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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Holy Week March 25, 2018 – March 31, 2018

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Mass Schedule This Coming Week

Saturday 8 p.m. (vigil)

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

Weekdays: Monday-8:15 a.m., Tuesday-6:30 p.m.

& Wednesday-8:15 a.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

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

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.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, March 25, 2018



King? Really? “Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion” has two main sections, which present a jarring contrast. Often, we do not notice this, because the first is so short. Let us look.

(1) Jesus as King: First the presider blesses the palms, and then processes with them into church. Many of us have thought of this important moment simply an addition to the regular mass. But it is much more. First, an extra Gospel is read during this time. It depicts Jesus as a King. He rides an animal that was always used for the entrance of royalty into a city: a colt, or as translations often have it, “a donkey.” The disciples spread cloaks on the animal's back, while crowds along the way lay their cloaks onto the roadway. They strew palm branches out in order to soften the kingly person's way. “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Jesus is being portrayed as the true king of our lives! Priest and ministers process into the church and to the altar, which can be seen as a commemoration of Christ's entrance to Jerusalem.

(2) Jesus as Slave: Now the Mass begins. For its Gospel we hear the Passion Reading according to Mark. We feel the jarring contrast. Soldiers are ridiculing the so-called king, shouting in their rough voices the equivalent of “You fool, you think you are the King of the Jews!” They are not praising him, as the people had along the way, but ridiculing this poor, outlandish captive. They jam a mocking crown on his head. “King, are you?” They wrap a fake purple robe around his wounds—the color usually reserved for rulers. They cackle like clowns and they spit on him. What a kingdom this had turned out to be! Why would the King of Kings allow such degradation to take place? Look to the First Reading. I did not refuse, did not turn away. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who tore out my beard. My face I did not hide from insults and spitting. (Isaiah 50:6)

These words, written centuries before the New Testament, seem to depict a passive surrender. Would this have been appropriate for a king? You or I would have shouted, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” The Responsorial Psalm says exactly these words. Jesus will say them from the cross. Are they words of a king?

Look to the Second Reading. It gives a deep reflection on this question. It is the famous passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians, Chapter 2. Jesus did not regard being equal to God as

something to cling to—for safety or for honor or for whatever other reason. God would exalt him later. He would give himself for the sake of others, no matter what it cost. He was to become like a slave, obedient even to death on the cross.

This is a complete opposite of kingliness as we think of it. For our televised, pleasure seeking world, it is like a mockery of kingship.

But would we rather have had a self-centered ruler, one who looked out for himself only, while claiming to do everything for the people? We can understand self-interest, but we hope against hope for someone who will take our side, no matter what it costs.

Jesus is that true leader. He lets go of everything in allegiance to God and in service of the people.

Let us be silent. John Foley, SJ

Question: How is the Eucharist a continuation of Christ's self-giving love for us? Does your busy schedule allow time to “waste” on love?

Today's Readings

At the Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-10

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

March 29, Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
at 7 p.m. with the washing
of Feet



March 30, Friday of the
Lord's Passion
Service at 1:30 p.m.,
The Passion, the
Veneration of the Cross,
Holy Communion Service.



Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

March 31, The Easter Vigil
Mass at 8 p.m., beginning
in the hall

April 1, Easter Sunday

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Stewardship: 3/18/2018 Plate: \$3,014.14,
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Mass and Intention Schedule

Sat., Mar. 24 5:00 p.m. +Otto Brenner
Sun., Mar. 25 8:30 a.m. +Jane Houston
10:30 a.m. +John Parsons
Mon., Mar. 26 8:15 a.m. +Cornelius DeSimone
Tue., Mar. 27 6:30 p.m. Int. Mike & Steve Vossbrink
Families
Wed., Mar. 28 8:15 a.m. + Helen Stranzl
Thu., Mar. 29 7:00 p.m. For the Parish
Sat., Mar. 31 8:00 p.m. Jose Tingcay
Sun., April 1, 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. +Harry K

Parish Events and Services this Week

Sun., Mar. 25, 12 noon Baptism Preparation Class
12 noon Easter Egg Hunt on church
grounds for ages 2-9
Mon., Mar. 26, 7:30 p.m. Taize Prayer Service
Tue., Mar. 27, 3:45 p.m. Children's Faith Formation
Wed., Mar. 28, 12 p.m. Parish Potluck in the Hall
7 p.m. Confirmation
7 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
RCIA: Rehearsal
Thu., Mar. 29, 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri., Mar. 30, 1:30 p.m. Celebration of the Passion
of the Lord
7 p.m. Way of the Cross
Sat., Mar 31, 8 p.m. The Easter Vigil begins in
the hall

The Women's Guild will be selling raffle tickets for a
handmade Quilt and gift baskets:
Gardening, Breakfast, Wine, Child,
and a Man's basket. **The winning
raffle tickets will be drawn today,
after the 10:30 Mass.**



St. Elizabeth Seton's Baptismal Preparation Class
is after the 10:30 am Mass, **today**, in the "Crying
Room." with Deacon Joe."

Parish Potluck is Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Please join us for our March
Potluck, in the Hall. Bring a dish
to share and have lunch with us.
Looking forward to seeing you.



Humor A mother went to wake her son for church one
Sunday morning. When she knocked on his door, he
said, "I'm not going!" "Why not?" asked his mother. "I'll
give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't
like me. Two, I don't like them." His mother replied,
"I'll give you two good reasons why YOU WILL go to

church. **#1.** You're 47 years old. **#2.** You're the
pastor!"

Children's Faith Formation

Tuesday the last Elementary Religious

Education Class "Day with Jesus" for all First
Communion Students on Saturday, April 14 at
10 am., this includes a First Communion practice.
First Communion practice: Thurs., April 19, 4 pm.
First Communion: Sat., April 21 at 11:00 a.m.
Confirmation: Tues., May 1 at 7:00 p.m.
No Liturgy of the Word for Children during the
10:30 a.m. Mass today 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 may be terminated. Please give this some
prayerful thought and contact the office if you are
interested in this ministry. Thank you, Char
Pope Francis At Wednesday's general audience,
Pope Francis said our participation in the Holy
Eucharist at Mass is not a merely spiritual
communion, but a sacramental one, uniting us to
Christ and his Church.

"The celebration of the Mass... is ordered to
sacramental Communion. It is not a spiritual
communion. No, [it is] a sacramental communion," he
said March 21.

"While it unites us to Christ, tearing us from our
selfishness, Communion opens and unites us to all
those who are one in Him. Here is the wonder of
When we receive Holy Communion, we must let
ourselves be changed, he said, because as St.
Augustine said, "every time we approach the
Eucharist, we are transformed into Jesus. As bread
and wine are converted into the Body and Blood of
the Lord, so those who receive them with faith are
transformed into a living Eucharist," Francis
continued, explaining the parts of the Mass. This is
the point in the Mass where we go up to receive the
Eucharist, which is "a meeting with Jesus," he said.

He also explained that though the entirety of Christ
is present under each of the two species of the
Eucharist, both Body and Blood, the Church believes
that the "Eucharistic banquet is expressed with
greater fullness if Holy Communion is made under the
two species." Communion: we become what we
receive!"

Pope Francis continued, Jesus says: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

Pastor’s Corner

Thank you to:

Those who have pledged to the **Annual Ministry Appeal** so far: **Goal** \$28,584, **Pledged** \$24,138, **Families** 89 (which is 14.5% of registered families).

The Knight of Columbus for preparing 43 lunches for the priests of the diocese at a Day of Reflection here at the parish. Also, for preparing the last meatless dinner this past Friday.

Cursillo Group for leading the Stations of the Cross this past Friday.

In two weeks, April 15th we will discuss after the 10:30 mass in the church **the location of the tabernacle.**

Each pastor may wish to look at the location of the tabernacle in his church and ask himself whether this is really “a distinguished place ... conspicuous, suitably adorned and conducive to prayer”. He may also put this question to his people who use the church. In resolving any matter which affects the spiritual life of many people, we should be guided by the Second Vatican Council We should listen with great sensitivity to the “sensus fidei” of the faithful. A pastoral understanding of the faith of the Catholic people reveals the need to rethink this question seriously.

Where a eucharistic chapel is justified, let it be not only splendid but spacious, hence conducive to the prayer of more than a few people and in a place of reservation not hidden from the people,

It is argued by some that the tabernacle is a distraction during liturgical celebrations, as liturgy is public worship and not private devotion as they do not pay attention to the activity at the altar.

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