

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

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March 18, 2018 -The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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

Religious Education Office: (707) 585-8821

Youth Ministry Office: (707) 585-2905

Sacramental Preparation and Devotions

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Baptism: 1-month notice for preparation class (on the last Sunday of the month at noon) for infant baptism. Please contact Deacon Joe, 536-7332.

Reconciliation: Tues. evening 7p.m., Sat. 9 a.m., Fri 12:30-1p.m. and by appt.

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

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Tom.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18, 2018

When Lazarus died, Mary of Bethany must have been heart broken. You can see why she would have been.



She loved her brother Lazarus, and she trusted and loved Jesus. Like everybody else in her community she knew that Jesus could heal sick people. So when her brother got sick and she knew that Jesus was nearby, she turned to him for help. Then she waited

three desperate and increasingly miserable days and Jesus didn't come and Lazarus died.

And she was devastated. Her beloved brother was dead, and her beloved Jesus seemed to have disregarded her entirely in her time of need. She must have felt sure that she had lost the desires of her heart and lost them irretrievably.

But what the story of the raising of Lazarus shows is that a person can feel sure about such things and still be altogether mistaken.

Mary wasn't entirely wrong. She had this much accurate insight into herself: she was right in thinking that it was her heart's desire to have her brother and to be loved by Jesus. But she was mistaken about what the fulfillment of those desires would be. She thought that she could have the desires of her heart only in case Jesus came to her to heal her brother before he died. Consequently, when Lazarus did die, Mary thought that she had lost what she wanted most. What the story makes clear, though, is that the Lord can know better than a human person does what she most wants. We are not surprised if the Lord knows better than we do what is good for us, and we generally expect that good to be something we don't want. But in this story the Lord knows better than Mary what she herself actually wants. When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, Mary has her brother and is loved by Jesus in a way more deeply fulfilling to her and more glorious than the mere healing of her brother in his sickness would have been.

And here is the thing to notice: Jesus was in the process of giving her what she wanted most even as she was firmly persuaded that she had lost it forever.

And so the story helps us see that the Lord can be trusted even with the deepest distress of the hearts of those who are his own. As the Psalmist promises (Ps 37:4), the Lord will give the desires of their hearts to those who put their trust in him.

Eleonore Stump

Question: How do all the elements in the story of the raising of Lazarus point to Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live"?

Today's Readings

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Parish Events this Week

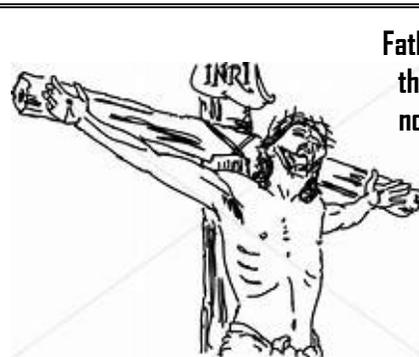
- Sun., Mar. 18 11:45 a.m.** Liturgy planning/Easter
Mon., Mar. 19 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation Service
Tues., Mar. 20 3:45 p.m. Children's Faith Formation
Wed., Mar. 21 7:00 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation, RCIA: The Triduum
Fri., Mar. 23 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
6:00 p.m. Meatless Dinner – K of C
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sun., Mar 25. 12.00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt, 2 -9 yrs.

Stewardship: 3/12/2018 Plate: \$3,894.00, Building Maintenance: \$928.00

The 2nd Collection this weekend is for two National Collections: **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** and **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** as was in the bulletin two weeks ago.

Mass and Intention Schedule

Sat., Mar. 17	5:00 p.m.	+Cornelius Natividad
Sun., Mar. 18	8:30 a.m.	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	Int. Capuro Family
Mon., Mar. 19	8:15 a.m.	Int. Mike & Steve Vossbrink Families
Tue., Mar. 20	6:30 p.m.	No Intention
Wed., Mar. 21	8:15 a.m.	Int. Marcella Dorado
Thur., Mar. 22	8:15 a.m.	Int. Marcella Dorado
Fri., Mar. 23	8:15 a.m.	Int. Roberto General
Sat., Mar. 24	8:15 a.m.	No Intention
	5:00 p.m.	+Otto Brenner
Sun., Mar. 18	8:30 a.m.	+Jane Houston
	10:30 a.m.	+John Parsons



Father, forgive them. They do not know what they do.

Communal Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions this Monday at 7pm.

Children's Faith Formation

March 27 last Elementary Religious Education Class

"Day with Jesus" for all First Communion Students on Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m., this includes a First Communion practice.

First Communion practice is Thurs., April 19, 4 p.m.

First Communion is Saturday, April 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation is Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.

No Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 18, Palm Sunday March 25 and Easter Sunday, April 1. Any questions, call Char at 953-6257.

Volunteers needed for the Children's Liturgy Ministry. I am Looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday mornings. If there are no volunteers this ministry will be terminated. Please give this some prayerful thought and contact the of office if you are interested in this ministry. Thank you, Char

Anniversaries for March 2018

You are invited to pray for and with the couples During the 10:30 Mass on Sunday March 25, 2018

50 yrs. or more: Andy & Val Durkee, John & Fran Guzman

40 yrs or more: Bill & Judith Miller, Paul & Janet Firpo, Kent & Laurie Smith

30 yrs. or more: Arthur & Victoria Gregorio, John & Maria Fagundes, Greg & Kathy Nordin, Albert & Jacintha Mouttapa, Val & Denise Fuentes, David & Denise Hewitt, Bob & Susan Neville, Ted & Karen Bertolini

20 yrs. or more: Jose & Jill Cornejo, Jeff & Andrea Davidson, Aaron & Teresa Baxter

10 yrs. or more: Larry & Sherri Grey

5 yrs. or more: Tim & Kim Mattis, Scott & Tina Sheldon, Ferrando & Silvia Calderon

The Women's Guild will be selling raffle tickets for a handmade Quilt and the following baskets: Gardening, Breakfast, Wine, Child, .and a Man's basket. Tickets are sold before and after masses. **The winning raffle tickets will be drawn March 25 after the 10:30 a.m. for all.**

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Elizabeth's Church meets the 3rd Sunday each month after 8:30 a.m. Mass in a church classroom. All are welcome! For more information call **Laure at 548-4741.**

Chrism Mass: The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese invite

you to participate in the **Mass of the Chrism** at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa **this Thursday, March 22**, at 5:30 p.m. The **Mass of the Chrism** is celebrated once a year, during which the Bishop blesses the oil of the Catechumens, the oil of the Sick, and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the bishop has received, and it also signifies the unity the priests have with the bishop, who share in the same ministerial priesthood. During this Mass, the Diocesan and Religious priests will renew their commitment of Priestly service

Humor Shortly after take-off on an outbound evening Air Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue: "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. We have 103 passengers on board, and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinners I don't know how this has happened, I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience.

When the muttering of the passengers had stopped, the flight attendant told the passengers "that anyone who gives up their meal will have free, unlimited drinks during the 5-hour flight.

Her next announcement came about 2 hours later: "If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available."

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank:

- Those individuals who signed-up to work on our "Big Event" when we pay-off the mortgage.
- The Filipino American Society for our meatless meal.
- The Knight of Columbus for our upcoming last meatless meal the Fish Fry
- Diane Ruzicka, Jeff Keena & all those who attended the Medical Assist "911" mtg.

Holy week schedules are available in the vestibule of the church in an Easter envelope and remember to get your simple registration cards in for a chance to win one of five \$100 prizes.

The Youth Group is putting on the Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday after the 10:30 mass for those 2-9 years old. The place on the ground depends on the weather.

The Palm Sunday Liturgies begins in the Parish Hall for all next weekend masses.

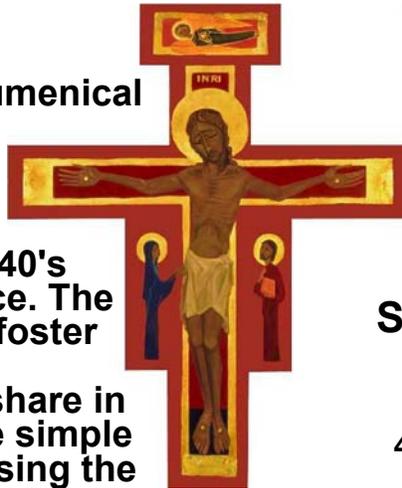
The parish has a piano in the parish hall to give in the parish hall.

We will have 4-5 priests here for our Reconciliation Service on Monday.

Taize

Prayer Around the Cross

The Spirit of Taizé is an ecumenical form of prayer modeled after the Taizé community (an ecumenical Christian monastic community of brothers) founded in the 1940's by Br. Roger in Taizé, France. The purpose of the prayer is to foster peace among all people. Christians of all traditions share in this ecumenical prayer. The simple service consists of song (using the simple chants of the Taizé community), scripture, a service of light, an extended period of silence for meditation concluding with prayers for the world.



Where?

**St. Elizabeth Seton
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4595 Snyder Lane
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**Monday
March 26th
7:30-8:30 p.m.**

Led by Andy Darrow

**Do you need to slow down
because you're moving
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