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Church doors open from 7:30am - 8pm.

August 17, 2025, 20th 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, Julie La Plante,

**Sacraments and Devotions**

Reconciliation: Sundays: 9:45-10:15am.

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: 1month notice. Next class Sun, Aug 24th 1-3 pm,

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom.

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

The Divine Chaplet: Tues. after noon Mass

Exposition-Benediction: Thurs. after noon Mass

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Sat/Aug. 16 4 Ints. of Nicole Ybarra

Sun/Aug.17 8:30 For the People of the Parish

 10:30 + Lourdes Galvez

Tue/Aug.19 12:15 Ints. of Jeanne Fields

Wed/Aug. 20 8:15 + John Vandervennet

Thur/Aug.2112:15 + Arturo Rico

Fri/Aug. 22 8:15 Special Intentions

Sat/Aug. 23 4  + Gladys & Eddy Chung

Sun/Aug. 24 8:30 + Vince Patterson

 10:30 People of the Parish

**This Week’s Events**

 Aug. 17 Today!! SEAS Café after the Masses

**Remembering last Sunday’s message**

* What would we need to do if the Lord were to come later in the day to take us away? “Ready or not here He comes.”
* The next time you look at a clock or your watch, think of what you need to do for the Lord, to show Him you are ready. How are you showing the Lord through your time, talents and possessions that you are ready?
* The Lord will bless those who are ready and will look troubled to those who are not ready.

**Readings for this Sunday**

[**Reading I:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081725.cfm)[**Reading II:** Hebrews 12:1-4](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081725.cfm)[**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081725.cfm)

**On Fire** In the [Gospel](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081725.cfm) Reading, Jesus says that he has come to set the world on fire. This fire, he says, will destroy peace. It will produce divisions even within a family.Is this nice? Is this loving? Aren’t we supposed to live in peace with everybody? How can Jesus say he came on purpose to set things on fire? Well, what is peace anyway?Peace is a kind of order and unity, isn’t it? We have peace with other people when we are at one with each other—and when our oneness unites us around goodness. That last condition matters. A mother who is at one with her toddler because she does everything, he wants does not have peace. She just has capitulation to his baby will, and her knuckling under to him might be very destructive to him. Peace results only when she and her toddler at one with each other in what is good for both of them, for her as mother and for him as baby.And, of course, the same point applies to adults. If you hear your neighbor’s wife screaming because he is beating her, then there is no peace in your trying to be at one with him. If you try to see things from the point of view of that wife-beater and just accept what he is doing, you are not at peace with him. You are just complicit in his crime. Even if you only try not to get involved, turning up the TV louder so you can’t hear her cries, you are not at peace with him. You are only conniving at his evil and adding your own cowardice to the list of your sins. So, there is no peace for you in your failure to confront a wrongdoer. And notice that your failure to confront him doesn’t result in peace for him either.

 We have it on the authority of scripture that there is no peace for the wicked. ([Isaiah 48:22](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/48?22), [57:21](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/57?21))So if you hear your neighbor beating his wife, call 911, or grab your baseball bat and go next door. Do what it takes to stop him. If you love the Lord’s goodness and your neighbor’s, then you will hate the evil your neighbor is doing.So be on fire for goodness. Our God is a consuming fire of love, and there is peace for us only if we are at one with him in that fire.Eleonore Stump

**Discussion Question:** What is the “fire” Jesus wants the earth consumed by?

**Family Connection to the Readings**

 Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided. Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53. Explain that sometimes, as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may “divide” children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude).

***Parish Stewardship for August 9-10 Collection: $5,132 Building Maintenance: $2,037. The second collection this week is for Peter’s Pence & Catholic Communications***

**Annual Appeal 7 months into it so far, Goal: $20.300,**

**Amount Pledged: $58,860,** **Amount Received $45,894, Rebate to Parish: $25,594.** **Families participating: 61 - 29% of parish**

**Please pray for the health intentions for:** Sherman Chan, Gus Chang, Mary Couto, Patrick Dempsey, John Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Anthony Eger, Jeanne Fields, Louise Galassi, Dave Grundman, Theresa M, Nancy Keegan, Tim Keegan, Patricia Lauterjung, Kelly Limberg, Frank Manhoso, Nativity Mata, Larry Ng, Robert Perrill, Mary Piccioni, Lisa Rivas, Robert Scarpone, Mitri Shami, Dominique and Cecilia Tarrant, Jessica Thompson, Malik Whitehorse, and Janice Wright. If you want a name on the list, please call the office.

**Pray for the Soul of** Laverne Little and keep her family in your prayers.

**We will be having the SEAS CAFE this Sunday August 17th after the Masses****. Come join us for some fellowship in the sun ☀️**hosted by the socials committee. Come enjoy some treats!

It is Free & Registration begins this weekend.



Baptismal Formation for Parents

 and Godparents next Sunday, Aug 24th

 1-3 pm. Hall. P**lease register with the**

 office.

***Hispanic Ministry****Please join us on our monthly meeting next Sunday, August 24th after the 10:30 Mass in the hall. Being hispanic is not a requirement to be part of our ministry. Come and join us. Thank you!* ***Hola, acompáñenos en nuestra junta mensual este 24 de agosto después de la misa de 10:30am en el salón de la iglesia. El ser hispano no es un requisito para formar parte del ministerio hipano. Ven y acompañanos. ¡Gracias!***

**August Potluck Luncheon**

**Please join us at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall on Wed. August 27th at noon** for our monthly Potluck. Please bring a main dish or a dessert to share. Looking forward to seeing all of you!



**Retiro Espiritual Para Hombres**

**La Fe Es La**

**OPCION PARA CONFIAR EN DIOS**

**Especialmente Cuando**

**EL CAMINO PARECE INCIERTO**

**Fecha: Sábado, Agosto 30, 2025 a partir de las 9:30 am – 8:00 pm.**

**Para hombres mayores de 18 años de edad**

**Lugar: Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia de St. Joseph, Cotati, CA**

**Organizadores: Pbro. Raúl Lemus, Pbro. Mauricio Rodriguez y el Ministerio Hombres De Fe de la Parroquia**

**Saint Joseph en Cotati**

**Costo: Donación voluntaria**

**Información: pastor@sjccotati.org o 707-795-4807 ext 113**

**Save the Date for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton High Tea Event**

**It is a refined tea experience that includes elegant attire and a variety of savory and sweet treats.**

**The event is scheduled for**

**September 20th**

***12-3pm in the Parish Hall***

***$20 p/p with limited seating. Tickets will be available after the Masses beginning August 30th***

**Contact: Marie Felis mariefelis@aol.com or**

**510-612-0224 cell/text**

***Faith Formation Ministry***

***Quote of the Week***

*“Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak.”*

***(Teresa of Avila)***

***Faith Formation would like to thank you for all your donations to our 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year! Your dedication to support (donations, purchases, and serving) our programs (faith formation, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and youth group) is truly inspiring, and it has paid off! You’ve helped us raise $4,328.48 and it will be used to supplement the costs of our programs. It will also be offering scholarships to several of our students this year. Faith Formation appreciates your support.***

 ***We have distributed left over items to Birthright in Petaluma, St. Vincent de Paul, Unsheltered Friends (UFO), Goodwill, Redwood Gospel Mission, Catholic Charities: Caritas Center, Foster Care Facilities, and children and adult group homes, and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP of the North Bay).***

 ***We also hope to expand next year and provide ways for our youth and their families to serve as Jesus did.***

 ***If you are interested in assisting us next year or have ideas to make this event more of a success, please email faith formation. Any questions, please email at sesreled@gmail.com***



***Late registration for Faith Formation will end 8/31/2025, except for certain situations. Please include the additional late fee of $50.00 to your child’s registration.***

***Youth Group is open all year.***

***Any questions, please email at sesreled@gmail.com***

**Education Congress Saturday, September 20, 2025**
This year’s theme, ***“Living in the Light of Christ: A Pilgrimage of Hope,”***invites all catechists, parish ministers, and faith leaders into a deeper formation centered on the moral virtues—those habits of the heart that lead us to live with strength, wisdom, and love in our daily walk with Christ.

 The day will feature inspiring speakers from both within and beyond the Diocese, including special guests Sr. Mary Gabriel and Sr. Fiat Marie of the School Sisters of Christ the King, who will share their witness of joyful discipleship and practical insight into forming virtue in today’s world.

 Whether you serve in religious education, youth ministry, OCIA, or sacramental prep, this day is a chance to be renewed in your mission, connect with others, and walk forward in hope—together.

**Schedule**

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM On Site Registration

9:00 AM Holy Mass (Gym)

4 Sessions 10:15 AM-2:45 PM

**Speakers include**

Sister Mary Gabriel, C.K., Sister Fiat Marie, C.K.

Father Raul Lemus, Deacon Sergio Velazquez

Teresa Muir-Small, Rosario Ponce, and

Rafael Mendoza Chavez

**Topics include:**

• The Cardinal Virtues and the Theological Virtues

• The Theological Virtue of Hope for Our Pilgrimage on

Earth to Our Attainment of God in Heaven

• Be Pilgrims of Hope, Not Pilgrims of Expectations

• Spes Nostra: Mary, Mother of Hope, & the

Sacramentals During the Jubilee Year **En Espanol**

• Sean Peregrinos de Esperanza, No Peregrinos de

Expectativas

• ¿Qué es un Año Jubilar?”

• Nuestra identidad como peregrinos en el camino: de

llevar la esperanza al mundo

• Peregrinos en busca de esperanza a través de la luz de Cristo

**Location**  Cardinal Newman High School, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa Registration forms will be sent out soon

**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 Lords 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 “the Welcoming Church.”

* 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 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 of enlightenment will begin on Sunday, Oct 12th at 1pm. for gatherings of about 1.5 hours thru May! Please call the office to register 707 585-3708**

**Do you know of a person interested?**

Marian International Theological Conference at SSU!

 Join us for a powerful weekend of faith, formation, and fellowship at the Marian

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**Ministry Schedule Aug. 16th & 17th**

 **4pm. Mass**

**Readers:** Tony Madia, Linda Biondini

**EMS:** Linda Mish, Beth Turegano, Bill Yates

**Ushers:** Liz Ritchie, Bill Yates

**Greeters:**  Tony & Julie Piazza

 **8:30am. Mass**

**Readers:** Scott Crossen, Maria Van Anne

**EMS:** Larry Biondini, Dave Grundman, Diane Cook

**Ushers: B**arry Goff, Maureen Sheridan Scott

**Greeters:** Patty Ramos, Diane Van Anne

 **10:30am. Mass**

**Readers:** Fred Adam, Scott Morrical

**EMS:** Lorraine Datu, Julie La Plante, Victoria Gregorio

**Ushers:** Scott & Mila Morrical

**Greeters:** Fred & Janet Adam

**Ministry Schedule Aug. 23rd & 24th**

 **4pm. Mass**

**Readers:** Heigi Pillor, Linda Anderson

**EMS:** Luisa Bustillos, Evelyn Estrella, Linda Mish

**Ushers:** Mark & Selina Johnson

**Greeters:** Luisa Bustillos, Pat Yates

 **8:30am. Mass**

**Readers:** Phillip Alvarado, Maureen Sheridan Scott

**EMS:** Remie Alinas, Mary Thayer, Maureen Sheridan Scott

**Ushers:** Dine Cook, Mary Thayer

**Greeters:** Larry & Jo Ruminson

 **10:30am. Mass**

**Readers:** Scott Crossen, Marie Horwitz

**EMS:** Giovanna De Simone, Mila Morrical, Nora John

**Ushers:** Scott Morrical, Sally Shami

**Greeters:** Giovanna DeSimone, Sally Shami

Pastor’s Corner Thank you to Cesira for the altar floral arrangements.

People are still running over with a car tire, the curbing in front of the hall. Please be more careful! **Where was everyone for the Holy Day of Obligation on Friday?**

Congratulations to the Faith Formation rummage sale team for all their hard work and the results!