

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tue.- Fri. 9am - 1pm

The Church is open daily 7:30-8:30pm

**August 9, 2026**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### 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

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### Sacraments and Devotions

**Reconciliation:** Sundays: 9:45-10:15am, Wed. 5:45-6:15pm, Thu 1-1:30pm..

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

**Infant Baptism:** 1 month notice. The next preparation session TBA and one must register for it.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call Fr. Tom.

Usually, it is celebrated after the 10:30am Sunday Mass and by appointment.

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

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

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

### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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|-------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Sat/Aug 8   | 4pm     | +Jeanette Landucci         |
| Sun/ Aug 9  | 8:30am  | People of the Parish       |
|             | 10:30am | +Arturo P. Rico            |
| Tue/ Aug 11 | 12:15pm | Ints of Joseph Patrick     |
| Wed/ Aug 12 | 5pm     | Ints of World Peace        |
| Thu/ Aug 13 | 12:15pm | For all Priests            |
| Fri/Aug 14  | 8:15am  | +Victor Menezes            |
| Sat/Aug 15  | 9am     | +Alice Diaz & Aileen Davis |
|             | 4pm     | +Abel Sagon                |
| Sun/Aug 16  | 8:30am  | People of the Parish       |
|             | 10:30am | +Susan Burgasser           |

### Events in the Parish this Week

Wed/Aug 12 1pm. Picnic Mtg/Lg Cl

Thu/Aug 13 9:30 Finance Mtg/Cl

Sun/Aug 16 11:30am Hispanic Ministry Mtg/Hall

**August 15, 2026, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a holy day of obligation in the United States this year.**

In 2026, August 15 falls on a Saturday, and according to the norms of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and canon law, when the Assumption, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God), or All Saints Day falls on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed for U.S. Catholics (Canon 1246 §2) [guidecatholic.com](http://guidecatholic.com)+2. While the solemnity is still celebrated liturgically, attending Mass on this day is encouraged but not required

**We will have a Special scheduled Mass at 9am on Sat. for the Assumption of Mary.**

### Stewardship for August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Plate Donation: August 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5,209.

There is no collection for the Assumption of Mary on the 15<sup>th</sup> as the company made a mistake.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for our Sunday Masses this weekend is for the Mission Appeal, not building maintenance

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend is for building maintenance. Look at the bulletin board for the schedule of collections thru Sept.

Thank you for making your giving a prayer to God.

Thank you for your generosity.

### Remembering Last Weeks Homily

- How does God show you His generosity?
- How does God show you His care.
- Is God's love all you need?

### Sunday Scripture Readings

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a, Reading II: Romans 9:1-5, Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

### Sunday Reflection

**Trust in the Lord** This Sunday we will hear the wonderful story of Jesus walking on water. This miraculous event is mainly what we will remember, together with Peter sinking into the water when he tried the same thing. But there is another very interesting spiritual dimension that I would like to suggest. What do you think was going on in Jesus' own heart and soul during these events?

Remember the Gospel from last Sunday? Jesus did preach to the multitude and miraculously feed them, but he had wanted to be by himself to tend to his grief. He had just been told of the death of John the Baptist, and it hit him hard. He had gotten into a boat and had rowed to what he thought would be a deserted place. But the crowd got there first and instead of quiet time for prayer and grief, Jesus had hour after hour of healing and curing.

Then comes the story for this Sunday. Jesus finally sends the crowd away. But besides that, he does one other thing that is very telling: he "made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side"

(Matthew 14:22). He still wants to be alone. He wants to process the death of John the Baptist. He goes up on the mountainside to pray.

It is by now evening, Matthew tells us, and Jesus prays into the night, even with gusty wind coming up. I wonder what his prayer was like?

He had studied the scriptures since his youth. Is it too fanciful to think that the story in our First Reading came into his mind? There, the prophet Elijah too was up on a mountain-side, and there too, a heavy wind came up. The Lord was not in the wind we are told in the reading. Nor in the earthquake that followed. Nor in the fire that came next. The Lord God was in the "tiny whispering sound" that followed. A better translation is "a still, small voice."

This is how God speaks most often. In the quiet moment of grace, in the gentle assurance that we are not alone even in the face of tragedy, in the joy of knowing that love lives.

Sometimes the voice of God whispers so softly that you or I do not hear it.

But Jesus on the mountaintop heard. His great trust in his Abba (= daddy, much loved parent) opened his ears. Perhaps Abba assured him that a human being has to rely on God even against the evidence, even when it seems that tragedy has the upper hand. This is not a blind trust, but a quiet memory of God's faithful love even when events like death seem to contradict it. It appears to be counter-intuitive. Does death support belief in God any more than water supports human footsteps?

But Jesus does walk on water. Peter loses hope and starts to sink. Let this lesson be ours as we worship this Sunday. We only start to sink when we lose our trust in the source of hope and love and promise. Listen. Remember. John Foley, S.J.

#### Discussion Question:

Some of us have to have a "great wind, earthquake, or fire" in our lives before we look for God. But do you ever take time to listen for the "tiny whispering sound"? If you created a quiet time in your life each day, could you do this?

#### Family Connection

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too.

Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 14:22-33. Talk about how Peter wanted to be like Jesus, to walk on water like Jesus did. Note that Peter was successful for a time, but then he doubted Jesus, and he began to sink into the water. Talk about how your family's acts of mercy and justice are rooted in your faith in Jesus. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven. Pray together the Morning Offering or the Lord's Prayer.

#### Mission Appeal by Brother Felix this weekend

The Passionist Missionaries goal is to promote the memory of the Passion of Jesus Christ by witnessing and preaching to the sufferings of our time.

Through their projects in Kenya, they are able to evangelize and promote integral human development.

Their projects involve programs and activities for alleviating

poverty and foster social justice and economic empowerment of the communities they serve. They have 36 seminarians, they run two orphanages with 70 orphans, and they support poor widows in their rural

missions. They organize and preach retreats for both religious and lay Faithful. Your generous support will help them to continue in their mission affecting a positive change in people's daily lives and the hope for a better tomorrow.

Visit [www.Passionistskenya.org](http://www.Passionistskenya.org)



#### Annual Ministry Appeal

I never wanted to be a dentist but I feel like one trying to pull the teeth of the majority of the parish to participate in the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The Appeal this year has been going on for over six months and only 32% of the parish has come forth to participate. We have made the diocesan goal as you read below and all money after that is returned to the parish in late winter. We do need the rebate money to pay our liability, property insurance bills etc. as they have gone up close to \$50,000. With inflation our collections have not proportionately gone up this year.

**Please, give to the Diocesan Annual Appeal to help us. The envelopes are in the vestibule on the rack and on the bulletin/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton table. As of July 30<sup>th</sup>:**

**Diocesan Goal \$19,300 Money Pledged: \$66,921**

**Money received: \$52,291 Rebate so far: \$32,919**

**Our Rebate Goal: \$50,000**

**Families participating: 194 32% of the parish**

**Parishioners not participating so far: 68%**

What you give is between you and God as a prayer. Participating by giving something to make our parish goal is our business. None of the money received goes towards bankruptcy or those who have been abused. I know that you will be faithful and give.

**Fr. Tom, Your Pastor**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
CHILD/YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**



*Please use the QR code provided or fill out a packet located in the vestibule. Families can turn in registration forms at the rummage sale! Classes begin, Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>!*

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THE DONATIONS AND  
SUPPORTING FAITH FORMATION**

**Faith Formation Rummage  
Sale is taking place!**

Stop by after all Masses and pick up some great items at great deals!

**The Men's Club is hosting its 2nd Annual  
Chicken Dinner  
on Saturday,  
August 22nd at  
5:30pm.**



Dinner will include a 1/2 chicken, beans, salad, roll and

dessert. Wine and soda will be sold for a nominal fee and water is free. Cost will be \$25 with children under 12 free. Children will receive a dinner with drumsticks. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle which you need not be present to win. Capacity limit is 140 and tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets will be on sale this weekend and the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup>&16<sup>th</sup> after all masses. If you have any questions, please call Ron Ciarasso, (707) 529-8063. Proceeds will go to the parish.

**Please pray for the health intentions of:** Bi Bi Ballesteros, Giselle Ballion, Catherine Delara, Diva & Gaba Delara, Giovanna DeSimone, John Diaz Marcella Dorado, Maryann Eger, Marcus Esplada, Jim Estrella, Rosita Faltado, Janet Fenstermacher, Kathy & Cedric Fontana, Greyson Goff, Nancy Keegan, Sue Kennedy, Trinidad Legasti, Fatima Manhoso, Judith Miller, Joseph Patrick, Mary Piccioni, Vivian Pruett, Emi Jade Przyborowski, Linda Sime, Cecilia Tarrant, Diane Thraikill, Jim Turegano, Tiffany Valentine, Kenneth Wagy, and Steve Werle.

**To put a name on the list, please call the office**

**Please pray for the soul of Columba Sebastiani.  
Keep her family in your prayers.**

**Ministry Schedule for August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm Mass**

**Readers:** Linda Biondini, Tony Madia

**EMS:** Luisa Bustillos, Tony Madia, Bill Yates

**Ushers:** Mark & Selina Johnson

**Greeters:** Debra Ciarasso, Pat Yates

**8:30am Mass**

**Readers:** Teresa Fonseca, Liz Ritchie

**EMS:** John Buhagiar, Diane Cook, Dave Grundman

**Ushers:** Gus & Liz Chang

**Greeters:** Mary Thayer, Dianne Van Anne

**10:30am Mass**

**Readers:** Fred Adam, Scott Morrical

**EMS:** Vickie Gregorio, Dianne Foppoli, Mila Morrical

**Ushers:** Scott Morrical, Sally Shami

**Greeters:** Janet Adam, Augustine Gonzalez



**Coming in  
October  
Interested  
in the  
Roman  
Catholic**

**Faith?**

**The Welcoming Church** is a journey through different spiritual phases of increasing maturity and faith by which one prepares to commit oneself to Jesus Christ and His Church.

Officially the title for this process of coming to know the Lord through the Roman Catholic Church is called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). We call it here at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Rohnert Park "The Welcoming Church." These sessions will be open to all who live in the parish boundaries.

- Who is the Welcoming Church for: Any unbaptized person who seeks to follow Christ in his Church as preparation for Christian discipleship through baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist.
- Anyone baptized from another Christian community seeking to be a Roman Catholic through preparation for Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- Any baptized Catholic who wishes to be confirmed and possibly celebrate First Communion.
- Any baptized Catholic who seeks to increase his understanding and faith in Jesus Christ.

**These sessions will begin on Wed. Oct 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:15 pm. Registration and more info later. No commitment is needed to joining the Church until later in the season. Just check things out at this time with an open heart.**

**Pastor's Corner**

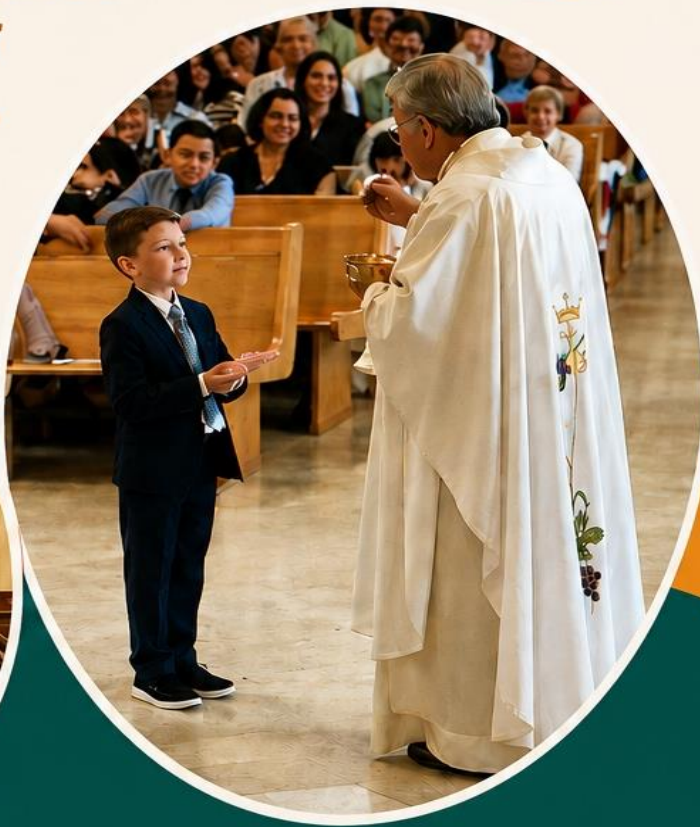
The child's table for the "Crying Room" and the paper towel dispenser have been found. Please let the office know when you take things and please return them.

# Walking with Young Hearts



Join us for an introduction  
to Faith Formation for  
classroom volunteers.

*New and returning  
volunteers welcome!*



## THE ROLE OF A CLASSROOM AIDE:



Help children  
engage



Assist with  
activities



Supporting the  
classroom



Sun,  
August 23rd



Time:  
12:00–1:00pm



More information  
[sesreled@garail.com](mailto:sesreled@garail.com)

*Thank you for helping our children grow in faith!*

