

# St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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TWENTIETH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 20, 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 parish office for  
appointments.  
585-3708

## ***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.***



## Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 20, 2017

**What matters:** In the Gospel Reading, Jesus and his disciples have walked all the way into Gentile territory, and one Gentile woman cries out to him repeatedly to heal her daughter.

The disciples of Jesus urge Jesus to send her away. The way the disciples see her, she's just a woman, she isn't Jewish, and she doesn't look like an important person even among the Gentiles. So, from the point of view of the disciples, she is a person who does not matter. They want Jesus to get rid of her.

In response, Jesus tells his disciples, "I am sent only to the lost sheep of Israel," and this is an odd thing for him to say, isn't it? He is in Gentile territory now. Why did he go there if he has no mission to the Gentiles?

If he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, as he says, then why doesn't he just send this Gentile woman away, as the disciples want him to do? Why does he let her keep crying out to him? If he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, as he says, then why doesn't he just send this Gentile woman away? Because he doesn't send her away, she comes closer to him and pleads with him for help. In reply, he says to her one of the most insulting things he says to anyone in the Gospels: "it is not right to take the bread of the children and give it to the dogs."

How could she matter less than this?

The solution to the perplexity of this story comes in the final exchange between the two of them. Jesus' treatment of her elicits from her one of the most pert responses to Jesus from anyone anywhere: "Even the dogs eat the crumbs of the children's bread," she says. And Jesus loves her for that pertness and the persistence behind it. "Great is your faith!" he says to her in praise. It is the way Jesus deals with her that brings her to this point, isn't it? But here is the most important thing to notice. To have faith *is* to be one of the sheep of Israel. Because he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, Jesus went to Gentile territory for her.

Gentile, female, or whatever else makes her seem a person who doesn't matter, she has the one thing that really does matter: she won't let go of Jesus and now we can understand why Jesus went into Gentile territory. He was looking for her. And we can also see that what Jesus says to his disciples is after all true: he is sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.

All those who cleave to Jesus, Gentile or Jew, are his sheep.

Eleonore Stump

**Question:** What risk did the Canaanite woman take when she cried, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David"! Is anything gained without risk?

### Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

A presentation will take place on the origin and content of the Spirituality of St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuit Order. This spirituality is based on Scripture and a Personal Relationship with Christ. It is an ideal way for Christians to live their faith, while daily engaged in this busy and distracting world. Date: **Monday August 28, at 7:00 pm at the St Rose Parish Hall, in the Annex.** Presenter: Pat Dillaway, Spiritual Director at the Sister Antonia Spiritual Enrichment Center. Along with Pat there will be other trained Directors to answer questions. All are welcome. No charge.

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### Send your Children to Catholic Schools

**St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School** invites you to schedule appointment for a tour. Please call 762-6426 for more information or visit our website: SVELEM.org.

**St. Rose** School Tours are held the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00am or by appointment. Please call the school office at 545-0379 to arrange your tour. All are welcome. Visit us online at strosecatholicsschool.org

**St. Eugene's** Cathedral School is very proud of our students and our school. Please call the school – 545-7252 for more information or to arrange for a tour of the school.

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### 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Carmelite Benefit Dinner

The Benefit Dinner will be held on **Sunday, September 10, 2017**; hosted at the Carmelite House of Prayer, 20 Mount Carmel Dr., Oakville; from 2-6 pm. A buffet style dinner with BBQ Tri-tip and Chicken, homemade salads, savory beans, wine cake; Sciambra Bread with excellent Napa Valley Wine on the table. Live Entertainment; silent and live auction featuring gift items and exceptional Napa Valley Wines. Door prizes. Raffle tickets with a chance to win a wine refrigerator fully stocked with Napa Valley premium wines; 1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$2,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$500; 4<sup>th</sup> prize \$250; 5<sup>th</sup> 7 6<sup>th</sup> prize, \$125. Advance tickets – Adults \$50; Children 12 and under free hot dog dinner. Tickets purchased at the door \$60. Tickets are available at the Oakville Carmelite Monastery or by calling 944-2454 (ext. 103) weekdays between 10:000 and 4:00 pm by August 31, 2017.

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### Pastor's Corner

**New Office Hours:** Beginning **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** the office will be open **from 9-1:30 pm**. I hope this gives people who work time to stop for things needed. I do plan on changing the Mass schedule in the mornings and more: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, and Sat, Mass at 8:30 am. Mass on Tuesday evenings...what time?? followed by Exposition, Confessions, concluding with Benediction. We would have the same schedule following the Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 am. The rosary would be prayed before the Saturday morning Mass. Confessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. afternoon would be discontinued. I would like your feedback. New locks will be going on the kitchen doors in the hall and the keys will have to be signed out for each event. The reason for this is that the kitchen was not clean when I used it last week. This has been a problem in most of my past parishes. Everyone says "It wasn't me." The problem with the drain in the kitchen is being looked to be fixed.



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## Events Coming Up



### Anniversary Sunday Mass on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Abel & Priscilla Sagon 66 years, Dave & Pat Grundman 45 years  
Cesar & Lorraine Datu 42 years, David & Nora John 37 years  
John & Shirley Gilbert 32 years, Jeff & Beverly Guzzetta 23 years  
Rex & Norma Damian 15 years

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### Ministry Faire

**ATTENTION** All Ministry Coordinators/ Chair Persons/ or Interested Parishioners:  
Attention Volunteers! You are Needed!

The next Ministry Faire will take place on **Saturday, September 9th, and Sunday, September 10th** in the Parish Hall, after all the Masses. Many of our current ministries need volunteers - just like you - to assist in their ministry work. You CAN make a difference!

Stop by the Ministry Faire, learn more about all the ministries of our active parish, enjoy refreshments sponsored by the Women's Guild, and maybe win a door prize!



Please contact the coordinator: Nora John either by email: [daveandnora1@yahoo.com](mailto:daveandnora1@yahoo.com) or phone: (707) 584-1944.

**Liturgy:** Music, Servers, Greeters, Readers, Altar Care, Environment (flowers and more)

**Outreach:** St. Vincent de Paul, Family Shelter, Angels of Hope, Welcome Wagon, Social Justice/Pro-Life

**Finance:** Property Development, Scrip, Fundraising for Fun

**Fellowship:** Sewing Group, Filipino-American Society, Coffee & Donuts/Hospitality, St. Elizabeth Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus. Cub Scouts, Polish Group, Korean Group. Monday/Wednesday Basketball

**Spirituality:** Liturgy, Charismatic Prayer Group

**Faith Formation:** RCIA, Bible Study, Elementary/Jr. Confirmation, Senior Youth Group

**What would you like to see?????????????????**

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### Events Outside the Parish

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Joseph Church Men's Club Golf Tourney will be held on **Aug.26**. You can go to our website: [www.stjosephgolf.com](http://www.stjosephgolf.com) (using paypal/credit cards) to support this important fundraiser by 1. Signing up to play golf, 2.

Sponsoring a tee, 3. Make a cash or raffle donation. Questions call Jan Godoski at 707-823-2448 or Dennis Crandall at 707-824-8239.

## Humor

**Humor:** A little boy was looking at the red sanctuary lamp at Mass during a long homily. He tugged at his dad and asked, "When the light turns green can we go?"

**Knights of Columbus news:** Coming up in a few months, October 28<sup>th</sup>: The Knights of Columbus Polenta Dinner. More info coming later.



**Pope Francis:** On the Feast of the Assumption, Pope Francis said that in bringing Christ to the world, Mary also provides the joy and grace of her Son, which not only sustains us in difficulty, but are primarily intended for the weak and humble.

"Carrying Jesus, the Madonna also brings us a new joy, full of meaning; she brings us a new ability to pass with faith through the most painful and difficult moments; she brings us the capacity for mercy, forgiveness, understanding and supporting one another," the Pope said August 15.

Mary, he said, "is the model of faith and virtue," and in contemplating her Assumption into Heaven, we give her thanks "because she always precedes us on the pilgrimage of life and of faith."

We are also able to ask that she "guard us and sustain us, that we may have a strong faith, joyful and merciful; that she help us to be holy, to meet her, one day, in paradise," he said.

Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims present for a special Angelus address given for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, which is celebrated annually Aug. 15. In his Angelus speech honoring the feast, Pope Francis turned to the day's Gospel reading from Luke, in which Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is miraculously pregnant with John the Baptist, despite her advanced age.

He noted how when Mary arrived to her cousin, having gone "in haste," Elizabeth immediately proclaims, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

In this moment, the greatest gift that Mary brought not just to Elizabeth, but to the whole world, "is Jesus, who already lives in her," Francis said. "And he lives not only by faith and waiting, as in many other women in the Old Testament: from the Virgin Mary Jesus took on human flesh, for his mission of salvation."

The Pope then noted how preceding the encounter, Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah were filled with sadness by the fact that they couldn't have children. However, in place of this, "now there is the joy of a child on the way: a child who will become the great John the Baptist, precursor of the Messiah."

### Readings for Today

Reading I: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Reading II: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

### Readings for Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23  
Reading II: Romans 11:33-36  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat., Aug. 19, 5:00 pm +Sandra Lipitz  
Sun, Aug. 20, 8:30 am int. Lane Reece  
Sun, Aug. 20, 10:30 am +Marion O'Malley  
Tue. Aug. 22 8:30 am +Perfecta Albino,  
Wed. Aug 23 8:30 am int. The Michael  
Vossbrink Family  
Thu. Aug. 24 8:30 am + Pat Ribbel  
Fri. Aug. 25 8:30 am For the Parish  
Sat. Aug. 26 5:00 pm +Gladys & Eddie  
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Sun. Aug. 27 8:30 am int Buck Reese  
Sun. Aug. 27 10:30 am For the parish

### Parish Events this Week

**Registration** for Religious Education for children takes place this week—office  
**Sat.** 4-10 p.m. Cub Scout Dinner  
Fundraiser-Hall  
**Sun.** 9:45 am SVDP Mtg Lg Mtg Rm  
**Tue.** 6 pm Knights, Hall Mtg Rm  
7:30-9 pm Exposition-Church  
**Wed.** 12 Noon Potluck Lunch. Lg Mtg Rm  
**Thurs.** 6 pm The SES Filipino American  
Society Mtg

### Elementary Religious Education

Registration will be closing Sept. 1, 2017.  
Classes start Tuesday, September 26 at  
3:30 pm.

Please register early as some classes are filling up. Questions or concerns, please call Char Mayclin at 585-3708 or email at [sesreled@yahoo.com](mailto:sesreled@yahoo.com)

### Stewardship

**Giving of Our Treasures**  
August 12 & 13 \$2,557.00

### Annual Diocesan Ministry Appeal

Target: \$18,500  
Families: 56 = 8% of parish-**ouch!**  
Pledged: \$15,080 = 81%  
Money received: \$12,580 = 68% of goal

In a few weeks we will thank those who have pledged by listing their names in the bulletin and pray for them and those who anonymously gave.

**Fourth Wednesday Potluck**  
**Wednesday, August 23 @**  
**12:00 p.m.**



Please mark your calendars. We hope to see you there this **Wednesday at noon** in the large Mtg. Rm.

Please bring a dish to share and bring a friend! Any questions, please contact Jo and Larry Ruminson at 584-3779 or Lanny and Linda Marlatt at 584-1893.

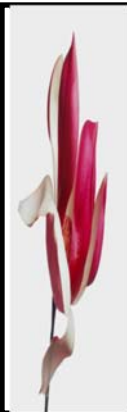
**REGISTRATION FOR CYO BASKETBALL**

Registration for CYO Basketball will begin on Tuesday, August 22 and Wednesday, August 23 from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Also, on Saturday, August 26 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Practices will start in November. Please contact Damon Rodriguez at [djrod23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djrod23@sbcglobal.net) or (415) 609-0795 with any questions.

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**ZUMBA**

The Filipino-American Society will be hosting a Zumba class on Saturday, September 2 from 10:30 am until 1:30 pm. Donations will be accepted, and food will be served. Contact Remie Alinas with questions at (707) 490-8474.



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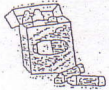


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