

# St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

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## January 14, 2018

### Parish Staff

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday 5 p.m. (vigil)**

**Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday-Saturday 8:15 a.m.**

**Tuesday 6:30 p.m.**

### St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, as a community united in the spirit of Christ, are called to grow in our relationship with Him, to proclaim His Gospel and to serve the needs of others. We are striving to become a more worshipping, loving, welcoming, and serving faith community.

### Office Information:

#### New office Hours

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9-1:30 p.m.  
Website: [www.st-elizabeth-seton.com](http://www.st-elizabeth-seton.com)  
Religious Education Office: (707) 585-8821  
Youth Ministry Office: (707) 585-2905

### Sacramental Preparation

**Baptism:** 1-month notice for preparation class (on the last Sunday of the month at noon) before Infant Baptism. Please contact Deacon Joe.

**Reconciliation:** After the Tues. evening Mass, after the Saturday morning Mass and by appt.

**Marriage:** 6-month notice. Please contact Fr. Tom or Deacon Joe.

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

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## The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14, 2018



**Called by Name** We now begin what the Church calls "Ordinary Time." Christmas season is over, and we begin to see Jesus at work.

We begin with a significant story, found in the First Reading for Sunday.

A young man named Samuel is sleeping in the temple, as he was allowed to do. He wakes up instantly when he hears his name spoken out loud. He cries out, "Here I am!" and runs to his master, Eli, who is sleeping in another place in the temple. "You called me, what do you want?"

"I didn't call you," Eli rasps. "Go back to sleep." But the same thing happened again. Samuel runs to Eli, with the same result. On the third time, the old man at last understands. Wisely, he says "Samuel if this happens again, say these words: 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'"

Samuel then goes back to sleep. He hears his name called again, "Samuel, Samuel"! Following instructions, he says, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!" God speaks, and Samuel grows up accompanied by the Lord's presence.

Another naming is represented in the Gospel. John the Baptist points to Jesus, who is waiting for two particular men to notice him and get interested. They start to follow, and Jesus says bluntly, "What are you looking for?"

There are several layers to this question. The plain meaning is, "What's up? Why are you following me?" But the depth charge is there too, the same one that finally shook Samuel loose: "Are you seeking God? Is that your hunger? Is there something about me that answers the deep desire of your heart?"

They stammer some kind of reply. "Well, uh, well, um, where, where are you staying?" Jesus replies as he does to you and me: "*Come and see.*"

They do go and see, spending the day with him. One of them, Andrew, runs to get his brother Simon, shouting, "we have found the Messiah!" They run back to Jesus and the most important event in Simon's life takes place: Jesus gives him the name *Cephas*, a new deep identity for him. The word *Cephas*'s base meaning is "the rock." Jesus must have seen innermost stability in him.

Peter could never have become fully himself if

someone had not called his name all the way to its depths. The same goes for Samuel. God can call any of us by a name that reaches all the way down into our souls, to a place that we do not even know about! Our job is hear and to grow.

Must it always be God or Jesus who calls our name in order for us to become ourselves? Couldn't a psychologist do it, or a spouse, or a dear friend who believes in us? Yes, of course, each of these know us and beckon us to be ourselves.

But only God can know our very deepest desires, and only God can satisfy the desire that is most precious of all in us: the reaching out for a person we want most and for whose sake we love others, God.

**Question:** Jesus asked the disciples, "What are you looking for"? How would you answer that question?

### Today's Readings

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

### Stewardship:

**Sunday Jan. 7:** \$3,685.92. The 2nd collection this weekend is for Facility Maintenance. On January 21 there will be the national 2<sup>nd</sup> collection taken up for the Church in Latin America.

### Mass Intentions

Sat.	Jan. 13	5 pm	+Glen Brown
Sun.	Jan. 14	8:30 am	Int. Timmy Badum
		10:30 am	For the People
Mon.	Jan. 15	8:15 am	+Al Crnich
Tues.	Jan. 16	8:15 am	<b>no intention</b>
Wed.	Jan. 17	8:15 am	+Fr. Phil Ryan
Thu.	Jan. 18	8:15 am	+Elaine Moret
Fri.	Jan. 19	8:15 am	<b>no intention</b>
Sat.	Jan. 20	8:15 am	+Elaine Moret
		5:00 pm	+Alvie Vaughn
Sun.	Jan 21	8:30 am	<b>no intention</b>
		10:30 am	For the People
		4:00 pm	Santo Nino Mass

## Parish Events This Week

**Tue. Jan 16, 3:45-4:45** Children's Religious Formation

**Wed. Jan 17, 7** Adult Faith Formation, Topic: Morality

7 Confirmation Formation

**Thu. Jan 18,** Bible Study – **No class**

Fr. Tom is away this week.



There will be an additional mass next Sunday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm for **The Santo Nino Celebration.**

This is the 20th Annual Santo Nino Fiesta, and the celebration will begin at 3:30 here at St. Elizabeth Seton with a

procession followed with mass at 4 pm and a simple reception afterwards. The Santo Nino Celebration is very popular in areas of the Philippines and other Pacific rim countries.

Fr. Alvin Villaruel of St. Francis Solano Church will be the celebrant and assisted by Fr. Tom and Deacon Joe.

The celebration is sponsored by the Santo Nino Prayer Group of St. Elizabeth Seton in Rohnert Park.



**Sat. January 27, 2018** The Knights of Columbus Council 9090 Crab Feed

Tickets are now on sale \$45 per person with children under 7 free, children 8-12 \$15, Tickets can be bought after the weekend masses, at the parish office and by calling Linda Marlatt @771-0003 or Ron Ciarasso @529-8063 Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and the menu will be: Clam Chowder, Salad, Pasta Pesto **CRAB**, Garlic Bread and dessert.

## Events Outside the Parish

### **Walk for Life West Coast Jan.**

**27th**, will mark the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the in San Francisco. The Walk will begin at the Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 p.m., and, after the Rally, will proceed down Market Street towards Justin Herman Plaza.

Before the Walk, Archbishop Cordileone welcomes you to concelebrate Mass with him and his brother bishops at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Join thousands of others in a peaceful, prayerful witness for life in San Francisco. The bus leaves from St. James in Petaluma at 7:30am for Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral before the Rally and Walk. Return time is about 4:30pm and seats are \$20. To reserve your place, email:**

**youth@srdiocese.org or call Rebecca Brown 707-795-1050.**

**Please dress warmly, have comfortable walking shoes and bring a bag lunch**

**Pastor's Corner** I want to thank all those who helped take down the Christmas decorations. Things look a bit empty in the sanctuary now.

As announced in the bulletin I will be away for diocesan meetings with my fellow priests. Fr Loren Allen will be with us during the week and will leave after the Sat eve mass on the 20<sup>th</sup>. If there are any emergencies, please call Deacon Joe (536-7332) who will then contact Fr Loren. Besides meetings I will remain up north to assist with the permanent diaconate retreat on the 20<sup>th</sup>. As I tried to explain earlier, the envelope that people get in their envelopes for giving has a monthly envelope for debt reduction This envelope can be put into the collection at any time as there is no special collection for it for those who want to give.

The parish is in negotiations with the county school system through Catapult to use our facility through part of June Catapult Learning brings outstanding education solutions that generate demonstrable academic achievement and better life outcomes for students with learning barriers, regardless of their learning barriers or other challenges they may face.

This comes with a rental fee that can assist us in building maintenance. I still have the book, Rediscovering Jesus, available in the vestibule for anyone to take. I hope people are enjoying the books, I gave out!

**Humor** There were four college seniors taking microbiology and all of them had an 'A' average so far. They were so confident the weekend before finals, they decided to visit some friends who lived far away and have a big party. After all the hearty partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to take the exam.

They decided that they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tire. As a result, they missed the final.

The Professor agreed they could make up the final the next day.

The next day the professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one, in a separate room, thought this was going to be easy ... then they turned the page...

On the second page was written...For 95 points:

Which Tire? \_\_\_\_\_

Vasa. Register at [www.sryouth.org](http://www.sryouth.org). Events Outside the Parish

**Monthly Grief Workshops** for children, teens and their families through Hospice Services, St. Joseph Health. Pre-registration required. Please call Gina Carini at (707) 568-1094.

**Hospice Services-St. Joseph Health**

Wednesdays at Hospice is a free Community Education series running January 2018 thru June 2018. Food for your Mind, Body and Spirit, each offering highlights a variety of topics relevant to our daily lives.

Please join us at any or all the events. All are offered twice a month (except for June), once at Hospice of Petaluma office and once at Memorial Hospice office in Santa Rosa. Contacts: Petaluma Hospice: 778-6242; and Memorial Hospice: 568-1094. [www.sonomacountyhospice.org](http://www.sonomacountyhospice.org); No reservations required!

**St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School**

Kindergarten registration opens January 8, 2018! Find info about our engaging program and dynamic community at one of our events: Parent Info Tours on Thurs., Jan. 11 and Tues., Jan. 23 from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Kindergarten Open House for parents and children: Meet the teacher, explore the classroom and spend time visiting on Wed., Jan. 17 from 5-6:30 p.m. Call to reserve your spot: 762-6426 [www.svelem.org](http://www.svelem.org).

**All Married and Engaged Couples** are invited on January 27, 2018, to the natural family planning class taking place in Santa Rosa. These English-speaking classes are from 7-9 p.m. For more information, you may call (707) 542-3635 or visit The Couple to Couple League website at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

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**Looking Way Ahead to YOUTH DAY.** Circle your calendars: The diocese youth office is calling all teenagers to a Youth Day at Cardinal Newman gym on March 11th from 11a - 4p.m. We will be celebrating our faith in a powerful way – a day filled with music, inspirational talks, and Mass with Bishop

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