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Year First Communion  
3 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L3/Atrium

#### Sunday, May 10th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation Class/CL  
10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word/Hall  
5 pm Class Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L3/Atrium  
5 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class/CL

Faith Formation Registration is open, please scan the QR code or packets are available at the Faith Formation table.



**Last chance to buy Night of Peace Tickets for Sarah Hart and Francesca**

### Ministerio Hispano

Gracias a la generosidad de nuestra comunidad incrementamos el valor de los certificados: Oil Stop \$170.00, Reliable \$150.00 y Sandpino's \$50.00 compre sus boletos



solotiene hasta este 10 de Mayo después de misa de 10:30am. El regalo perfecto!

We increased the value of the certificates thanks to the generosity of our community. You only have until May 10th after 10:30am Mass to get your tickets to win a flower arrangement and **two certificates for two oil changes \$170.00, \$150.00 for two handyman work hours from Reliable, and Sandpino's cafe \$50.00.** Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. It could be a great present

### Ministry Schedule May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

#### 4pm Mass

**Readers:** Tony Madia, Tony Sacramento

**EMS:** Luisa Bustillos, Dianne Foppoli, Victoria Gregorio

**Ushers:** Beth Turegano, Bill Yates

**Greeters:** Debra Ciarasso, Pat Yates

#### 8:30am Mass

**Readers:** Phillip Alvarado, Dolores Sanchez

**EMS:** Diane Cook, Patty Ramos, Mary Thayer

**Ushers:** Barry Goff, Liz Ritchie

**Greeters:** Larry & Jo Ruminson

**10:30am Mass**

**Readers:** Linda Biondini, Scott Crossen

**EMS:** Lorraine Datu, Nora John, Nativity Mata

**Ushers:** Sally Shami, Not Filled

**Greeters:** Lorraine Datu, Agustin Gonzalez

### **Pastor's Corner**

**The parish is in need of a Facility-Maintenance Committee.** We are looking for a plumber, electrician, landscaper, engineer, contractor, and handyman/woman to be on the committee. If you are interested, please call Fr. Tom (707) 585-3708 #4.

**We thank** Larry Ruminson for providing us plants for the eating.

**We thank** the Women's Guilds for providing

us with a scholarship for one of our graduates, The final tally is taking place.



**Someone is still** driving up on the curb between the hall and the church. Please be careful! More black tire marks to be painted over.

**We thank** Dave Grundman and Kent Smith for working on the outside light

**We have a water dispenser** and dixie cups in the vestibule so you do not have to bring bottled water with you to church.

**The parish** is in need of more ushers, greeters, and lectors for Mass. When we get involved we are ministering to the Lord and getting off our couches.

**In the Catholic Church,** May is recognized as the **Month of Mary**, honoring the Blessed Virgin as the Mother of God and Queen of

Heaven. This tradition dates back to the 18th century, when Jesuits promoted Marian devotion through practices such as the daily Rosary, hymns, and offering flowers to Mary, connecting the natural blossoming of spring with spiritual renewal. Mary is often referred to with titles like the "Mystical Rose" and "Lily of Purity," symbolizing her purity and maternal care.

May is the month of Catholic church.

If anyone has rosary beads to give away, we are collecting them in the Marian Chapel by hanging them over a kneeler. They are there for you to take if you do not have one. (if you do not know how to say the rosary you can type in,

### [How to Pray the Rosary: A Step-by-Step Guide – Catholic Guidance](#)

### **Pope's May prayer intention** **'That everyone might have food'**

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

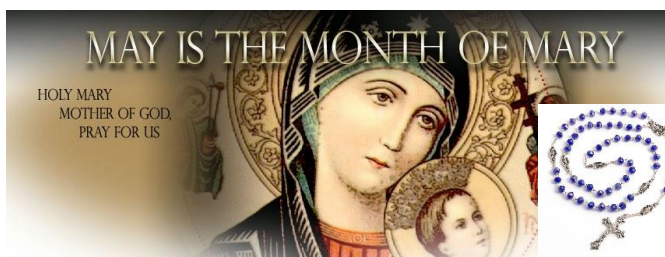
Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this May in praying that everyone might have food.

### **Confirmation 2026**

He released the monthly "Pray with the Pope" video on Thursday, which is prepared by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

In his prayer, the Pope recognized with sorrow that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger.

Lamenting that so many goods are wasted at our tables, Pope Leo prayed that the Lord may "awaken in us a new awareness: that we learn to give thanks for every food, to consume simply, to share with joy, and to care for the



fruits of the earth as a gift from You, destined for all, not just a few."

He prayed that Jesus make us capable of "transforming the logic of selfish consumption into a culture of solidarity," through our communities by promoting concrete gestures, including awareness campaigns, food banks, and a sober and responsible lifestyle.

"You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus, broken bread for the life of the world," Pope Leo prayed, "give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty for fraternity."

Pope Leo concluded by praying, "may no one be excluded from the common table, and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread not as an object of consumption but as a sign of communion and care. Amen."

### **Pray with the Pope**

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amén.**

**Lord of creation, You gave us the fertile earth and, with it, our daily bread, as a sign of Your love and providence.**

**Today we recognize with sorrow that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger, while so many goods are wasted at our tables**

**with Bishop Vasa**