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TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 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
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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.



Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Rock on which the Church is built

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Christ tells Peter that Peter is the rock on which Christ will found his church. And, Jesus promises, the gates of hell will not prevail against this rock or against the church built on it.

This is a comforting thought, isn't it? In the darkness of the world, there is something—the apostle Peter, the Church—that evil cannot wreck!

The problem is that it so often looks as if the gates of hell *have* prevailed against Christ's church.

The Church is not a collection of the sinless, and it was not meant to be.

Actually, the problem begins with Peter. The apostle, who was supposed to be the rock of the Church, betrayed the Lord he loved in his Lord's worst need. A betrayal like that seems to have something hellish about it, doesn't it?

As far as that goes, how does Peter differ from Judas? Judas betrayed Christ too, of course. In fact, the Gospel of John says that Satan entered into Judas before he went to the Pharisees to conspire with them to get Jesus ([John 13:27](#)). There is certainly something hellish about the treachery of Judas if Satan entered into him.

So why not think that the gates of hell prevailed against Peter too, in *his* betrayal of Christ? What is left of Jesus' promise that the gates of Hell will not prevail against Peter or against Christ's Church?

But notice that there *is* a difference between Judas and Peter.

You might think the difference is that Peter repented and Judas didn't. But there you would be mistaken. The Gospel of Matthew makes it clear that Judas repented, too ([Matthew 27:3](#)).

So, here is the real difference between them. When Judas saw the sin of his betrayal for what it was, he killed himself. He threw himself away as hopeless, as irredeemable. But Peter came back to Christ. He cleaved to the Lord he loved even in the face of his own betrayal of him.

And that is why Peter is the rock on which the Church is founded. The Church is not a collection of the sinless, and it was not meant to be. The Church was founded on Peter, who loved, and sinned, and held on to the Lord anyway. The gates of Hell cannot prevail against this kind of love. This *is* a deeply comforting thought.

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.

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; 1st prize, \$2,000; 2nd prize \$1,000; 3rd prize \$500; 4th prize \$250; 5th 7 6th 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 10:00 and 4:00 pm by August 31, 2017.

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank those who have welcomed me here. As Rick (Humphrey Bogart) said in the movie, Casablanca to Louie (Claude Rains) at the end of the movie, "I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship." Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the new BBQ, and for all who showed up to the Potluck on Wednesday.

Please phone the office if you would like to schedule a meeting with me as the secretaries have my schedule.

I have not received any feedback about scheduling a Mass on Tuesday evenings. This will give a chance for families and those who had to go to work for a little extra during the week. What time would you like it?

If anyone or group has anything in the hall refrigerator, please remove it or I will this week. Nothing should be left in the refrigerator.

Your thoughts are needed.....We have open land on our property. What should we do with it?

- Plant grapes
- Parish community garden
- Picnic area for the parish
- Other

Humor: God looks down and notices that Adam is all alone while all the animals have companions, so he decides to create a companion for man as well. He comes to see Adam and says to him, "Adam, you are my greatest creation and therefore I am going to create for you the ultimate companion. She will worship the very ground you walk on, she will long for you and no other, she will be highly intelligent, she will wait on your hand and foot and obey your every command, she will be beautiful, and all it will cost you is an arm and a leg." Thinking for a few moments, Adam replies, "What could I get for a rib?"

Pope Francis: On Wednesday, Pope Francis said going through life downcast as if it had no meaning is not the attitude of a Christian, who has the assurance that even when things look grim, there is always new hope found in Christ.

"It is not Christian to walk with your gaze turned down, without raising your eyes to the horizon. As if our entire path expires here, in the palm of a few meters of the journey," the Pope said Aug. 23.

To live "as if in our lives there was not destination and no landing, place, and we were forced to an eternal wandering, without any reason for our many labors; this is not Christian," he said.

Rather, as Christians "we believe and we know that death and hatred are not the final words pronounced in the parable of human existence," he said, adding that to be a Christian "means a new perspective: a gaze full of hope."

Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall for his weekly general audience, continuing his catechesis on Christian hope.

In his address, Francis turned to the day's reading from Revelation, in which God, seated on his throne in heaven, says "I will make all things new."

This passage, he said, is a reminder that "Christian hope is based on faith in God who always creates newness in the life of man, in history and in the cosmos. Newness and surprises."

Turning to the last pages of the bible, the Pope said they show us the final goal for all believers, which is the heavenly Jerusalem, described as "an immense tent, where God will welcome all men to live with them permanently."

"This is our hope," Francis said, noting how the bible goes on to describe how God will "wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

He urged those present to reflect on the passage "not in an abstract way," but in light of all the sad news published in recent days such as the terrorist attack in Barcelona and natural disasters – news "which we all risk becoming addicted to."

Pointing to the many children who suffer from war, youth whose dreams are often destroyed and refugees who embark on dangerous journeys and who many times are exploited, Pope Francis noted that "unfortunately life is also this."

However, returning to the day's scripture passage, he stressed that "there is a Father who weeps with tears of infinite mercy toward his children."

"We have a God who knows how to weep, who weeps with us," he said, adding that he is also a Father "who waits to console us, because he knows our sufferings and has prepared for us a different future."

Events Coming Up



Anniversary Sunday Mass Today 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

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 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?????????????????

Events Outside the Parish

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

Readings for Today

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

Readings for Next Sunday

Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Reading II: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tues. Aug. 29 int Mike Vossbrink & Fam.
Wed. Aug. 30 8:30 am + Fr. Thomas
Devereaux
Thurs. Aug. 31 8:30 am +Richard
Deboard
Fri. Sept. 1 8:30 am int Hill & Lynch Fam.
Sat. Sept 2 5:00 pm +Pedro Palomares
Sun. Sept. 3 8:30 am +Dante Panfiglio
Sun. Sept. 3 10:30 am For the parish

Stewardship

Giving of Our Treasures

August 19 & 20 - \$2,778.00
Assumption -- \$606.00

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.

Parish Events this Week

Registration for Religious Education for children will be closing Friday, Sept. 1, 2017
Sun. 10:30 am Anniversary Mass
Tue. 7:30-8:30 pm Exposition-Church
Fri. 9 a.m First Friday Exposition-Church
Sat. 11 a.m. Zumba-Parish Hall

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

Liturgy for Children

Liturgy for Children Dismissal starts Sunday, September 3 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. There is no registration or fee required.

CYO BASKETBALL

Practices will start in November. Please contact Damon Rodriguez at djrod23@sbcglobal.net or (415) 609-0795 with any questions.

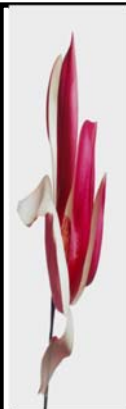
ZUMBA FUNDRAISING EVENT

You are invited to Zumba Fitness on Saturday, September 2 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall, hosted by the Filipino-American Society. There is a \$10 entrance fee collected at the door. We will have raffles, drinks, and refreshments after Zumba.

Please come and do Zumba with our amazing instructors, Evelyn Looney, Suzana Rodriguez, and Ruth Didona Taylor.

Thank you for your support!

For more information, contact Remie Alinas at (707) 588-8131 or Luisa Bustillos at (707) 584-8925.



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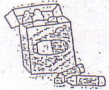
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Tutoring

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
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\$12.00 per half hour