

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

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 8th, 2026



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 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 will be on Sunday February 15th at 4pm/Hall

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: Nothing this week

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/Feb 7, 4:00pm Ints. of Carol O'Donnell

Sun/Feb 8, 8:30am +Justo Caffi

10:30am People of the Parish

Tue/Feb 10, 12:15pm +Felix Rojas

Wed/Feb 11, 8:15am Ints. of Kathy & Cedric Fontana

T Thu/Feb 12, 12:15pm Ints. of Mary Thayer

Fri/Feb 13, 8:15am +Felix Rojas

Sat/Feb 14, 4:00pm Ints. of Charles McCollum

Sun/Feb 15, 8:30am Ints. of Maureen Sheridan Scott

10:30am People of the Parish

Events in the Parish

Sun/Feb 8, No Welcoming Church

Sun/Feb 15, 9:30am SVDP Mtg/Hall

11:30am Hispanic Ministry Mtg/Hall

1:00pm Welcoming Church

4:00pm Baptismal Prep/Hall

Fri/Feb 20, 6:00pm Men's Club Lenten Meal

Sun/Feb 22 9:30am Men's Club Breakfast

Stewardship Plate Donations for February 1st: \$5,448.

Second collection today is for our Liability Insurance. Your generosity will be much appreciated to help with this large expense. God bless you.

Highlights from last Sundays Homily

- How has God blessed you?
- The Poor in Spirit are those who live in spiritual poverty, we need God to survive.
- We mourn for those who act as though they do not need God.

Sunday Scripture Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 58-7-10, Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Sunday Reflection

Salt and Light In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that Christians are supposed to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. And he has harsh things to say about Christians who are dark and insipid. They're fit for nothing except being trampled underfoot, he says. And you know what he means. When the dark wintry streets are dangerous with ice and snow, the city puts salt on the roads, and all the traffic crunches over it.

Given that sort of threat, who wouldn't want to know what we are talking about here?

Well, here's something to notice. Salt and light share a funny characteristic. Each of them is discernible by sense perception—we taste salt, and we see light—but neither of them is usually meant to be a direct or main object of perception. Nobody makes salt for dinner. We put salt on the chicken, but the chicken is the dinner. The chicken tastes better if we salt it; and enjoying the chicken, not the salt, is what we are after. Light is like this, too. We turn on a light not in order to look at the light, but in order to look at other things by means of the light.

So, if a Christian is the light of the world, he is enabling the world to see something other than himself. And what Jesus goes on to say makes it clear that this something else is in fact the Lord. A

Christian is to let his light shine in such a way that the world glorifies God. The worldly people couldn't glorify God if God were in darkness for them. So a Christian's life is to shine in such a way that what people see is the Lord.

The image of salt is similar. If a Christian is the salt of the earth, he makes something else appeal to the taste of earthly people. And that will be God too. The earthly will savor the goodness of God when *Christians* are the salt of the earth.

So, to be light and salt is to live our lives in such a way that the earthly and the worldly are drawn to "Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8)

It's a challenge, isn't it? Eleonore Stump
Discussion Question:

Sunday Connection

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Please pray for the health intentions of: Sherman Chan, Gus Chang, Mary Couto, Patrick Dempsey, Lupita Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Anthony Eger, Evelyn Estrella, Jeanne Fields, Cedric Fontana, Kathy Fontana, Louise Galassi, Elsa Garcia, Dave Grundman, Theresa M, Nancy Keegan, Patricia Lauterjung, Kelly Limberg, Frank Manhoso, Charles McCollum, Larry Ng, Pat O'Brien, Robert Perrill, Mary Piccioni, Lisa Rivas, Patricia Sack, Robert Scarpone, Dominique & Cecilia Tarrant, Jessica Thompson, and Malik Whitehorse.

If you want a name on the list, please call the office

Please pray for the soul of Ed Lavelle. Remember his family in your prayers.

Today is Part I of the Diocesan Annual Appeal: Why our parish needs it.

Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, February 8th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation Class/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

No - 1st Year Confirmation/Class

No - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L3/Atrium

Enjoy Superbowl with your family!

Tuesday, February 10th

3:30-5 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
L1/Atrium

Wednesday, February 11th

3-4:30 pm 1st Year First Communion

3-4:30 pm 2nd Year First Communion

3-4:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
L3/Atrium

Sunday, February 15th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation Class/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm Youth Group/Hall

5-6:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
L3/Atrium



Do you pray each day?

We are looking for parishioners to be prayer partners to students who will be receiving their

sacraments this year. Please take time to think if this is something you can do for our Communicants and Confirmandi.

Email sesreled@gmail.com if you're interested in joining our ministry!



The Social Justice Ministry

team is conducting a Clothing Drive of warm clothing to benefit Catholic Charities January 31- February 22. A chest will be in the vestibule to drop off the warm clothing for people of all ages. WHAT TO DO ON THE GREATEST DAY FOR CHRISTIANS-- EASTER MEALS



St Vincent de Paul with the help of our parishioners, will provide an Easter Basket with dinner items, which will include a ham or chicken for needy families.

We are going to collect specific food items each week during Lent for the Easter Basket, starting on Saturday, February 21st, and ending on Sunday, March 22nd.

We will be collecting specific food items each week during Lent, based on the following dates:

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Size</u> | <u>Item</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Feb 21/22 | | Scalloped Potatoes |
| | 4 oz. box or pkg. | |
| Feb 28/Mar 1 | | Green Beans |
| | 14 oz. can | |
| Mar 7/8 | | Corn |
| | 15 oz. can | |
| Mar 14/15 | | Sliced Pineapple |
| | 20 oz. can | |
| Mar 21/22 | | Corn Bread Mix |
| | 15 oz. box | |

Food donations can be placed in the baskets that are located in the church vestibule

Monetary donations for the food items, hams, and chickens can be placed in an envelope marked "Easter Meal" and dropped off at the church office.

We need volunteers to deliver the baskets on Saturday, March 28th. If you are interested contact, Larry Ruminson at 707-548-7058.

Congratulations to Jacob and Patricia Sitton on the Christening of their twin girls Rachel and Nora. May God bless their family.



Ministry Schedule February 14th & 15th

4:00pm Mass

Readers: Linda Anderson, Heigi Pillor

EMS: X, Dianne Foppoli, Bill Yates

Ushers: Janice Dyer, Tony Turegano

Greeters: Ron & Debra Ciarasso

8:30am Mass

Readers: Scott Crossen, Liz Ritchie

EMS: John Buhagiar, Diane Cook, Mary Thayer

Ushers: Diane Cook, Barry Goff

Greeters: Larry & Jo Ruminson

10:30am Mass

Readers: Marie Horwitz, Maureen Sheridan Scott

EMS: Dianne Foppoli, Nora John, Nativity Mata

Ushers: Scott Morrical, Milagros Morrical

Greeters: Fred & Janet Adam

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15am

Readers: Liz Ritchie, Maureen Sheridan Scott

EMS: Joanne Bishop, Diane Cook, Beth Turegano

Ushers: Diane Cook, Milagros Morrical

12:15pm

Readers: Linda Anderson, Tony Madia

EMS: Dianne Foppoli, Victoria Gregorio, Tony Turegano

Ushers: Dianne Foppoli, Tony Turegano

Greeter: Olivia Salazar

7:00pm

Readers: Nora John, Scott Morrical

EMS: Dave Grundman, Mary Thayer, Bill Yates

Ushers: Gus & Liz Chang

Greeters: Sally Shami, Pat Yates

Here are some suggestions for what to give up for Lent which begins in a little over a week:

Fasting: Abstain from certain foods, especially meat, to focus on spiritual growth.

Social Media: Limit or eliminate screen time to focus on prayer and reflection.

Indulgence: Sacrifice indulgent treats and sweets to practice self-discipline.

Excess Spending: Cut back on unnecessary purchases and material consumption.

Gossiping: Avoid negative speech and promote kindness and self-awareness.

These practices can help you focus on spiritual growth and preparation for Easter.

Attend weekday Mass: Make it a point to attend Mass once a week or an extra day if you already go.

Start a daily devotional practice: Dedicate time each day to reading scripture, meditating, and praying.

Volunteer at a local charity: Engage in community service to help those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul
COLLEGE PREP

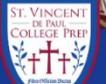
SUMMER PROGRAMS

AN ENRICHING SUMMER PROGRAM FOR MOTIVATED STUDENTS AND ATHLETES AGES 9 AND UP.



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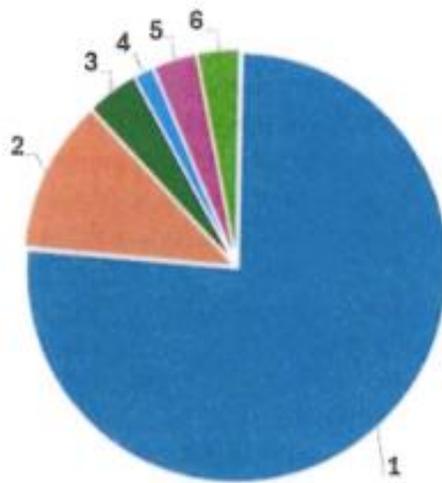
JUNE 8-AUGUST 6



Fiscal Year Income for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

ASSETS

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|---|---------------------|
| St Elizabeth Checking Account July 1, 2024 | \$27,961.20 |
| Edward Jones Account | \$106,810.34 |
| Scrip Inventory (and cash used to help pay landscaping) | \$28,259.59 |
| RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS | |
| Building Maintenance | \$33,121.67 |
| Hall renovation | \$45,847.42 |
| Liability-2 nd collections | \$15,553.47 |
| Men's Club, Women's Guild, Hispanic Club, Faith Formation, Social Justice, Filipino American Society Pastor's Discretion , etc. | \$24,135.66 |
| Total assets | \$279,689.35 |

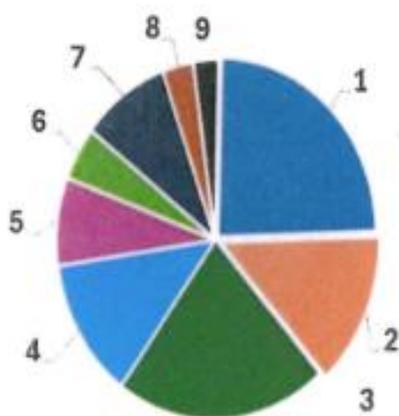


Income

- 1) Sundays and Holy Days - \$280,918.00 - 76%
- 2) Annual Ministry Rebate - \$42,487.00 -12%
- 3) Interest and Donations- \$14,553.00 -4%
- 4) Votive Candles and Flower Donations- \$5,643.52 -2%
- 5) 2nd Collection - Liability Insurance- \$12,553.47 -3%
- 6) 2nd Collection- Other (Diocese, Church, Rent, Funerals etc...)- \$12,143.00 -3%

Total \$368,297.99

Disbursements



- 1) Taxes, Insurance, Diocesan Assessments - \$85,479.56 - 24%
- 2) Lay Employee Salary and Benefits - \$51,054.31 -14%
- 3) Priest Salary and Benefits \$79,269.10 -22%
- 4) Utilities, Phone, Internet, Sewer/Water, Recology, Gas, Electricity, Alarm- \$47,096.09 -13%
- 5) Liturgical Expenses (Missalettes, Musicians, Wine, Hosts, etc...)- \$29,179.10 -8%
- 6) Professional Services (Janitors, Lawyers, Accounting)- \$17,734.82 -5%
- 7) Church Repairs and Maintenance- \$32,781.17 -9%
- 8) Office and Administration- \$11,646.66 -3%
- 9) Other 2nd Collections to Diocese, Parish Organizations etc...- \$9,468.00 -3%

Disbursements \$367,708.81

Income: \$368,297.99 Disbursements \$367,708.81 Profit \$589.18

Look and see where our 2nd greatest income comes from.