

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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THIRD SUNDAY IN
LENT
MARCH 7, 2010

MASSES

Tuesday to Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am & 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Second and Fourth Saturdays of the month
at 4:00pm in the Church or by appointment.

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

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.

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Pastor's note:

On this the Third Sunday of Lent we shall have the Rite of Enrollment at the 10:30 a.m. Mass for participants in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program at St. Elizabeth Seton. I wish to thank Liz Black and Marcus Gracia for their coordination and commitment to the process over the past number of years. After the prayer of enrollment, the members who are present will be dismissed after the homily to continue to reflect on the scripture readings of the day. This process will continue to take place at different Masses through the fourth and fifth weekends of Lent. We shall choose the Scriptural Readings from Cycle "A" of the lectionary, which deal successively with the issues of Thirst (The Samaritan Woman), Blindness (The Blind Man) and New Life (Lazarus.)



You will notice in the Gathering Space of our Church, that we have identified the candidates who are to receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1st, 2010, @ 11:00 a.m. This has been a longstanding tradition here, and we encourage you to choose a candidate for whom you are invited to pray. We shall have further information in a later issue of the parish bulletin.

Palm Sunday is slightly less than a month away (Sunday, March 28th, 2010), and we are beginning to prepare for our Easter mailing. I note that the Joint Penance Service which combines parishioners from St. Joseph, Cotati and St. Elizabeth Seton will take place here on Wednesday evening, **March 31, 2010**. It has also become an established custom that a number of priests (six or seven) come together to help with penance services at St. James, Petaluma; St. Vincent de Paul, Petaluma, and here on the first three evenings of Holy Week.

Fr. John

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Also, Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 14. Time moves ahead one hour.

Spiritual Reflection
March 7, 2010

A man and a woman meet at a well beyond the edge of town. They are strangers - not only because they have never met before but because they should never be meeting at all. He is a Jew who is travelling through foreign territory; she is a Samaritan who is on home ground. Their peoples have been estranged from each other for centuries, and that ancient hostility has been kept alive by each generation. According to their own traditions they should remain strangers to each other. But will *this* man and *this* woman allow that estrangement to dictate their attitudes to each other? Will they rise above the mutual hostility of their own traditions and face each other honestly?

Of course this is not just any man; for that matter the Samaritan is not just any woman. In writing the story, John is anxious to tell his readers who Jesus is: that he is the Messiah and the savior of all peoples. But first he shows us Jesus as the weary and thirsty traveler who wants to make inroads into peoples' lives. No matter who they are. It is Jesus who makes the first move expressing his need for drink from her. Thirst knows no boundaries.

The woman is taken aback that a Jew, no matter how thirsty, would bother to ask a Samaritan for a drink. Jesus expects her to be a *good* Samaritan and his expectations confuse her. He then intrigues her by suggesting that if she knew his real identity she would ask him for living water. The fact that he has no bucket worries her, but the water Jesus has to give turns into a spring inside people. Thinking that Jesus has a cure for thirst, the woman calls him "sir" and now imagines she can avoid trekking to wells in the middle of nowhere.

She does not keep her experience a secret. She turns her experience of Jesus into a message for others. Jesus has freed her to carry his message to others. Because of her the whole town comes to meet Jesus. Many believe in Jesus because of her story; many more come to believe in him when they meet him for themselves.

She is a summary of how people come to understand Jesus: first as a Jew; then as a prophet; then as the Messiah; then as the Savior of the world. She is one of the first witnesses of John's Gospel who leads others to Jesus. Her past does not hinder her from being a messenger of Good News. She has a story to tell.



*ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
ST. ELIZABETH PARISH HALL*

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall
4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park

\$15.00 per adult; 12 yrs. and under, \$7.50—tickets available at the parish
office,

or call 586-1628

Brought to you by Council 9090
Knights of Columbus

Corn Beef and Cabbage and all the trimmings

First Communion
Prayer Partners Needed!

The First Holy Communion Class of 2010 is featured on
the bulletin boards in the Gathering Area.

Please take a few minutes to see who will be receiving

First Communion on May 1. Take a child's name and
address, and become a Prayer Partner, sending that child

a note or card, a sticker, prayer card or whatever you'd like! Being a Prayer

Partner to a child lets them know that someone is praying for them as they

prepare to join us at the Table of the Lord and makes them feel special. You

will be surprised at how good it makes you feel, too!



TAIZE' PRAYER

Taize' has moved back to **THURSDAY EVENING at 7:00 PM**. The next Taize' Service will be **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.**

**ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)
ONE FAMILY IN MISSION**

This weekend, March 6th & 7th, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish will conduct the in-pew portion of our Diocesan Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA).

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



Our goal here at St. Elizabeth Seton is \$18,983.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION SEMINAR

Catholic Charities present a Foreclosure Prevention Seminar, Saturday, March 20, 2010, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., check in is at 10:30 a.m.

LEARN your options from professionals in the fields of lending, real estate and foreclosure prevention.

To attend the FREE seminar, complete and return a Preregistration Intake Form and current mortgage statement by March 18. To obtain the Intake Form, go to www.srcharities.org or call 575-0215, ext. 268. The address of the seminar will be given to qualifying participants.

WOMEN'S GUILD MONTHLY MEETING

7:00 PM

LARGE MEETING ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

All ladies of the Parish are welcome. Refreshments are provided.

For more information, call Char @ 793-1165.

Liturgical Musicians
Schedule for the
weekend of March
13 -21, 2010



Saturday, March 13

5:00pm

M. Family

Sunday, March 14

8:30AM

Crystal/Maricclair

10:30 AM

SES Choir

Saturday, March 20

5pm

Living Spirit

Sunday, March 21

8:30am

Crystal/Maricclair

10:30am

Living Spirit

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.

URSULINE'S THIRD ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY AND PLANT SALE

The Ursuline Alumnae Association invites all to attend the **THIRD ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY AND PLANT SALE** at the Union Hotel in Occidental **SATURDAY, MARCH 27** from 10am to 1:30pm. **ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE URSULINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** helping to make an Ursuline education a reality for all who dream of attending. **CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION & LUNCH.** Admission \$25 adv/\$30 Door. Over \$4,000 in great raffle prizes: vacation getaways, gift certificates, jewelry, & more. Need not be present to win. Complete info or to purchase tickets online visit the Ursuline website at www.ursulinehs.org or call 524-4640 x 112 for further information.

Santa Rosa Diocesan Pastoral Council
8th Annual Plenary Session

“Energizing the Laity”

Who: Santa Rosa Diocese
DPC Representatives, All Laity, Religious, and Clergy

What: *“Energizing the Laity”*

When: Saturday, March 20, 2010
8:00 a.m. ~ 3:15 p. m.

Where: St. Mary of the Angels
Catholic Church
900 South Oak Street
Ukiah, 95482

Complimentary Registration
Continental Breakfast and Buffet Luncheon

Bishop Daniel Walsh: *Prayer Service & “Message to DPC”*

Deacon John Norris: *“ENERGIZING THE LAITY”*

DPC Representative Brian Connolly:

“COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE”

All Present: *“VIEWS & DISCUSSION”*

WELCOME - LAITY, RELIGIOUS, CLERGY



See Complete Program on santarosadpc.com

Register Today! Yvette Fallandy, ymf@sonic.net or phone (707) 546-9666
Or contact Tony Sacramento (707)235-6105, E-mail: tonysacr@gmail.com

Re: Catholic Relief Services

My Dear People,

In January 2010, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake devastated Port-au-Prince, Haiti, taking an estimated 150,000 lives, injuring 194,000 and affecting 2,000,000. The organizations funded through the **Catholic Relief Services Collection** have been reaching out to the victims to give hope to *Jesus in disguise*. On **March 13th and 14th, 2010**, our Diocese will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. This important Collection not only provides for our marginalized, impoverished, and vulnerable brothers and sisters all over the world - it does so much more.

At St. Francois de Sales Hospital in Port-au-Prince, wards collapsed upon each other, trapping many inside. The head of **Catholic Relief Services'** emergency health response arrived to help organize a team of Belgian doctors, volunteer nurses, and firefighters to get the hospital up and running for the patients who so desperately needed medical attention. **At St. Francois de Sales, hope is given to Jesus in disguise.**

The chaotic and devastating aftermath of Haiti's earthquake left thousands of children separated from their families. A significant number of these children may have been orphaned. They are left vulnerable to human traffickers. **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services** is assisting with proper screening and tracing to facilitate family reunification where possible and is determining how best to meet the needs of children who are alone. **Through care for the children of Haiti, hope is given to Jesus in disguise.**

The work to aid the victims of the earthquake is only a part of how **Catholic Relief Services Collection's** funds are used. The Collection helps to fund six Catholic programs, including those groups mentioned above, that made differences in real lives, improving the quality of life and celebrating human dignity.

Please know that your generosity gives hope to Jesus in disguise. You can visit www.usccb.org/national collections for more information about the **Catholic Relief Service Collection**.

Thanking you for your help and 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

**Mass Intentions
March 9 – March 14, 2010**

Tuesday	March 9, 2010	8:30 am	Kay Corn, int.
Wednesday	March 10, 2010	8:30 am	Joe Mullin, dec.
Thursday	March 11, 2010	8:30 am	Msgr. Tom Keys, int.
Friday	March 12, 2010	8:30 am	Josephine Andrews, dec.
Saturday	March 13, 2010	5:00 pm	Mae Boyle, dec.
Sunday	March 14, 2010	8:30 am	Sarah R. Wilson, dec.
Sunday	March 14, 2010	10:30 am	Robert Gingras, int.

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 this weekend, March 6 and 7, 2010.

Natural Family Planning

Spring is here and so is Class 1 in natural family planning. Healthy, economical, and marriage strengthening, class 1 is April 10th. Register online at www.ccli.org or 538-3635 for more information.

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



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

Summary of Offerings for the

**Month of
February 2010**

Plate Offering:

January 30 & 31	\$2,433.50
February 6 & 7	\$3,362.00
February 13 & 14	\$3,007.00
February 20 & 21	\$2,792.00
February 27 & 28	\$2,995.00
Central and Eastern Europe	\$1,677.00
Haiti Relief Fund	\$3,049.00
DRF	\$2,821.00
SCRIP	\$ 179.23
Raley's Quality of Life	\$ 360.83

THANK YOU!

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

FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Luke 15:11-32

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R & S Lawn Care
Stan Ottolini and Roman Enriquez
(Two College Students for Hire)

Cell: (707) 548-6312
Home: (707) 206-0855
Lawn Care, Hauling Green Waste, Weeding,
Yard Clean up,
Odd Jobs
(Reasonable Rates)

San Damiano
March 12-14, 2010
My Truth Will Set You Free

March 12 - 14, 2010, Lenten Weekend: My
Truth Will Set You Free. Paula Jenkins & Fr.
Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM \$210/180. (925)
837-9141. Website: www.sandamiano.org