

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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SECOND SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 17, 2010

MASSES

Tuesday to Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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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 4:00pm in the Church or by appointment.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Parish policies for Baptism and Marriage
are available on the table in the
Gathering Area and at the parish office.
Please call the office for appointments.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES
JANUARY 17, 2010

Pastor's Note:

As I look through our parish activities for the remainder of January and the first week of February, I notice a number of items which are of interest to parishioners from the surrounding area. Both the Religious Education Office and the Youth Department of the Diocese of Santa Rosa will conduct one-day seminars with respect to diocesan youth ministry development and religious education. Our parish bulletins have been carrying news items with regard to "Vertical Reality," a high school youth leadership program on Sat., Jan. 23rd, and "Dia de la Luz" (Day of Light) on Sat., Feb. 6th, 2010.



The Charismatic Prayer Group, which meets every other Friday evening in our large meeting room, will be having a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" on seven consecutive Friday evenings beginning February 5th, 2010. I also recommend that you consider getting involved in our monthly Taize' Prayer gathering. We ordinarily publish selected items from each month's calendar on the centerfold of the last bulletin issue of the previous month. This should afford you the opportunity to keep updated on most parish gatherings.

I once again bring your attention to the Knights of Columbus-sponsored Annual Crab Feed on Saturday evening, January 30, 2010. Please refer to the commercial within this issue for more details.

Fr John

P.S. The Second Offering next weekend, January 23 and 24, will be in aid of the church in Latin America.

The Knights of Columbus Crab Feed will be held on Saturday night, January 30.

On the weekend of February 6 and 7, there will be a special second offering for the victims of the Haiti earthquake.

January 17, 2010
Scriptural Reflection

In today's Gospel we hear from John that the wedding is on. At the festival of a Jewish wedding in Cana, Jesus reveals his glory through his first great sign. It's an unusual wedding - for there are two bridegrooms! There is the bridegroom just married, and there is Jesus who is the *real* bridegroom. He is an invited guest at the wedding, but Jesus is the long-awaited bridegroom of Israel.

Jesus will transform this private Jewish wedding into a great sign to show that the time has come when God will take his people to himself in a new way. Jesus has come as the bridegroom to claim his bride, Israel.

During the wedding feast the wine runs out and Mary expects Jesus to do something about it. Jesus' negative answer to Mary underlines the point that he cannot be bound by family relationships, but only by his Father's will. Mary's final words, "Do whatever he tells you," recognizes the supreme authority of Jesus and what he must do himself.

There are six, large stone jars used to provide water for the Jewish ritual of cleansing. Jesus tells the servants to fill these to the brim, and after they do this they discover that the water has been changed into wine. All 120 gallons of it! When the steward tastes it, he compliments the bridegroom for keeping the best wine until last - but he is complimenting the wrong bridegroom! Again the wrong name. Jesus is the one who has supplied choice wine in abundance, and in doing so has revealed his glory. When the disciples see what has happened they believe in Jesus.

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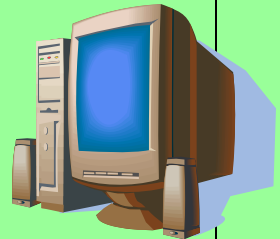
The St. Vincent DePaul Society accepts all of your old computers, monitors, printers, computer parts, phones, fax machines, TV's, stereos etc. in any condition. These items are sold to a company that pays us for them per pound. (Items donated in good working condition are sold at their true value.)

The money supports the St. Vincent DePaul dining room on Wilson Street in Santa Rosa where a hot lunch is served to the needy 365 days per year.

Donations are accepted at the SVDP Thrift Store on Redwood Highway in Rohnert Park.

Hours are Mon-Sat. 9:00-4:30. Call 584-1579 for more information.

God Bless you and Thank You for your support.



January 13, 2010 (Excerpt from the Bishop's Letter)

My Dear Priests,

Re: **Haiti Earthquake Relief**

As you know from the media, Haiti has been devastated by a deadly earthquake with **great** death and destruction. I have learned that the Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, Joseph Serge Miot was killed. Some one hundred Montford Fathers were on retreat where the building collapsed and all are dead. The Seminary building crushed all the seminarians. And a home for children run by the Missionaries of Charity was destroyed killing all the orphans.

I suggest that we have a special collection to aid the survivors of the earthquake. I will see that the funds are given to Catholic Relief Services which is already there in Haiti helping the people cope with this disaster.

I appreciate your help in this matter.

Assuring you of my prayers, I am

Your Brother and Servant in the Lord,

Daniel F. Walsh

Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh
Bishop of Santa Rosa

Vertical Reality

High School Youth Leadership Retreat

Saturday, January 23, 2010 12 noon to 10 p.m.

To be Held at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Rohnert Park

Participants are young people in their freshman year of high school through their first year of college and their adult leaders.

Cost is \$60/person and includes t-shirt, snacks, dinner & participant journal. Sponsored by the Department of Youth Ministry. Make checks payable to "Department of Youth Ministry." Any questions, call 707.566-3343 or e-mail DSRyouth@sonic.net.

January 8, 2010

Re: **Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA)**

Reverend John Griffin
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
4595 Snyder Lane
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Dear Father Griffin:

As I wish you all a very Happy New Year, it also marks the time of year for us to prepare for our **Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family In Mission**. The plan and procedure for the appeal will remain the same this year as it has been in the past. My intention, with your help, is to continue to encourage more parishioners in each parish to participate in our ministry appeal. It is important to emphasize that all gifts, regardless of size, make a difference. Your personal participation would be a great place to start. While the number of brochures that are mailed are sent to approximately 41,000 families, the number of families contributing remains around 4,100. With your encouragement we can increase the number of families participating and reach our goal easily.

The overall goal for the AMA will remain at \$975,000 for 2010. **The targeted portion for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is \$18,933.**

I ask for your enthusiastic support. I encourage you to use all the tools provided to express a clear vision of our mission through the ministries. We strive to continue to serve all parishes for many years to come.

You continue to be in my prayers,

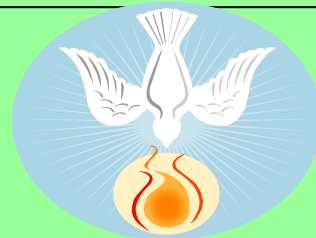
Your Brother and Servant in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel F. Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh
Bishop of Santa Rosa

CONFIRMATION 2010

The SES Confirmation Team Leaders, Ed Charbonneau and Marclair O'Connell have put together the SES Confirmation class schedule for 2010.



The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st, 2010, at the 5pm Mass. We are expecting to limit the class to registered parishioners and, to avoid any confusion, your student must be a Sophomore (10th grade) or Junior (11th) at least 15 years old. We would appreciate it if you could forward an email to Marclair at mcoc@sonic.net with the name and age of your student, address and high school he/she attends; or you can leave a message at 318-3919 at your earliest convenience. We will forward the Registration and Sponsor forms to you, preferably by e-mail, so you can bring them with you to class or drop them off at the Church office.

EWTV TO AIR MARCH & WALK FOR LIFE

EWTV will mark the tragic "legalizing" of abortion with the following telecasts from Washington, D.C.: Vigil Mass for Life at the National Shrine, Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m.; Solemn Mass for Life, Jan. 22 at 4:30 a.m.; March for Life, Jan. 22 at 8 a.m., with an encore at 7 p.m. Additional telecast: Rally for Walk for Life West Coast, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m., with an encore Jan. 24 at 6:30 a.m. All times are Pacific. EWTV is carried 24/7 on Comcast Ch. 229, AT&T Ch. 562, DISH Satellite Ch. 261 & Direct TV Ch. 370. In Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg & Mendocino, Comcast airs EWTV on Ch. 57. EWTV airs on Sudden Link Ch. 230 in the Eureka area & on Charter Ch. 20 in the Crescent City area.

TAIZE' PRAYER



Taize' has moved back to **THURSDAY EVENING at 7:00 PM**. In order for you to plan ahead, here is the schedule for the next few months: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, and Mar. 25. This will be a time for prayer, readings from Scripture, meditative songs, and quiet reflection. We all have very hurried lives and don't always put God first. Taize' can become part of who we are by teaching us to become peacemakers. Let us take this time to become closer to God and enrich our spirituality. Need more information or have any questions, please contact Char @ 793-1165.

**Dia de Luz—"Day of Light"
Christ is Life
St. Elizabeth Seton
9 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, 2/06/10**

Please join us on Saturday, February 6th, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Rohnert Park, from 9AM to 3:30PM for "Dia de Luz" "Day of Light." "Christ is Life" is the theme of this event. In Jn.10:10 Jesus tells us "I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly." His kingdom is "not of this world." It is not a place, but an interior identity defined by our relationship with Christ. Christ's kingdom is not territory but virtue, not power but service, not wealth but grace. Christ has loved us with his very life. Please join others from around the Diocese in a day of renewal of faith in Jesus Christ. As we begin a new decade of the 21st century, let us place Christ at the center of our lives.

For more info, contact: Sister Olive Murphy <srddre@santarosacatholic.org>

**Life in the Spirit Seminar
St. Elizabeth Seton**

Life in the Spirit Seminar will be presented by Christ the King, People of Praise Prayer Group at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, during February and March. A Life-in-the-Spirit Seminar consists of a series of talks designed as an evangelistic tool, a formation experience, and an introduction to a life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

An introductory and sign-up session is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 7:30 – 9 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church.

The seminar will run for seven consecutive Friday evenings beginning February 5, from 7:30 – 9 p.m. For further information, contact John and Diane Lisciandro, (707) 328-1193.



Knights of Columbus Council 9090
20th Annual

CRAB FEED

Saturday, January 30th
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall
4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park

Tickets are available now

\$40.00

**Featuring Fresh Crab, Green Salad,
Pasta, Garlic Bread & Dessert**

No Host Bar for Wine, Beer and Sodas

Please Contact Ted Peuten (707) 586-1628 for tickets

**Because of the popularity of this annual event,
Tickets Will Not be Sold at the Door!**

No ice chests, large bags or containers will be permitted into the crab feed.



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Disciples. Missionaries. Leaders.

January 2010

My Dear People,

The Church in Latin America is vibrant, diverse in culture, and grounded in deep faith. The lived faith of Catholics in Latin America summons all believers to action – to be Disciples of Christ, sent by his Spirit as missionaries and leaders in their parish communities.

The proceeds of the annual **Collection for the Church in Latin America**, which is scheduled to take place in our Diocese on the weekend of **January 23 and 24, 2010**, are distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. These essential funds assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral agents, catechists, and youth ministers.

In 2007, as a result of your generosity, the Church in the United States was able to fund a record number of 562 projects – including 75 parish-based projects and 105 formation projects for priests, religious and laity – in more than 224 dioceses in 23 countries. The Collection also supports the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development in its work on behalf of the Church in Latin America. This year, I ask you to contribute generously again to this worthy Collection. Additional information can be found at www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

Together, let us ask the Lord and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, to continue to bless us in all that we do.

Assuring you of my prayers, I am

Your Brother and Servant in the Lord,

Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh
Bishop of Santa Rosa

Mass Intentions
January 19 - January 24, 2010

Tuesday	January 19, 2010	8:30 am	Harold Sillery, dec.
Wednesday	January 20, 2010	8:30 am	John Brosnihan, dec.
Thursday	January 21, 2010	8:30 am	Clara Kratovil, dec.
Friday	January 22, 2010	8:30 am	Manuel & Cecilia Morales, int.
Saturday	January 23, 2010	5:00 pm	Raymond DeSa, dec.
Sunday	January 24, 2010	8:30 am	Jackie Neveux, int.
Sunday	January 24, 2010	10:30 am	Jeffrey Reeves, dec..

One Hour of Prayer for Christian Unity

One Hour of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at St. James Catholic Church, 125 Sonoma Mountain Parkway (third left turn off McDowell Blvd.) Petaluma, California. The ecumenical service begins promptly at 2:30pm, Sunday, January 24, 2010. Reception in the Hall next to the church at 3:30pm

Musicians Schedule
Weekend Jan 23/24
and Jan 30/31 2101

Saturday, Jan. 23
 5pm
 Living Spirit

Sunday, Jan. 24
 8:30am
 Linda/ Char
 10:30am
 SES Etudes Choir

Saturday, Jan 30
 5Pm
 Living Spirit

Sunday, Jan 31
 8:30am
 Living Spirit
 10:30am
 Living Spirit



Anniversaries for the Month of
January

Joe and Theresa Wright	67 years
Jim and Evelyn Estrella	48 years
Mike and Karen Lobao	37 years
Mike and Susan Harrow	31 years
Marie and Ibrahim Diab	45 years

Second Offering

There will be a second offering January 23 and 24 for the Church in Latin America.

**CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS
OF THE LORD'S BLESSINGS**

Plate Offering:

January 9 & 10, 2010 \$2,958.00

THANK YOU!

Please Remember St. Elizabeth Seton in your Will
and Living Trust.

**HOMEBOUND EUGHARISTIC
MINISTERS** are available to

bring Holy Communion to those who are ill, homebound, and are unable to get to Mass. If you, or someone you know, are in need of the service of a Homebound Eucharistic Minister, please call the Parish Office at 585-3708.

The church office will be **closed** January 18, 2010, in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

**Ursuline High School
Santa Rosa
Apply Now!!**

Ursuline High School—Apply Now for the 2010-2011
School Year

Start the New Year with a visit to Ursuline High School! See why this all girls Catholic school continues to thrive in its mission to develop empowered, confident, and well rounded women. Ursuline offers small class sizes, single gender math and science instruction, personalized college planning and generous tuition assistance. Also, Ursuline will NOT be cutting its Athletics and Arts programs! To visit Ursuline's campus, to apply online, or for more information, call 524-1133 or go to www.ursulinehs.org

Join the Social Committee

The Social Committee will host our first meeting to plan events for this year. If you'd like to join this committee, which plans and coordinates events like: Ice Cream Social, Parish Picnic, International Festival or the Progressive Dinner, please come to our meeting, **Tuesday, January 26 at 7:30pm**. For more information please call Nora John, 584-1944.

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WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 23 in San Francisco

Walk and peacefully proclaim that "life is the best choice!" Bus departures from Napa: (Donation \$20, please) St. Apollinaris: contact Julie @ 254-8174; St. Thomas: contact Dolores @ 226-1562; or St. John's: contact Howard @ 257-6041.

A 2.5 mile walk from Justin Herman Plaza to Marina Green.