

eSt. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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

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



March 26, 2023, Fifth 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 12:15 pm., **Wednesday 8:15 & 5 pm., Thursday 8:15 am.** Friday 8:15 am.,

Saturday 9 am. & 4 pm. (vigil), Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am.

Sacraments and Spirituality this week

Reconciliation: **Saturday** after the vigil Mass – 5:30 pm. (during Lent), **Sunday** 9:45 -10:15 am., **Tuesday** 1-2 pm. **Wednesday** 4:30-4:50 pm., **Friday** 6:30-7 pm.

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

Baptism: Two-month notice for a child's baptism. The Baptismal Class is **today, March 26th** at noon in the hall.

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 6:30 pm. in the hall. Topic, the Passover and the Seder Meal..

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 83. **Reading 1** Ezekiel 37:12-14. **Reading 2** Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,20-27.

Sunday Reflection

The Desires of the Heart When Lazarus died, Mary of Bethany must have been heartbroken. You can see why she would have been. She loved her brother Lazarus, and she trusted and loved Jesus. Like everybody else in her community, she knew that Jesus could heal sick people. So when her brother got sick and she knew that Jesus was nearby, she turned to him for help. Then she waited three desperate and increasingly miserable days. During those days Jesus didn't come, and Lazarus died.

And so she was devastated. Her beloved brother was dead, and her beloved Jesus seemed to have disregarded her entirely in her time of need. She must have felt sure that she had lost the desires of her heart and lost them irretrievably.

But what the story of the raising of Lazarus shows is that a person can feel sure about such things and still be altogether mistaken.

Mary wasn't entirely wrong. She had this much accurate insight into herself: she was right in thinking that it was her heart's desire to have her brother and to be loved by Jesus.

But she was mistaken about what the fulfillment of those desires would be. She thought that she could have the desires of her heart only in case Jesus came to her to heal her brother before he died. Consequently, when Lazarus did die, Mary thought that she had lost what she wanted most. What the story makes clear, though, is that the Lord can know better than a human person does what she most wants. We are not surprised if the Lord knows better than we do what is good for us, and we generally expect that good to be something we don't want. But in this story the Lord knows better than Mary what she herself wants.

When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, Mary has her brother, and is loved by Jesus in a way more deeply fulfilling to her and more glorious than the mere healing of her brother in his sickness would have been.

And here is the thing to notice Jesus was in the process of giving her what she wanted most even as she was firmly persuaded that she had lost it forever.

And so, the story helps us see that the Lord can be trusted even with the deepest distress of the hearts of those who are his own. As the Psalmist promises (Ps 37:4), the Lord will give the desires of their hearts to those who put their trust in him.

Eleonore Stump

Discussion Question: Where does Jesus need you to be untied and go free in your life? What imprisons you?

Weekly Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, Mar. 25

4:00 pm. +Richard Wong

Sunday, Mar. 26

8:30 am +Angelo & Kathy Leonardi

10:30 Ints. of the People of the Parish

Tuesday, Mar. 28

12:15 pm Ints. of Maureen Sheridan Scott

Wednesday, Mar. 29

8:15 am +Silvio Foppoli

5 pm. Ints. of Marcella Dorado

Thursday, Mar. 30

8:15 am +Catherine O'Donnell

Friday, Mar. 31

8:15 am. Prayers of Thanksgiving

Saturday, Apr. 1

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

4 pm. +Arturo Rico

Sunday, Mar. 26

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

10:30 am. Ints. of Daniel Patrick

Stewardship: 3/19 \$3,284. The 2 nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Home Missions \$1,125.

Please pray for those who need our prayers:

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

Weekly Events

Sun. Mar. 26 10:30 am. Liturgy of the Word

5:00 pm. Youth Group/Hall

Wed. Mar. 29 Noon Potluck Luncheon/ Hall

6:45 pm. Welcoming Church

Fri. Mar. 31 6:00 pm. Lenten Meal/ Choir

7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross

Faith Formation Ministry

Please email sesreled@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday, March 26th

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

5 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, March 28th

3:30 pm Faith Formation L1 & L2

Thursday, March 30th

4 pm Faith Formation L2

Sunday, April 2nd

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

5 pm Confirmation 1st Year/Hall

6:30 pm Confirmation 2nd Year/Hall

Prayer Partner?

First Communion and Confirmation Candidates need your prayers to assist them in receiving their sacraments in the next few months...Please pick someone to pray for from the list in the vestibule. Pray each day for them as they grow closer in their relationship with God.

SAVE THE DATE

Confirmation will be April 19th at 6:30 pm

First Communion will be May 20th at 12:30 pm

Parent Teacher Meetings

Sacramental Prep Level 2 and Confirmation families need to sign-up for a parent teacher meeting, please sign-up on sign-up genius.

seeing you. Linda, Jo, and Larry

POTLUCK LUNCHEON Join us on Wednesday the 29th for our potluck luncheon in the hall.



Please bring a main dish or dessert to share. Looking forward to seeing you.

Linda, Jo and Larry

INVITATION TO MASS of the CHRISM



The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese invite you to participate

in the **Mass of the Chrism** at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa this **Thursday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m.**

The **Mass of the Chrism** is celebrated once a year, during which the Bishop blesses the oil of Catechumens, the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the bishop has received, and it also signifies the unity the priests have with the bishop who share in the same ministerial priesthood. During this Mass the Diocesan and Religious priests will renew their commitment of priestly service.

Scrip News



Don't forget to buy your See's Candy Scrip and Grocery Scrip for a special holiday meal, and Easter treat. This is a time to indulge everyone in your family with a sweet tooth to tasty

treats. Scrip is sold after all weekend Masses and in the Church Office during the week.

Pastor's Corner

The Scrutinies - What are They and Why They Are Important at the 10:30 Mass

If you are a cradle Catholic sitting in the pew for the 10:30 am. Mass during the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, and the Welcoming Church members join you at mass, you are present for "the Scrutinies", whether you realize it or not. What are they, and why are they important for all of us during this Lenten season of repentance and renewal?

The Scrutinies are three special rites that help prepare those adults preparing for the Easter

SES DIRECTORY

Photo Session Schedule

March 26, Sunday 8-10am; 11-45am-1pm

March 30, Thursday 5-7:00pm

March 31, Friday 5-7pm

April 1, Saturday 5-6pm

April 2, Sunday 8-10am; 11-45am-1pm

This is your last week to get your family picture taken and participate in our church directory publishing which will be out soon. So register now, take advantage of FREE photos shoot and be counted.

Photo sessions take place at the parish hall at date and time listed above.

See you there!



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sacraments. They take place during the period of **Purification and Enlightenment**, near the end of their formation.

The season of Lent involves a more intense period of examination and preparation for the Elect, and hopefully for those of us already living the Catholic faith. Though they are meant for those coming into the church at Easter, they can help all Catholics seeking to live a life of continuous conversion.

The Woman at the well: Thirsting for the Lord.

The Man born blind: To see the light of Jesus.

Lazarus: Made free from the bonds of sin/death.

We pray for those going through the welcoming process of coming to know the Lord:

Daniel Martinez and Roit Banger will be baptized, receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Eucharist.

Richard Miller will come to full communion with the Church (he was baptized but not Roman Catholic). He will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and receive the Holy Eucharist.

Stephanie Rodriguez will receive the Holy Eucharist and be confirmed by the Bishop later.

James Reynolds will also be confirmed by the Bishop at a later time.

These people have sponsors to assist them in their journey and to guide their progress to come to know the Lord. We thank these sponsors for saying "Yes": Bill Yates, Genaro Mendosa, Fred Adam, Lyn Cramer and Evelyn Estrella.

Photos of our elect and candidates are in the vestibule along with their sponsors

The Easter mailing will be going out this week.

Palm Sunday - Regular schedule of Masses

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm with veneration until midnight.

Good Friday - The way of the Cross 12 - 12:45 pm., quiet time for reflection 12:45-1:30, Liturgy for Good Friday 1:30 pm.

Easter Vigil (Saturday) 8 pm. Easter Sunday – Regular schedule of Masses.

Please look to the front cover of the bulletin for **Confession times** as times have been added. There is no Communal Reconciliation Service during Lent this year as announced earlier.

Flowers for Easter. A list will go out on Palm Sunday for those who want to make a donation of \$10 for the flowers. You must bring the money with you to keep things simple. We will have Easter lilies, Calla lilies, and Oriental lilies. There is a place on the sign-up list to put the name or a couple's name who have died. Their names will be offered up on Easter.

Remember to give to the Annual Ministry Appeal during this Lent.

Ministry Schedule for April 1st & 2nd

Saturday April 1st

4:30 pm. Readers: Heigi Pillor, Linda Biondini

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Madia, Linda Mish, Luisa Bustillos

Ushers: Janice Dyer, Dianne Foppoli

Greeters: Luisa Bustillos, Linda Mish

Sunday, April 2nd

8:30 am. Readers: Liz Ritchie, Selena Delgado

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Thayer, Dave Grundman, Maureen Sheridan Scott

Ushers: Mary Thayer, Maureen Sheridan Scott

Greeters: Larry & Jo Ruminson

10:30 am. Reader: Nora John, Tony Sacramento

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Datu, Julie LaPlante, Nativity Mata

Ushers: Lorraine Datu, Bill Yates

Greeters: Nativity Mata, Pat Yates

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS EVENT IN MAY

**Lake County Annual Outdoor Passion Play is
the 3rd weekend in May!**

Saturday & Sunday May

20th and 21st,

**4:00 - 6pm. in Beautiful Lake
County!!!**

Visit us at:

www.lakecountypassionplay.org

Call: 707-263-0349 or like our Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/

Admission is Free!

If you want to feel the Power of our Lord! Come
and Experience the Passion Play!

Pope Francis Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant" Let us allow these words of the Apostle Paul to lead us into these holy days, when the word of God, like a refrain, presents Jesus as *servant*: on Holy Thursday, he is portrayed as the servant who washes the feet of his disciples; on Good Friday, he is presented as the suffering and victorious servant and we will hear the prophecy of Isaiah about him: "Behold my servant, whom I uphold" God saved us *by serving us*. We often think we are the ones who serve God. No, he is the one who freely chose to serve us, for he loved us first. It is difficult to love and not be loved in return. And it is even more difficult to serve if we do not let ourselves be served by God.

But how did the Lord serve us? By giving his life for us. We are dear to him; we cost him dearly.

