

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 30, 2009
and
Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 6, 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 worshipping, loving, welcoming and serving faith community.

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Pastor's Note:

I have extended the summer schedule of bulletins into the month of September so this publication covers Sundays August 30th, and September 6th, 2009. In the next issue we shall indicate the starting dates for the various Fall programs here at the parish.

This Sunday, August 30th, we are holding our first ever **International Festival**. It is an attempt to draw together the variety of cultures which comprise St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, and we decided to offer a gathering which provides food and entertainment. Though primarily it is billed as a social event, we are also designating it as a fundraiser for our Debt Reduction Fund (D.R.F).



In today's second reading, which comes from the letter of St. James, we hear this simple advice: "My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people." The letter goes on to criticize the attitude which presumes that the well-dressed man who enters the synagogue, with gold ring glinting its own message, naturally deserves more attention and care than the poor man who enters at the same time. If preference is going to be made, it should reflect the declared preference of God: he chose those who are poor according to the world, to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom he promises.

God's preference for those who are poor according to this world is seen clearly in today's Gospel. Jesus comes face to face with a deaf man who has a speech impediment. The man is doubly afflicted: he is a Gentile, hence regarded by orthodox Jews as unclean, and is also physically handicapped. Jesus takes him aside, away from the crowd, and cures his deafness and his stutter. Mark emphasizes the response of the crowd, who publish their judgment that Jesus has done all things well. Thus the messianic prophecy of Isaiah heard in the first reading is seen to be fulfilled: the ears of the deaf are unsealed and the tongues of the dumb sign for joy.

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Out of his infinite passion, Jesus' love is available to everyone, without any presuppositions or any conditions. He is not disconcerted by the handicapped; neither is he prejudiced against those not of his own race or religion. His own uniqueness is not employed to lord it over others, but to be of service to them. In his presence no one has to conceal his handicap, no one has to remain isolated in a wordless world, no one has to be rejected because of his difference. Jesus' acceptance and love open up new possibilities; for him, nothing is settled. Prejudice, on the other hand, tries to settle everything.

Fr. John

Sunday, August 30th, 2009 **International Festival** after 10:30 pm Mass

Second Offering on Sep. 5th & 6th is for the **Catholic University of America and Communications.**

Spiritual Reflection for September 6, 2009

When Jesus asks his disciples in today's Gospel, "Who do people say that I am?" the guesses all point to someone else, Elijah or John the Baptist or one of the prophets, figures celebrated for pointing forward to the Messiah. In contrast to what others think, Peter speaks on behalf of the disciples who have shared Jesus' life intimately: he identifies Jesus as the Christ. Jesus is not numbered among those pointing to the Messiah; he *is* the Messiah.

In response to Peter's confession, Jesus swears the disciples to silence, as if he does not wish to be known publicly as the Messiah. The traditional understanding of the title portrayed a spectacular figure who would accomplish victory over Israel's oppressors by the use of military might, a conqueror who would never be touched by suffering or defeat. This understanding is a world away from Jesus' understanding of his own role. The secret of his true identity will be revealed in his passion. The cross will uncover the truth of who he really is.

September, 2009

My Dear People,

In early August, I had dinner with all of our seminarians. It was a very encouraging experience to see these men of various ages discerning the call of God in their lives. Each came from a different background with a different story to tell. Each one was anxious to answer the call of God to a vocation to the priesthood. I am very grateful to the priests who have encouraged these men to consider a call to the priesthood.

As we in the Diocese of Santa Rosa experience the shortage of priests, these seminarians are the hope for the future. It is true we need more such men. We must pray for vocations and encourage vocations in our parishes by prayer and by creating in our parishes an atmosphere where young men can see the joy and beauty of the priesthood.

But we also must support those who have determined to pursue this vocation by entering into formation in the seminaries that I send them to. I rely on you for the financial support that is required to allow these future priests to continue their studies. These seminarians are the future for our Church in our parishes and missions.

On the weekend of **September 19th and 20th** each parish will have a second collection for the support of our seminarians. In this *Year of the Priest*, I ask all of you to be as generous as possible since without your help the continued support and formation of these men will be jeopardized. You can be assured that these seminarians pray for you and for our Diocese.

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

St. Vincent de Paul High School
Immediate Openings in Grades 9-11
For the 2009-2010 school year

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 4, 2009

1pm Presentation

Ninth Grade Placement Test (2010-2011 School Year)

Saturday, December 5, 2009

9:00am

The Open House is an opportunity for parents and all students in 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades to visit St. Vincent de Paul High School. You will have an opportunity to meet with administration, faculty, students and staff representatives who will present an overview of the school followed by informal classroom visits. We continue to offer full academic courses, 26 sport teams, a national ranked Debate Team, a safe environment where 100% of the Class of 2009 went off to college earning over \$2.5 million in grants and scholarships.

For more information or to receive an Admissions Packet, please call:
(707) 763-1032, ext. 113.



Registration Beginning

Religious Education

Registration for Grades K-5 is now taking place for the 2009-2010 school year. Students continuing from last year have been mailed forms. New students may pick up forms from the Church Office (M-F, 9am-Noon) or in the Gathering Area of the church after Mass.

Registration forms are due, with payment, on Sept. 15.

Registration for Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups and Confirmation (Grade 10) will begin soon.

Teachers Needed!!

Grades 1-5 Religious Education

Religious Education teachers are needed for Grades 1-5. Classes meet once a week during the school year, using a workbook-based curriculum.

Please consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish.

Please call Alicia Slaugh, 585-9564.

**Marriage Preparation Programs
For the Engaged**

Summer 2009 Session:

Summer Session 4

Saturday, September 12

8:45am – 6:00pm

One-Day Session

Location: St. Vincent's
Marinwood
1 Saint Vincents Dr.
San Rafael, CA



**Resurrection Parish Oktoberfest
Saturday September 12, 2009**

Come join the fun at Resurrection Parish, 303 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, for our 6th annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 12 from noon to 6 pm! Festivities include two stages of live entertainment, a silent auction, huge children's carnival and art center, a raffle with a first prize of \$2000, international foods, beer tasting featuring 12 microbreweries, and much more. There is no admission fee.

"THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS"

Will commence in the Spiritual Enrichment Center on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m. St Ignatius has given us a profound method of staying close to Christ on a daily basis.

Facilitator: Sr. Antonia Killian

Registration Required

For further information, contact the Center at 707-546-1781

E-mail: Director_SEC@hotmail.com

Rummage Sale
St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
September 19, 2009– 8 a.m-3 p.m.

Join us for the 4th annual St. Vincent de Paul Schools PFO Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 19, 8am - 3pm, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall in Petaluma. Donations of gently used items are welcome and may be dropped off at the hall on Friday, September 18, 8am-4:30pm. All proceeds benefit the students of St. Vincent de Paul Elementary and St. Vincent de Paul High School. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Service hours available. For more information, contact Jennifer Martin at (707) 795-7552 or the beanbunch@comcast.net.



Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Drivers Needed!!

The St Vincent DePaul Society is in need of drivers. Can you help the poor by volunteering one to two hours of your time every other week? Training and a partner will be provided. Call Laure at 585-9660 or Marilyn at 584-8171 for more information.

We are also in need of hotel size soaps, shampoos, lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste for our deliveries. Please leave any unused products in the church greeting area SVDP basket.

Second Collection September 5 & 6



The second collection on September 5 & 6 is for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds the development of traditional and new media programs that inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the Collection from our diocese stays here to support local communications efforts, while the other half supports national Catholic media initiatives. Please give generously in this Second Collection to help us spread the Good News. To find more about CCC, please visit www.CatholicCommunicationsCampaign.org

September 2009 Calendar (Selected Items)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	Tues.	7:00 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Parish Council Exposition
2	Wed.	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Filipino-American Devotion
4	Fri.	9:00-Noon 10:00-Noon 7:00 p.m.	First Friday Exposition Sewing Group Korean Prayer Group
5	Sat.	1:30 p.m.	First Saturday Devotions
6	Sun.	11:30-1:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group
7	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Parish Office Closed Spanish Prayer Group
8	Tues.	6:00 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus SES Women's Guild Exposition
11	Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group
12	Sat.	12:00 p.m.	Baptism
13	Sun.	11:30-1:00 p.m. 11:45-1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group Parish Picnic Polish Mass & Reception
14	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group
15	Tues.	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Exposition

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16	Wed.	6:00-8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	SES Women's Guild Craft SES Etudes Choir Practice
18	Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group
20	Sun.	9:45-11:00 a.m. 11:30-1:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting Korean Prayer Group
21	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group
22	Tues.	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Exposition
23	Wed.	12:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Senior Potluck Luncheon Taize' Prayer Group
24	Thurs.	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Pack 1 Cub Scouts
25	Fri.	10:00-Noon 7:00 p.m.	Sewing Group Korean Prayer Group
26	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Sept. Anniversary Mass
27	Sun.	11:30-1:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group
28	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group
29	Tues.	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Exposition
30	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	SES Etudes Choir Practice

Mass Intentions September 1 – September 13, 2009

Tuesday	September 1, 2009	8:30 am	Amanda MacKenzie, int.
Wednesday	September 2, 2009	8:30 am	Jim Riordan, dec.
Thursday	September 3, 2009	8:30 am	Deacon Ken Mantz, dec.
Friday	September 4, 2009	8:30 am	Colm Ruane, dec.
Saturday	September 5, 2009	5:00 pm	Special Int. to Holy Spirit
Sunday	September 6, 2009	8:30 am	Sean McGrath, dec.
Sunday	September 6, 2009	10:30 am	Deacon Bob Little, dec.
Tuesday	September 8, 2009	8:30 am	Diane Ross, dec.
Wednesday	September 9, 2009	8:30 am	Nel Galvez, dec.
Thursday	September 10, 2009	8:30 am	Frank Terribilini, dec.
Friday	September 11, 2009	8:30 am	Aiko Brimkley
Saturday	September 12, 2009	5:00 pm	Bob Haughy, dec.
Sunday	September 13, 2009	8:30 am	Yolanda Khalil, dec.
Sunday	September 13, 2009	10:30 am	Agnes Butler, dec.

Liturgical Musicians

For Weekends of September 5/6 and 12/13

Saturday, Sept. 5

5PM

Living Spirit

Sunday, Sept. 6

8:30am

Living Spirit

10:30am

Living Spirit

Saturday, Sept. 12

5PM

Living Spirit

Sunday, Sept. 13

8:30am

Living Spirit

10:30am

Living Spirit



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2009

Isaiah 50:4c-9a (131B)

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time September 20, 2009

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 (134B)

James 3:16–4:3

Mark 9:30-37

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

August 15 & 16

Plate: \$2,610.00

Assumption:

\$365.00

August 22 & 23

Plate: \$2,314.00

Thank you.

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

Rachel's Vineyard
Healing the Pain of Abortion

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion will be offered October 2 – 4 in Santa Rosa. The weekend will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and transform the pain of the past into hope, joy and love. For confidential inquiries call (707) 967-1101 or email rachelsvineyard@gmail.com. Visit us at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

SES Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 13 @ 11:45 a.m. until 2
p.m. in the Church Courtyard

Event is Free, but donations of salad or side
dish are greatly appreciated.

Signups will
be taken after
mass.
(Please see
insert for
more info)



WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING
ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH WELCOME
TUESDAY, SEPT. 8, 2009
7:00PM ROOM #135
for more information,
call Char 793-1165

R & S Lawn Care

Stan Ottolini and Roman Enriquez
(Two College Students for Hire)

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Home: (707) 206-0855

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