

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

4595 Snyder Lane Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 01, 2017



*"Faith lifts the soul,
hope supports it,
experience says it must
and Love says
let it be!"*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. (vigil)

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

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday of this week 7:00 p.m.

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Sacramental Preparation:

Baptism: 1-month notice before Infant/child
Baptism for preparation class. Please contact
Deacon Joe.
Reconciliation: After the Tues. evening Mass;
after the Saturday morning Mass, and by appt.
Marriage: 6-month notice. Please contact
Fr. Tom or Deacon Joe.
Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Tom.
Confirmation: Please contact Char at the
Religious Education Office.

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.

October 1, 2017, Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



Entering the Kingdom of Heaven The parable in the Gospel Reading, Jesus says, is about entering the kingdom of heaven. In the parable, a father says to one of his sons, "Go to work in my vineyard, Son!"; and that son says, "NO!" Then

the father says to his other son, "Go to work in my vineyard, Son!" And that son says, "YES!"

Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven? You might sensibly enough think that it is the son who says "YES" to his father. After all, what could be worse than saying "NO!" to God the father? Who would think that rebellious *NO*-sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven?

So, it seems clear that the *YES*-sayers are the ones who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those wretched *NO*-sayers will wind up in the other place.

But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the *NO*-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven, and not the *YES*-saying son.

Why would Jesus say this? Well, the son who says "YES" to his father doesn't actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the *NO*-saying son who actually goes to work in his father's vineyard.

And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the *NO*-saying son says is contrary to God's will. But what he *does* is in accordance with it. It is just the other way around with the *YES*-saying son. The words of the *YES*-saying son are obedient to God's will, but his life is lived in opposition to it.

The words of the *YES*-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the *YES*-saying son rejects God's will, however much acceptance there is in his words.

And so the Psalm gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: "Lord, teach us your ways!" Our ways need to be God's ways. It is good if our words say YES to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say YES to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless.

Eleonore Stump

Question: What counts more in building community, saying some good words, or actually doing some good deeds? At which one are you better, words or deeds?

Readings for this Sunday

Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sat.	Sept 30	8:30 am	+Lydia Bozzoli
		5:00 pm	+Fang Tai Wong & Fleming Sagon
Sun.	Oct. 1	8:30 am	+Elizabeth Dolcini
		10:30 am	For the Parish
Mon.	Oct. 2	8:30 am	+Ernie Dorado
Tue.	Oct. 3	6:30 pm	+Eduardo Shupe Vallejos
Wed.	Oct. 4	8:30 am	Int. Mike Vossbrink & Family
Thu.	Oct. 5	8:30 am	Wedding Anniv. & Brooklyn's Birthday
Fri.	Oct. 6	8:30 am	+Glenna Shutz
Sat.	Oct. 7	8:30 am	+ Mr & Mrs. Avandano
		5:00 pm	+Hugh P. McGovern
Sun.	Oct. 8	8:30 am	Special Intention
		10:30 am	+Kevin, Mark, & Robert Mendoza

CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Sept. 23 & 24 - \$2,976. Special 2nd collection next weekend for disaster relief in Mexico and the Caribbean.

Parish Events this Week

Sun., Oct. 1 10:30 am Filipino Choir at Mass
Tues., Oct. 3 3:30 pm Faith Formation/Children
Wed., Oct. 4 5:00 pm Blessing of Animals
Fri., Oct. 6 7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Liturgical Calendar Highlights

Monday, Oct 2 is the Feast of the Guardian

Angels "From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their (the angels) watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united to God."



Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen.

Wednesday, Oct 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis called animals his brothers and sisters and so there will be a **blessing of animals** in the plaza next to the fountain at 5 pm. Deacon Joe will be blessing the animals.



Good St. Francis, you loved all of God's creatures. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing with kindness. St. Francis, Patron Saint of animals, watch over my pet and keep my companion safe and healthy. Amen.

Polenta Dinner sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on **Oct 28** at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall at 6:30 pm: polenta, green salad, rolls butter, dessert. Children 7 & under (free); 8-12 \$7; 13 & over full price \$15.00. Tickets on sale this weekend after the Masses. You can also get tickets at the parish office.

Looking Ahead

Do you want to understand Mass? Coming on October 8, 2017, A Scriptural Walk Through Mass in six weekly sessions. We will start at 1:00 pm Sunday afternoon in the large classroom of the Church. Bring your Bible. All are welcome.

Women's Guild Raffles, Crafts & Baked Goods

Sale We are having a raffle for several themed baskets and a handmade quilt. Tickets will be sold prior to and after all Masses beginning October 7 through November 5.

We will have our Rummage Sale, which will include Crafts and Baked Goods, on **Saturday, November 4** from 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and **Sunday, November 5** from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We will have the raffle drawings for the baskets on Sunday, November 5 at the end of the sale. You do not need to be present to win.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss attending this event on November 4 & 5. There will be something for everyone!

Events Outside the Parish

Young Adult Nights Young Adults are invited to the Chancery office the first Monday of every month to enjoy Catholic fellowship and new friendships. Next gathering is October 2 at 7 pm.

The Harvest Ball is a semi-formal young adult dance co-sponsored by the Diocese of Santa Rosa and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. All young adults ages 20-39, single or married are welcome to attend on Saturday, October 14 at 7 p.m. The lovely location at St. Hillary's in Tiburon overlooks the Bay. You'll enjoy wine and appetizers as you dance the night away. For tickets, search "Santa Rosa Catholic Events."

You are invited to the Annual Candlelight Living

Rosary celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, Portugal, October 13, 1917. At St. Eugene's on Friday, October 13, at 7:00 PM, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be carried in procession to the cathedral. There we will have a candlelight Rosary and Benediction followed by a brief talk by the director of Catholic Charities. An ice cream social will follow. This event will support mothers and children in Catholic Charities' shelters. Please bring a gift for babies; unexpired formula and larger diapers are most needed.

Pastor's Corner

I will be away for 10 days visiting family on the east coast. **Fr. Loren Allen will be covering** the parish. I leave Tuesday night and return on Friday, October 13th.

The U.S. bishops have asked us to take up a special collection for the latest victims of disasters, the victims of the earthquakes in Mexico and the victims of hurricane Maria. This special 2nd collection will be taken up next weekend. As we have no envelopes for this collection, put your donations in an envelope with your envelope number for those who use envelopes.

We welcome Fr. Luis Penaloza who is celebrating the two Sunday Masses here this weekend as I cover his parish. Fr. Luis is here to celebrate with all the parish, especially the Filipino community celebration at the 10:30 am Mass this weekend honoring two Filipino saints.

Some people have asked me **about changing the weekday morning Mass from 8:30 to 8:15 am in the future months** so they can get to Mass and get to work by 9. Your thoughts..... By the way, the **Tuesday evening Mass will be at 6:30 pm** as the response by those who went to the evening Mass over three weeks was greatest at 6:30 pm.

I am looking for a licensed painting contractor and a licensed landscaper. Please give the office names...

Sorry no joke this week!

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