

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2010

MASSES

Tuesday to Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am & 10:30 am

PARISH STAFF

Father John Griffin.....Pastor
Karen Panfiglio & Mary Thayer Parish Secretaries
Mary Grubb..... Bookkeeper
Father John Griffin..... RCIA Catechumenate
Char Mayclin Pastoral Ministry Leader
Tony Sacramento.....Diocesan Pastoral Council Rep.
Alicia Slaugh..... Religious Education
Michael Cresta Senior Youth Director
Liz Ritchie.....Junior Youth Group Director
Char MayclinParish Council President
John & Diane Lisciandro..... Charismatic Prayer

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.

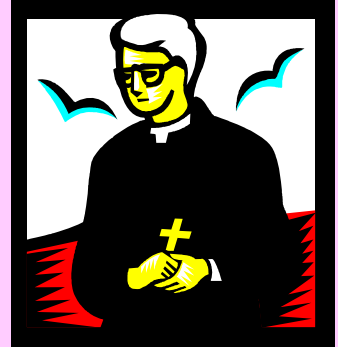
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Mission Statement

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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Pastor's note: I wish to thank you for all your prayers and messages of sympathy on the recent passing away of my sister-in-law Mary Griffin RIP. I shall make it known to my brother and his family. My gratitude also to Msgr. Dan Whelton who is always willing to help us out in time of need. There are parishioners whom I especially appreciate for their willingness to step up and take responsibility for the parish plant in my absence. In this regard it is always good to have a number of persons who can share the liability for setting up the church for liturgies and making sure that the place is secure at the end of the day. With respect to this matter, if you feel that there are times in which you can be of assistance, please make it known to the parish office.



I notice that while I was away our parish agenda had a number of events which went well. On Saturday evening, January 30th, the Knights of Columbus Annual Crab Feed was a big success and our gratitude extends to all who helped with it. The Santa Rosa Diocesan Religious Education Department held their third annual all-day program "Dia De La Luz" on Saturday, February 6th. Once again it was well received, and I believe that there were close to two hundred persons in attendance from surrounding parishes. My thanks to Sr. Olive Murphy, Director of Religious Education in the Diocese, for working so well with our own volunteers and giving the coordination and leadership that this event always needs.

Your generous response to the Haiti relief effort on the weekend of February 6th & 7th is much appreciated. Offerings are still being sent to our office and we shall have a total accounting a little later.

Once again the Junior Youth Group (JYG) of St. Elizabeth Seton Church, under the direction of Liz Ritchie and her helpers, conducted another successful "Souper" Bowl Sunday Program after the masses. They made \$800 and they chose to give it to the local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Across the nation this effort generated approximately 5.4 million dollars.

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Going forward, I note that we have Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and I bring your attention to the Annual Friday Evenings Fish Fries @ 6:00 p.m. which are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus/St. Elizabeth Seton Ladies Guild. As has been our custom, different parish ministries take care of the weekly celebrations of the Stations of the Cross.

Fr. John

P.S. Mark your calendar for **St. Patrick's Night Dinner on Saturday, March 13th**, in the parish hall. It is sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**.

Scriptural Reflection

At the heart of the Old Testament there is a great story of liberation: how God intervened to free his people from slavery. The people were immigrants in Egypt, used as cheap labor, and their number was kept low by the systematic killing of newborn male infants. In the story of the exodus, the Jews still celebrate the momentous event of freedom from oppression and the beginning of their journey to the promised land. And in this weekend's first reading we heard how the people always kept that good memory alive.

However, after they were freed from slavery, the people of Israel had to face a new problem: the wilderness. Their new freedom meant new pain, and some of them didn't think much of an escape that led them into a wilderness! Some preferred living under Pharaoh: they preferred the security that went with bondage to the pain that went with freedom. For the price of freedom was wilderness.

During their 40 years in the desert the people were tested. They were hungry and wondered if God would pay attention. They were divided in their hearts about God: they wanted to trust him, but their stomachs made them doubt. The promised land seemed far away and their hunger was here and now. They were told there was a purpose in their hunger: "to teach you that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Deut.6:4) The commandment asked them to be wholehearted in their commitment to God.

It is against that background of Israel's testing in the desert that the story in this weekend's gospel is told. Jesus is the new Israel; he has spent 40 days in the wilderness; he is hungry and is tested. And he is tested to see if he will keep the ancient law of his people: to serve God with his whole heart, with his whole soul, and with his whole might.

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA) ONE FAMILY IN MISSION

Some parishioners have already received the *Annual Ministry Appeal Brochure* in the mail. Many of them have already responded to the AMA 2010.

St. Elizabeth Seton AMA in-pew appeal weekend will be held at the Masses on the weekend of March 6 and 7, 2010.

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



2010 LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA

“The Lenten Season has a double character; namely, to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinizes, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises. From The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist. The current discipline is as follows:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence; that is, limited to a single, full meal and abstinence from meat. The **other Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence from meat. The law of fasting permits only one full meal a day, but it does allow the taking of some food in the morning and a second light meal at noon or in the evening, as you prefer. Persons who have completed their eighteenth (18) year to the beginning of their sixtieth (60) year are obligated to fast.

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Senior Parishioners 55+ Potluck Luncheon

The Senior Parishioners 55+ will be having their Potluck Luncheon this **Wednesday, February 24, 2010, in the large meeting room of the church beginning at 12:30 p.m. ALL PARISHIONERS 55+ ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.** You are asked to bring a dish to serve six and your own place setting. Please do come and join us for an afternoon of fellowship. For more information or **IF YOU NEED A RIDE**, please call Cynthia Riedel @ 795-8697.



Men's Basketball

Monday Adult Basketball takes place every Monday evening at 8:00 pm in the hall. Come work off some calories and have some fun. All skill levels welcome. For more information, call Dave John @ 584-1944.

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 dsyouth@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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Elizabeth Seton

During your travels, please collect the complimentary items from hotels. We include vanity packs with our food bags. These bags consist of soap, shampoos, lotions and toothpaste, as well as coffee. A box will be placed in the gathering area of the church. ***Once again thank you for all that you do to help us.***



Reception of the Eucharist

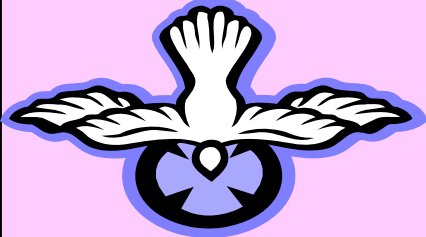
Per Bishop Walsh: With the flu (H1N1) now contained, the parishes can go back to their normal practice concerning the reception of the Eucharist under both the Sacred Body and Precious Blood. Also, the greeting of peace during the Mass and the use of Holy Water at the entrances of the Church can be reinstated.



This practice will be reinstated at St. Elizabeth Seton on the weekend of March 6 and 7, 2010.

Men's Retirement Retreat

Are you a man who is retired, or getting ready to retire? Join us for the **Men's Retirement Retreat** on Saturday, **April 17th from 10AM-3PM**. Bob Dalzell, MFCC, from the Loyola Counseling Institute will lead this retreat, based on *The Christian Retirement Challenge Program*. \$40 registration fee includes lunch- please call early to register!



**We are pleased to welcome
the following candidates to
this year's Confirmation class
at St. Elizabeth Seton.**

Kristina Chan
Nancy Cintora
Dominic Cornejo
Brian Estrella
Rachel Morales
Zachary Moss
Ashley Policarpo
Emily Slaugh
Stephanie Susano
Katelyn Tamborini
Kelsey Tuttle
Christina Villarreal
Veronica Villarreal

Charismatic Healing Mass

Tuesday, March 9

St. Eugene's Cathedral

2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa

Praise and Worship, 7 p.m.

Charismatic Healing Mass, 7:30 p.m.

CELEBRANT: FR. MICHAEL SEARS



Charismatic Prayer Meeting

1st and 3rd Fridays of every month

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park

7p.m., Rosary

Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Fish Fry

Friday Evenings 6 PM-7:30 PM

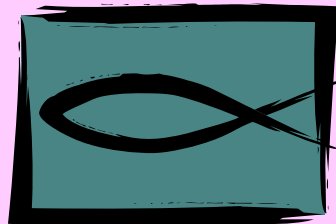
**St. Elizabeth Seton
Parish Hall**

**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 7:30 PM
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.**



2010 LENTEN REGULATIONS (Continued):

The law of abstinence from meat applies to all persons who have completed their 14th year of age. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages 7 to 14 years also follow the law of abstinence.

All Catholics are encouraged to receive Holy Eucharist frequently during Lent and to receive the Sacrament of Penance so that all may be prepared to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery. Those who have received their first Holy Communion are to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.

The determination of these days of obligatory penance, as listed above, should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. This penance is to help us see and shorten the distance between our present lives and the life God wants for each of us. "Penance should not be only internal and individual but external and social." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #110)

Marriages may be celebrated with Mass and the nuptial blessing should always be given. It is, however, contrary to the spirit of penance during Lent to plan an elaborate wedding with lavish decorations.

Confirmation at the Easter Vigil: All priests are reminded that Church law itself grants to pastors and parochial vicars the faculty to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the ceremony in which an adult or child over the age of seven received the Sacrament of Baptism or when receiving a baptized non-Catholic into full communion with the Church (canon 883, 2., see also canon 97.2). This faculty is also extended to the Confirmation of Catholics in various circumstances; cf. Faculties for Priests Ministering in the Diocese of Santa Rosa, the Sacrament of Confirmation, page 3. Please note that paragraph 27 of the National Statutes for the Catechumenate states that "The celebration of the sacrament of penance with candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist is to be carried out at a time prior to and distinct from the celebration of Confirmation and the Eucharist."

Mass Intentions
February 23 - February 28, 2010

Tuesday	February 23, 2010	8:30 am	Ruth Riordan, dec.
Wednesday	February 24, 2010	8:30 am	Rosa Morales, dec.
Thursday	February 25, 2010	8:30 am	Bernie Parisotto, dec.
Friday	February 26, 2010	8:30 am	Francisca de La Rosa, int. Shannon Morales, int.
Saturday,	February 27, 2010	5:00 pm	Jose & Maria Oliveira, dec.
Sunday	February 28, 2010	8:30 am	Carol Archbold, dec.
Sunday	February 28, 2010	10:30 am	Thomas McGovern, dec

Broadway Melodies

Limited Seating Available – Tickets for Broadway Melodies with Catt John are selling quickly, so please get yours right away. The show will be February 27, 2010, at 8:00 pm in the hall. The show features Catt and another of St. Elizabeth's own, Stuart Manzano. A portion of all ticket sales benefit the St. Elizabeth Debt Reduction Fund. For more information, contact Dave or Nora John @ 584-1944.



Liturgical Musicians



**Musicians
Schedule for
the weekend
of February 27/28**

Saturday, Feb. 27
 5:00PM
 Mayclin Family

Sunday, Feb 28
 8:30am
 Linda/Char
 10:30am
 SES Etudes Choir

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

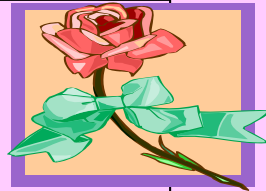
Plate Offering:

February 13 & 14 \$3,007.00

THANK YOU!

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

*Anniversaries in
February*



Chuck and Mary Thayer 43 years
Joe and Karen Panfiglio 32 years

SECOND SUNDAY in LENT

Gn. 15:5-12,17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

Spiritual Enrichment Center

Lent has begun, and the Spiritual Enrichment Center begins its Lenten Series every Monday night, beginning February 22, 2010, from 7PM-8PM. The first in the series of presentations is "***The Centrality of Christ for Lent,***" by Sister Antonia Killian. Call for more information: 546-1781.

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