

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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*EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 26, 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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Pastor's Note: The Liturgical Season of Lent begins this week. On Ash Wednesday (March 1, 2017) we celebrate three Masses. The morning Mass is at 8:30 a.m., the afternoon Mass is at 4:30 p.m. and the final Mass is at 7:30 p.m. However, the distribution of ashes will occur at all three Masses. There is a special offering on Ash Wednesday for the aid of the Church in **Central and Eastern Europe**.



During the Fridays of Lent, the Stations of the Cross are at 7:30 p.m. We plan to have members of various liturgical ministries participate in the journey of the cross. Our thanks to so many parishioners who each year take part in this special Lenten Devotion.

“Friday Night Fish Fries” are once again sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. St. Elizabeth Seton Women’s Guild combines with the Knights in serving a delicious meal. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our Friday evening “Fish Fries,” and invite them to come along. Doors are opened at 6:00 p.m. and service continues until 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross follow immediately at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

On the weekend of March 4 & 5, 2017, we shall conduct **the in-pew portion of Our Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA.)** Our goal this year is **\$18,500**, and many of you who are **already** on the Diocesan List of Donors may have taken care of your pledge directly by mail. If this is the situation with you, then there is **no need for you to be concerned with this in-pew appeal**. Otherwise, there will be cards and pencils on the pews **(on March 4 & 5)**, and you will be given some time to **make your pledge and to place it in the offering basket**. You are invited to prayerfully consider a **pledge** to this year’s (2017) AMA campaign and help satisfy our 2017 **parish goal of \$18,500**. Please see the insert in this issue.

May you continue to be inspired by the Holy Spirit and to engage in a special moment of prayerful reflection or charitable deed during these days of Lent.

Fr. John

PS. Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 pm & Fish Fries beginning @6:00 pm on Fridays.

Stations of the Cross are at 7:30 p.m., and the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries are from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Fridays during Lent, starting on Friday, March 3, 2017.

Scriptural Reflection

Sometimes we wonder what it would have been like to live in another age. We imagine a simpler time when life was uncomplicated, when the major issues were the weather and the crops, and bewilderment was confined to the identity of the stranger just arrived in the village. Whether life was ever that simple is doubtful. But we know for sure that today we live in a complex world and that the more complicated the world becomes the more insecure we feel about the future. We are shocked when we discover that the systems we create to support us prove too fragile to bear the weight of our hopes. We awake to the knowledge that the future can no longer be taken for granted. That is why those who document our time call it an age of anxiety, one that is marked by disquiet and misgiving.

In today's first reading we hear how the people of Israel believed they were alive but alone, belonging to no one. Unattached. While they were in exile in Babylon they were deeply anxious and afraid believing that God had abandoned them and forgotten them. But the prophet addresses their anxiety assuring them that even if a mother forgot her baby at the breast, God would not forget his own. This is one of the rare female images of God in the Bible: the tender, caring mother whose love keeps memory alive, who could never abandon her children to live in the anxiety of separation.

In today's Gospel we hear the voice of Jesus speak similar words of comfort: Do not be anxious. "I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing." But we hear another voice say to us: That's all very well. But when a mother doesn't have food or clothes for her children, she cannot leave them hungry and naked while she meditates on the birds of the air and the flowers in the field. When children are not fed, they die of hunger; when they are not clothed, they die of exposure. If you are poor and hungry you are always anxious, because you are never certain about your daily bread. Poverty and anxiety go hand in hand.

Jesus is not suggesting that being his disciple means that we will have a carefree life without a worry in the world. That would be wholly unrealistic. Jesus himself will be anxious and afraid when his passion gets underway and he has to look death in the face. What Jesus argues against is an anxiety that consumes us, that steals all our energy and leaves us feeling abandoned by God. When Jesus faces the cross he must trust in a God beyond the cross; he does not ignore his own fear but puts it in the framework of his belief in God. His fear is not the *ultimate* reality. God is.



Christ the King, People of Praise Charismatic Prayer Group

presents

HEALING MASS

followed by

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
AND BENEDICTION

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

8:00 p.m. Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Cursillo Movement

Want a Catholic friend?

Come join us. ***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. Find the time, date and location that best suits your schedule.

The March dates are:

Wednesday, March 1 - 6-8 p.m. - St. Eugene's, Santa Rosa

Saturday, March 18 - 2-4 p.m. - St. Elizabeth Seton, Rohnert Park

For further information, call Debbie Simonson at 707-763-7165 or 904-463-1070.



Second Collection: Church in Central and Eastern Europe
March 1, 2017

Bishop's Letter:

On Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will take up the Collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This Collection makes funds available for grants that provide pastoral care, affordable shelter, and a cultural and spiritual education for people who live in areas formerly under the control of the Soviet Union. The Dioceses of the U.S. take up this Collection as a way for Catholics in the United States to stand in solidarity with those who face the enormous task of literally rebuilding the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

We are very much aware of our own local needs. In fact, we rely on grants from Catholic agencies to fund some of our own programs. Generosity to this collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is one way, among many, for us to give thanks to God for the abundance with which we have been blessed.

For more information on the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** and the projects funded by this Collection, please visit www.usccb.org.

Senior Youth Group

- March 1: Host Ash Wednesday Mass, arrive by 7:15 p.m.
- March 4: Saturday – Parish ground clean-up from 9:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
- March 5: No meeting
- March 10: Friday–Q-Zar–meet at 7:00 p.m.?
- March 12: No meeting
- March 19: No meeting – Spring Break
- March 26: Meeting

Christ the King, People of Praise
Charismatic Prayer Group

Meets every Friday, except major holidays and Feast Days at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Rohnert Park. Rosary, 7 p.m.; Prayer Meeting, 7:30–9:00 p.m. Personal prayer ministry and fellowship. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Dan or Glenna Schutz at 707-367-0926, or email ckpp.prayergroup@gmail.com.

Let's Zumba!
March 11, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth Seton's Parish Hall

The Filipino-American Society of St. Elizabeth Seton will have a winter Zumba class on Saturday, March 11, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. in the parish hall.

There is a \$10 donation collected at the door. This is a fundraiser for St. Elizabeth Seton. LET'S ROCK THE HOUSE!!!

ZUMBA

Call Remie Alinas at 588-8131 or Luisa Bustillos at 584-8924 for more information.



FRIDAYS DURING LENT

6:00 -7:30 P.M.

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 9090 and St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Guild

Cost: \$9 Adults

\$5 Children ages 12 to 6

Five and under Free

**Fried or Baked Fish and Chips, Potato Salad,
Cole Slaw, Rolls and Dessert**

Preceding Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.



**NEXT WEEKEND'S ANNUAL
MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)
In-pew Pledge Solicitation
March 4 and 5, 2017**

OUR GOAL IS \$ 18,500

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL
MINISTRY APPEAL
ONE FAMILY IN MISSION**



Bishop's
Annual Appeal
for Catholic Ministries

Schedule of 2017 pledge amounts:

- \$_____ for 10 months for a total of _____.
- \$30 for 10 months for a total of \$300
- \$40 for 10 months for a total of \$400
- \$60 for 10 months for a total of \$600
- \$125 for 10 months for a total of \$1,250
- \$250 for 10 months for a total of \$2,500
- \$500 for 10 months for a total of \$5,000

**Please make checks payable to 2017 AMA, and identify them: St.
Elizabeth Seton, Rohnert Park**

Each of us is called to share his or her gifts in support of the Church.
The AMA is a very effective way to support ministry outside of our
parish boundaries, as well as to support the services that the Diocese
provides to our parish. A gift to the Appeal helps to provide education,
services and ministry to thousands.

MASS INTENTIONS
February 28 and March 5, 2017



Tuesday	February 28, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Marcus Gracia, dec.
Wednesday	March 1, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Thomas McGovern, dec.
Thursday	March 2, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Paddy Murrhy, dec.
Friday	March 3, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Macaria Sarga, dec.
Saturday	March 4, 2017	5:00 p.m.	Steve & Mike Vossbrink Families, int.
Sunday	March 5, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Clemencio Martinez, dec.
Sunday	March 5, 2017	10:30 a.m.	Pro Populo

Catholic Charities

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Administrative Services Manager

Position Summary

The non-exempt, full-time, Administrative Services Manager is responsible for providing professional administrative support to ensure that the agencywide administrative offices of CCDSR operate in an organized, efficient and professional manner. The Administrative Office Assistant serves as the Custodian of Records for CCDSR and provides administrative support to the Executive Director.

Visit our website at www.srcharities.org/employment for additional information about this position and other exciting opportunities at Catholic Charities. **An application can be found at www.srcharities.org/employment.** We look forward to receiving your completed application, resume, and cover letter.



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

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

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

Plate:

February 18 & 19 \$3,331.00

Thank You!

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

GENESIS 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

ROMANS 5: 12-19

MATTHEW 4: 10-11

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Dates to Remember

Feb. 28: Exposition at 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 1: Ash Wed. Masses: 8:30 a.m.,
4:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 1: Second Offering for Central &
Eastern Europe

Mar. 1: RCIA in the Rectory Mtg. Rm.
at 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 3: Fish Fry from 6-7:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 4-5: AMA in-pew appeal

Mar. 7: Exposition at 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 10: Fish Fry 6:00-7:30 p.m.;
Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 14: Knights Mtg. at 6 p.m.;
Women's Guild Mtg. at 7 p.m.

Workshops

With the recent ICE raids, The Immigration Program at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is providing the "Know About Your Rights" workshop. If you would like to know what the rights of the undocumented are and how your family can prepare, it is very important for you to attend one of the workshops.

When: Every Wednesday

Where: 987 Airway Court, Santa Rosa
CA 95403

Time: 7:00 PM

Catholic Charities is providing FREE legal service for DACA renewals and Citizenship application!

Call today to schedule an appointment:
(707) 578-6000 ext. 134.



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