

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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*SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 12, 2017*

MASSES
Tuesday to Friday
8:30 a.m.

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

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

Office Hours
Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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Religious Education Offices
Call and leave message: 585-8821
Youth Group Office: 585-2905

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSION)**

Second and Fourth Saturdays of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Church or by appointment.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE
Please call the office for appointments.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
Baptism Preparation by appointment.
Call Deacon Joe Olsen at 536-7332.

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 others. We are striving to become a worshiping, loving, welcoming and serving faith community.

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Scriptural Reflection

In Today's Gospel we hear Jesus address himself to the question of how his disciples should conduct themselves when they are faced with hurt and hatred. Jesus again develops the Law that he has received "You have learnt how it was said...but I say to you . . ." Jesus quotes the ancient law of retaliation, the *lex talionis*, which fixed the boundaries of vengeance. The Law stated "Anyone who injures a neighbor shall receive the same in return, broken limb for broken limb, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As the injury inflicted, so will be the injury suffered." ((Lev. 24:29f)

This might sound a savage law but it was introduced as a legal practice to limit blood feuds between communities. In traditional tribal life if a man of one tribe injured a man of another tribe there could be outright war in which *all* members of both tribes were involved. There were no limitations on the revenge the offended tribe would take against the family and tribe of the offender. The law of "an eye for an eye" *limited* the retaliation to the penalty of the same injury. In its time, therefore, the law was merciful because it stopped whole families from being wiped out.

Jesus, however, revokes this law saying that his disciples must not be provoked into taking retaliation for the wrongs done against them. The disciples must not allow another person's hostility to be their cue for action. Their cue for response is taken from the nature of their discipleship, not from the wrong they have experienced.

Jesus confirms the ancient Law that you should love your neighbor, but rejects any interpretation of the Law that permits people to hate their enemy. This is a long way from the biblical advice on capturing the enemy's town. "Yahweh your God having handed it over to you, you will put the whole male population to the sword. But the women, children, livestock and whatever the town contains by way of spoil, you may take for yourselves as booty." (Dt.20:13f) That policy of extermination shows how radical Jesus has departed from his own tradition.

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The Law enjoined the Israelite to love his neighbor, but a neighbor was understood as a fellow Israelite. Jesus rejects this limitation of love: In asking his disciples to love their enemies he is lifting *all* limitations to love. No one is excluded from Christian love – not even the one who persecute the disciple.



Jesus argues that the love his disciples give people is not related to the love they receive from others: it is not a social contract or a fair bargain. The disciples love because that is what the nature of discipleship involves. A disciple is the son of the Father – and look at the Father’s graciousness. He does not withhold the sun and the rain from those who oppose him; likewise, the disciple must not withhold his love from those who oppose him.

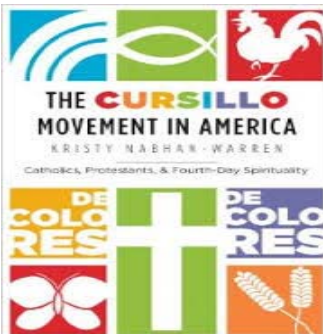
The love is offered not because Jesus thinks that it will *change* the enemy into something else: certainly, love might confuse him! Love is offered because that is what a disciple of the kingdom should do. His script proceeds from who *he* is, not from what he receives from others.

Jesus does not believe that love transforms enemies into instant friends. Love didn’t solve all Jesus’ problems with his enemies. In the end he was the one who reached out to free others and was stung in the process. He was stung to death. But he stayed with his supreme value because that emerged from who he was as the Son of the Father. Love is his way and it stays his way no matter what appears on the agenda. Even the scorpions.

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign 2017
March 1 thru April 9, 2017

Come join us in peaceful prayer for the unborn.

For more information, call Judy at (707) 579-2941, Mary at (707) 321-8948, or email:
www.40daysforlife.com/santarosa.



Want a Catholic friend? Come join us!

Saturday, February 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Seton, Rohnert Park

Catholic Cursillo Movement

Develop friendships, enjoy singing and fellowship, hear how other Catholics are living their life of holiness and pray as a group before the Blessed Sacrament. Fellowship gatherings of Catholics are held twice a month in Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park. Catholic Cursillo is a movement within the Catholic Church based on friendship. We would love to be your friend. For further information, call Debbie Simonson at 707-763-7165 or 904-463-1070.

Dates to Remember

- February 14: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Hall Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m.
- February 14: Women's Guild Meeting in the Large Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.
- February 14: Exposition in the Church from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- February 18: Ultreya in the Large Meeting Room from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- February 21: Exposition in the Church from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- February 22: Wednesday Luncheon in the Large Meeting Room at noon
- February 26: Wedding Anniversary Blessing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass
- February 28: Exposition in the Church from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Senior Youth Group

- February 12: Meeting
- February 19: No Meeting – Presidents' Day Weekend
- February 26: Meeting

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL

March 4th and 5th, 2017

DIOCESAN ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)

The Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA) provides approximately \$850,000 so that the Diocese can offer a variety of services. Among the ministries available as a result of your generosity are the following:

Respect Life Campus Newman Centers (SSU & HSU)

Religious Education

Department of Catholic Schools

Communications

Diocesan Pastoral Council

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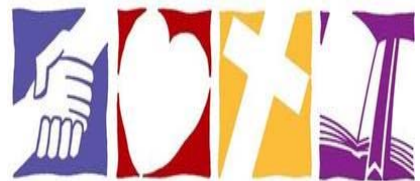
Vocations & Seminarians

Diaconate Formation

Protection of Children and Young People

Youth Ministry

Youth Camps



Ministries

How can I repay the Lord for all the good He has done for me?

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MASS INTENTIONS
February 14 and 19, 2017



Tuesday	February 14, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Steve & Mike Vossbrink Families, int.
Wednesday	February 15, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Clemencio Martinez, dec.
Thursday	February 16, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Neil B., int.
Friday	February 17, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Mark, Kevin & Robert Mendoza, dec.
Saturday	February 18, 2017	5:00 p.m.	Marcus Gracia, dec.
Sunday	February 19, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Leroy Dolcini, dec.
Sunday	February 19, 2017	10:30 a.m.	Pro Populo

**Wedding Anniversary Blessing for
February will be Sunday, February 26 at
10:30 a.m. Mass**

Chuck and Mary Thayer	50 years
Karl and Patty Turner	31 years
Zac and Nancy Pacheco	14 years



Prayer Requests for the
First Communion Students 2017

In the gathering area there are two baskets. One basket has a slip of paper with each of the First Communion Students names in it. Please take one of the slips of paper and pray for that child during this time before their First Communion in **April**. The second basket is for any cards you may wish to give to that student. Each week the cards will be picked up and distributed. Thank you for your help and support.

**CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL
STEWARDS OF THE LORD'S
BLESSINGS**

Plate:

February 4 & 5 \$3,905.50

THANK YOU!

**Please Remember St. Elizabeth in
your Will and Living Trust.**

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School invites you to please call the school to schedule an appointment for a tour. Scholarships are available for families who need assistance. If you would like to learn more about St. Vincent de Paul Elementary, please visit our website www.svelem.org or call for a tour [707-762-6426](tel:707-762-6426).



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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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LEVITICUS 19 : 1-2, 17-18

I CORINTHIANS 3: 16-23

MATTHEW 5: 38-48

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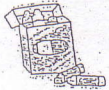
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Tutoring

Reading Language Arts Basic Math



Is your child having a difficult time in any of these areas.

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Hour or half hour
Sessions
\$12.00 per half hour