

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 14, 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

February 14, 2010 Scriptural Reflection

The best commentary on Jesus' sermon is Jesus' own life. Jesus did not live his life *as if* he was blessed by God; he lives out his life in the constant awareness that God did indeed bless him. In the course of that life he experienced poverty, not only the poverty of deprivation, but the poverty of standing alone against the crowds, the poverty of total reliance on his Father. He experienced hunger, not just the hunger that can be answered by bread, but the hunger that can only be satisfied by doing what is right. He had reason to weep and mourn not only at the loss of a dear friend but at the lost opportunities of his own people. He was no stranger to being held up as a clown for the amusement of all; he knew the experience of rejection, betrayal, and abandonment.



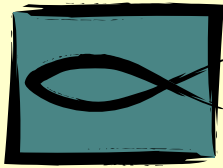
All this was experienced by Jesus in the course of his mission; it wasn't adopted as some precious theological posture. It was the *outcome* of a life dedicated to God.

The beatitudes are not prescriptions for becoming poor or hungry or mournful or afflicted. They are addressed to those who are already involved in committing themselves to the kingdom, and they give instances of what happens when the kingdom arrives in this broken world. They speak of a variety of experiences that people go through as a *result* of getting involved in God's way of doing things. So, there is the promise that God can handle the poverty, the hunger, the tears, the rejection.

The promise is that God handles all these things, lifting his people *out of them*. That is the Good News. God is not committed to keeping his people at the level of being hurt and wounded - if that were true, the beatitude would read, "Blessed are you who weep, for you shall weep even more." The vision of the God of the beatitudes is the vision of a generous God, one who reverses the tragedy. "Blessed are you who weep" is the tragedy, "for you shall laugh" is the comedy. And it is the comedy, not the tragedy, which is the promise.

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 two months: **FEB. 25 and MARCH 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 a 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.



St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Lenten Fish Fry

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 9090 and
St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Guild

Beginning February 19th and every Friday during Lent
From 6:00 to 7:30PM
Preceding Stations of the Cross

Fried Fish and Chips or Baked Fish, Cole Slaw, Rolls and
Dessert
only \$8.00/\$5.00 for kids!
Pay at the door.

The Celebration of the Rite of Election/Enrollment

will be on Saturday, February 21, 2010, at St. Eugene Cathedral. Catechumens, Candidates, sponsors and team members will gather at the Becker Center at **2:00 p.m.**
The Rite of Election begins at the Cathedral at 2:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA) ONE FAMILY IN MISSION

Around January 16-24, 2010, parishioners will be receiving the **Annual Ministry Appeal Brochure** in the mail. There is a pledge card attached if you would like to send your pledge in at that time.

The AMA provides funding to programs vital to our diocesan mission, such as:

- . . .to teach through instruction in the faith
 - Youth & Young Adult Ministry
 - Catholic Schools
 - Adult Faith Formation
 - Evangelization & Catechesis
- . . .priestly ministries
 - Vocations to Priesthood
 - Continuing Education for Priests



Charismatic Healing Mass

Fr. Michael Sears, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Los Nietos, CA, will celebrate a Charismatic Healing Mass at St. Eugene's Cathedral, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, Tuesday, March 9, at **7:30 p.m.** Praise and worship will precede the Mass at **7 p.m.** Well-known speaker at Marian and Catholic Charismatic Conferences, Fr. Sears authored *The Charisma of Tongues: A Gift of Prayer and Edification* and founded the Confraternity of Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in 1996. For further information, contact John and Diane Lisciandro, (707) 328-1193.

Re: Church in Central and Eastern Europe

My Dear People,

In a small village called Kapshagai in Kazakhstan, the Catholic Church supports a series of shelter-homes for children whose families face challenges too difficult to manage. The Church provided these children with shelter, food, clothing, vocational training, companionship, and love on behalf of their family members in the hope that they can resume care. What started as one building, housing 20 children in 2001 have become 10 buildings today, where children and young people, including university students, receive housing and counseling.

The Collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** supports essential pastoral needs of the region, such as seminary formation and parish maintenance. The Collection also helps with social and charitable works that the local Church does not have the capacity to support, such as the shelter-homes for the children of Kapshagai.

Because of the fall of communism and the entrance of many central and eastern European countries into the European Union, many think that the needs of the region have been met. However, many parishes struggle in places where Catholics are in the minority, lack proper places to worship and the ability to provide pastoral care, and most importantly, cannot support themselves. On behalf of the struggling parishes of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, we ask for your support of the upcoming Collection which is scheduled on **February 17, 2010, Ash Wednesday**. Through your help we can give faith to the future by helping the Church to grow in faith and by nurturing the Church's children.

Please be a generous as you can. Stand in solidarity with your brothers and sisters across the globe in Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Asia that were once under Soviet control – where great needs remain.

Thanking you for your help, and assuring you of my prayers, I am

Your Brother and Servant in the Lord,

Daniel Walsh

Bishop of Santa Rosa

Jacob & Matthew Band Live in Concert

Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Athletic & Convocation Center at Cardinal Newman High School

The Department of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Santa Rosa is sponsoring a Lenten Praise and Worship Concert with the talented Jacob & Matthew Band. This Catholic rock quintet from Los Angeles inspires teenagers, young adults and families to experience the love that God showers over us everyday. Best of all, they show all people that believing in the Lord and living a faith-filled life is a great AND fun adventure! Jacob & Matthew recently opened the 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference and are regulars at the Youth Day for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Tickets are \$10 per person. For tickets and more information, contact the Department of Youth Ministry at dsryouth@sonic.net or 566-3343. Limited seating is available. Proceeds from the concert will be used to provide scholarships for young people to attend our Diocesan Youth Leadership Development Programs.

**Mass Intentions
February 16 - February 21, 2010**

Tuesday	February 16, 2010	8:30 am	Beth and Linda Aguliar. int.
Wednesday	February 17, 2010	8:30 am	Ausencio Morales, dec.
Thursday	February 18, 2010	8:30 am	Lois Murphy, dec.
Friday	February 19, 2010	8:30 am	Irma Neveux, int.
Saturday	February 20, 2010	5:00 pm	Carol Archbold, dec.
Sunday	February 21, 2010	8:30 am	Martin Murray, dec.
Sunday	February 21, 2010	10:30 am	Regina Trahey, dec.

**The Spiritual Enrichment Center presents
Basic Theology Series: Contemporary Issues**

The Fourth Lecture in the Series Justice in Our World Today
St. Eugene's Parish Life Center,
2323 Montgomery Dr., Santa
Rosa 95404

Saturday, February 20, 2010

9:00 a.m – 12 noon

\$20 donation

For details, call 546-1781 or email

office@sonic.net



**The Office will be closed
Monday, February 15, 2010 in
honor of Presidents' Day.**

There will be a second offering
February 17, 2010
– **Ash Wednesday** –
for Central and Eastern Europe.

Liturgical Musicians

ASH WEDNESDAY -

February 17, 2010

3:30pm

Maricclair/Crystal

7:30pm

SES Etudes Choir



Musicians

**Schedule for the Weekend of
February 20/21 and 27/28**

Saturday, February 20

5:00pm

Living Spirit

Sunday, February 21

8:30am

Crystal/Maricclair

10:30am

SES Etudes Choir

Saturday, Feb. 27

5:00PM

Mayclin Family

Sunday, Feb 28

8:30am

Linda/Char

10:30am

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

Plate Offering:

February 6 & 7 \$3,362.00

Haiti Relief

February 6 & 7 \$2,979.00

DRF (January) \$3,873.50

THANK YOU!

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

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-3

40 Days of Life Campaign Vigil

Will start on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., at 4415 Sonoma Highway, # D, Santa Rosa, CA. It will end on March 28, 2010. You may find more information and sign up on line beginning on February 15, 2010, at www.40daysforlife.com/santarosa. Or call Judy (707) 579-2941, or Kay (707) 584-7821 for Spanish speaking.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

February 27, 2010. Catt John will be returning to Rohnert Park for a follow-up to her very successful 2008 show, Broadway Bound. The new show "Broadway Melodies" will feature some old favorites and some brand new songs just for this show. Catt's special guest will be another of St. Elizabeth's own, Stuart Manzano. For more information or tickets, contact Dave or Nora John at (707) 584-1944. **A portion of all ticket sales will benefit the St. Elizabeth Debt Reduction Fund (DRF)**



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