

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

August 2, 2009

and

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

August 9, 2009

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Spiritual Reflection for Sunday August 2, 2009

In today's first reading, the whole community of Israel complained to Moses and expressed their longing for good food. They have their new freedom, but the menu that goes with it offers very small portions. The slavery of Egypt is behind them, but they now remember the country of bondage as the place where "we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat to our heart's desire." And they expressed their complaint to Moses, "As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!"

The Israelites are tempted to make a U-turn to Egypt, to follow the compass of their stomachs rather than focus on the way to freedom through wilderness. Slavery with good food looks more attractive to them than freedom on a starvation diet. God hears the complaints of Israelites and promises that they shall eat meat and have bread to their heart's content. In the morning there is "a thing delicate, powdery" on the surface of the desert. When the people ask Moses what it is, he tells them it is "the bread the Lord gives you to eat."

In today's Gospel reading, another crowd follows the instructions of their stomach and expresses their longing for food.

Jesus tells his hungry pursuers that they are only following him because they have enjoyed the food that physically satisfies them; they should work, he says, for the food that endures to eternal life. The one work which earns this food is believing in the one God has sent.

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday August 9, 2009

In today's second reading, Paul tells us how not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

Paul was the one who had grieved the Holy Spirit. He was the man who persecuted Christ by hunting down the disciples with military precision and determination, chasing them into foreign cities, arranging their trials and attending their executions. Paul was committed to the violent oppression of the infant Christian community until he was confronted with a large paradox – the forgiveness of the one he was persecuting. The persecuted Christ forgave him readily. That experience overwhelmed Paul; it turned his life around; it gave him a sense of his own worth stronger than the sense of his own sin; it committed him to sharing the forgiveness he had received from Christ.

Paul has a deeply held belief that if we keep God's forgiveness in Christ before us, that saving image will always help to shape our forgiveness. If the forgiving Christ stands before us, it becomes more difficult to refuse forgiveness to those who have hurt us.

Our faith tells us that God has made an eternal habit of forgiveness; he is a professional forgiver, not least because he has so much practice. The only way we can become accomplished forgivers is to forgive readily. Practice makes perfect. When we forgive readily, we don't hoard hurt and grudges, we don't assemble a junk-room of spitefulness. Not only does that keep our lives uncluttered, it is also a sure way of cheering up the Holy Spirit of God.



Spirit of Love
Catholic Charismatic Group
Invites you to



"LIFE IN THE SPIRIT" SEMINAR



Sat. Sept. 12th & Sun. 13th
St. James Church, PSR Room
125 Sonoma Mountain Parkway
Petaluma, Ca 94954
Saturday registration begins at 8 :30 A. M.

COST IS FREE!

CALL NOW! HURRY! SEATING IS LIMITED
GOD IS WAITING!

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES
BRO. JUNIE IRIZARI, BRO. CHITO JONGCO AND
FR. RALPH PEREZ

With: Amor Dei Catholic Charismatic Community

What is a Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar?

It is a process of prayer and spiritual renewal designed to help anyone develop a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The seminar is basically a series of teachings, sharing and experiences on the essentials of Christian life. The Seminar will "stir into flame the gift of God" in every Christian and help release the many gifts of the Holy Spirit within us. If you are ready for more love, power and meaning in your life.

COME JOIN US!

For more information and to reserve your space call

Pinky Olivarez (707)762-3356

Riza Arcamo (707)763-2125

Virgie Bernil (707) 769--9048

August 2009 — Prayers for Priests Calendar

A project of the Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Join daily by saying at least one prayer for the Priest of the day.

Loving Father, bless our Priests and let the Radiance of your love embrace Father _____.

Prayer for Vocations: O Lord, our God, with love and care you provided companions to the apostles to assist them in teaching and proclaiming that you are with us. Grant to us, your servants here in the Diocese of Santa Rosa, priests to do your work, for our need is great.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pope Benedict XVI
2 Most Rev. Bishop Daniel F. Walsh	3 Rev. Larry Carolan, Retired	4 Rev. Theo O'Sullivan, St. Aloysius, Point Arena	5 Msgr. William Hynes, St. Sebastian, Sebastopol	6 Rev. R. McSweeney, Carmelite Monastery, Oakville	7 Rev. Michael Kelly, St. Francis Solano, Sonoma	8 Rev. Thomas Koogh, Retired
9 Msgr. Thomas Keys, Star of the Valley, Santa Rosa	10 Rev. David Costello, Carmelite Monastery, Oakville	11 Rev. Mark Kristy, Carmelite Monastery, Oakville	12 Rev. James Lantsberger, Napa State Hospital	13 Rev. Ray Rioux, St. Mary's, Arcata	14 Rev. Gary Sumpter, St. Joseph's, Fortuna	15 Rev. P. Stephenson, Holy Family, American Canyon
16 Rev. Paul Ledermann, Veteran's Home, Yountville	17 Rev. Raul Lemuz, St. Mary of the Angels, Ukiah	18 Rev. Patrick Leslie, Sonoma Developmental Center	19 Rev. Gary Logan, St. Philip the Apostle, Occidental	20 Rev. Andrew Matcalf, St. Rose, Santa Rosa	21 Rev. Abel Mena, Rome	22 Rev. Eric Freed, HSU Newman Center, Arcata
23 Rev. Walter Rogina, St. John the Baptist, Healdsburg	24 Rev. Denis O'Sullivan, St. Rose, Santa Rosa	25 Rev. Luis Penalosa, OLQP, Clearlake	26 Rev. Dominic Malai, St. Apollinaris, Napa	27 Rev. John Martin, Retired	28 Rev. Bruce Lamb, Franciscans, Reno	29 Rev. J. McSweeney, St. Joseph's, Middletown
30 Rev. Justin McIntyre, Retired	31 Rev. Peter Talcott, Retired					

Youth Ministry Essentials: Adult Leadership Training Seminars

Registration is now open for Youth Ministry Essentials, our diocesan Adult Leadership Training Program. Thanks to a grant from the Catholic Extension Society cost is \$40 for all 9 courses or \$5 per course. The group rate of 2 or more persons from 1 parish is \$30 per person. A minimum of 10 participants per site are required. Young Adults and Adults age 18 and over who work with youth in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate.

A flexibility of course locations is available and participants may attend at any site. For example, if a participant registers for the Petaluma site but misses any seminars, they can attend the missed seminars at any other site at no additional cost. Youth Ministry Essentials will be facilitated by experienced parish youth ministry leaders of the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

Seminar Times

Weekday Evening Workshops: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Saturday/Sunday Workshops: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. OR 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. (refer to site)

Schedule of Seminars

- **Petaluma:** 9 Thursday evenings (August 6, 13, 20, 27 & September 3, 10, 17) at St. James Parish
- **Santa Rosa:** 6 Monday evenings at Diocese of Santa Rosa Chancery (August 17, 24, 31 & September 28 & October 5, 12) and 1 Saturday at St. Eugene's Cathedral (September 19 from 1-9 p.m.)
- **Mendocino-Lake Deanery:** 2 Saturdays (August 22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Mary Immaculate in Lakeport & September 12 from 1-9 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Clearlake) and 1 Sunday (October 11 from 1-9 p.m. at St. Mary of the Angels in Ukiah)
- **Napa:** 6 Wednesday evenings at St. Apollinaris (August 5, 12, 19, 26 & September 2, 16) and 1 Sunday at St. John the Baptist (September 13 from 1-9 p.m.)

Send an e-mail to DSRyouth@sonic.net OR
Call the Department of Youth Ministry at 566-3343

International Festival
St. Elizabeth Seton

Come join us and celebrate an afternoon of food and fellowship in the diversity of people, who make up the parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church. Groups who will be represented are: Polish Group/Vietnamese Group/Korean Group/Filipino-American Society/Spanish Prayer Group/SES Ladies Guild/SES Seniors/Knights of Columbus.

All Nations Are Welcome!

Date: Sunday, August 30th

Time: 11:30 – 2:30
(Luncheon served from Noon – 1:30)



Cost: \$10.00 Adults

5.00 Children (4–12 yrs.)

Free-Children 3 years & under

Ticket covers admission and a serving from the showcase of foods to be offered.

(Beverages will be available at an additional cost)

This is a fund-raiser for the DRF
(Debt Reduction Fund)

Day of Catechetical Preparation

For K-8 Catechists

September 12, 2009— 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

St John's Parish School Hall

217 Fitch St. Healdsburg, CA 95448

Cost \$20 per person Bring a Bag lunch

A Hands On Workshop

Come! prepare to be engaged. You will receive hands-on activities to help you pass on the faith. Come dressed casually as you will be experiencing what the children will experience in your class. You will receive a ready to go handout for each lesson idea to help you try something new in your ministry.

Presenter: Marie Slaton is currently DRE at St Monica's Parish, Santa Monica, CA. She is a National Activity Consultant. She serves as a Master Catechist for LA Archdiocese. She has experience as presenter for LA Bible Institute.

Please return the registration form before September 8 to Department of Religious Education, P.O. Box 11574, Santa Rosa, CA 95406, or e-mail to SRDDRE@sonic.net

Registration: Day of Catechetical Preparation September 12, 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

City /Zip _____

August, 2009

My Dear People,

In April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI made a historic journey to the United States. During this time, he made a call to action for the Church in the United States:

“In the finest traditions of the Church in this country, may you also be the first friend of the poor, the homeless, the stranger, the sick and all who suffer. Act as beacons of hope, casting the light of Christ upon the world.” – Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, New York, April 19, 2008.

Every year, when the **Peter’s Pence Collection** is taken up around the world to support the works of the Holy Father, Catholics in the United States are extraordinarily generous. The collection will be taken on the weekend of **August 1, 2009, and August 2, 2009**. The proceeds of this Collection are used to provide emergency funds to those who suffer from oppression, disease, war, or natural disaster. For more information, you may visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Let us be beacons of hope to those of our brothers and sisters who are most in need. Let us answer the call to cast the light of Christ upon the world. I ask you to be generous in the upcoming **Peter’s Pence Collection** in your parish. Together, let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father, us, and all those in need throughout the world.

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
August 3-16, 2009

Tuesday	August 4	8:30 a.m.	Rosa Buttner, dec.
Wednesday	August 5	8:30 a.m.	Gloria Janosa, int.
Thursday	August 6	8:30 a.m.	Marc Morales, dec.
Friday	August 7	8:30 a.m.	Socorro Morales, dec.
Saturday	August 8	5:00 p.m.	Manuel and Melencita Bacani, dec.
Sunday	August 9	8:30 a.m.	William Mobert, dec.
Sunday	August 9	10:30 a.m.	Louise Fox, dec.
Tuesday	August 11	8:30 a.m.	Manuel Morales, int.
Wednesday	August 12	8:30 a.m.	Juan Franco, int.
Thursday	August 13	8:30 a.m.	Concepcion Bethany, dec.
Friday	August 14	8:30 a.m.	Enrique delaRosa, dec.
Saturday	August 15	5:00 p.m.	Suzanne Perreto, dec.
Sunday	August 16	8:30 a.m.	Mary Tresh, inc.
Sunday	August 16	10:30 a.m.	Marie Ponce, dec.

Liturgical Ministers for
Weekends of August 9 and 16

Saturday, August 8

5:00pm
Living Spirit

Sunday, August 9

8:30am
Crystal/Maricclair
10:30am
SES Etudes Choir



Saturday, August 15

5:00pm
Mayclin Family

Sunday, August 16

Marriage for Life

*This program is available to all engaged couples, and space is guaranteed. **This program satisfies the San Francisco Archdiocese, Oakland, San Jose and Santa Rosa Dioceses' requirement for marriage preparation.***

Upcoming Programs:

Location – St. Mary's Cathedral, Gough St.
& Geary Blvd., San Francisco
Both dates must be attended –
8:30am – 12:30pm

Saturdays, September 12th & 19th
Saturdays, November 7th & 14th

Cost \$210 per couple – includes materials
Lead couple: Joe and Connie D'Aura

For information, call: 415-664-8108 or e-mail:
daura@ccwear.com

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

Summary of Offerings for the Month of July 2009

Plate Offerings:

July 4 & 5	\$3,390.00
July 11 & 12	\$3,593.00
July 18 & 19	\$3,014.00
July 25 & 26	\$2,779.00

Black & Indian Missions:

July 11 & 12	\$1,493.00
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Thank you.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH IN YOUR
WILL AND LIVING TRUST**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 16, 2009

Proverbs 83:10-11

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2009

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b (122B)

Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

John 6:60-69

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)

**Saturday, August 15, 2009
Feast of the Assumption**

