

# St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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## PARISH STAFF

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 13, 2009  
and  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 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.*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor's Note: My thanks to Nora John and all the International Festival Committee membership for their work in planning of this wonderful event, which was held on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. As you might expect, there was a nice selection of food and some of us filled our plates with samples from all the tables. The Knights of Columbus and their spouses were most helpful with food items and general assistance with the meal. I wish to express my appreciation to all the dancers and performers from the various cultures and to those who provided the background music. It was a very fine social occasion and yielded \$2,225 profit for our DRF (Debt Reduction Fund). There is beginning to be a consensus that we should do it again next year God willing. We were happy to have flags representing many nations on display at the entrance to the parish hall and, if it is to become an annual event, we are open to having an even larger supply of national colors from around the globe.



I bring your attention to a section within this bulletin which indicates the days and times in which our fall programs commence. You may assist us in terms of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) by making known to individuals who are interested in the Catholic Faith that this program is designed to be suitable for them. It is also a program which can be of benefit to adults or young adults who have yet to receive confirmation.

### **Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009**

When people we know fail to recognize us, usually we are disappointed. We like people to get our name right, if only for the purpose of correct identification. Perhaps few of us would risk asking our friends, "Who do people say that I am?" Hearing reports of what people say about us or how they see us, however politely phrased, can dishearten us. Even alarm us. What if none of the answers match our own self-understanding?

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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.

When the passion of Jesus gets under way, Peter will deny his master: "I do not know the man." Only later will Peter fully understand the depth of meaning in what Jesus says. In the meantime, Jesus calls the crowd and the disciples to him and says: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine ..." Jesus compels no one, not even his disciples, to follow him on the road of suffering. If they do, if we do, denial of self is the first requisite. That is essential if we are to take our cross upon ourselves and share Christ's passion in the world.

*Fr. John*

*P.S. Second Offering next weekend, September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, is for the Seminarians of the Diocese of Santa Rosa.*

### Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

When the group arrives in Capernaum, Jesus asks them what they have been arguing about on the way. It didn't take long for their seminar on power to grow into an argument about which of them was the greatest. To the question of Jesus, the disciples respond with the silence of shame. It is in that silence that Jesus takes a little child, sets him in front of them, puts his arms around the child, and challenges his disciples to accept the little one. When they can welcome that little child, they can welcome the real Jesus.

Jesus compares himself to the little child, the one who cannot resort to power tactics when threatened or maltreated. Jesus' protection is his Father; his trust is placed in the God who will ensure his protection. When suffering comes, Jesus refuses to abandon trust in the Father. That trust makes him vulnerable, like a little child, but unless the disciples can come to welcome that vulnerability, they will never understand the way of Jesus.

Jesus offers a permanent challenge to his followers to welcome the powerless, to take to heart the weakest members of the community. He places himself in their company. Special hospitality should be offered to those from whom we can benefit the least. Their vulnerability is something that Jesus not only shares but values.

*P.S. The Second Offering next weekend, September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, is for The Debt Reduction Fund (D.R.F.)*

September 9, 2009

My Dear Priests, Deacons and People,

With the continuing threat of swine flu (H1N1) in our area, several doctors have requested that I put into effect the restrictions that were in place earlier this year. Therefore, I suggest that until future notice we refrain from holding hands at the Our Father, shaking hands for the sign of peace and receiving the Lord in communion from the Precious Blood in the chalice. Other precautions such as washing hands prior to distributing Holy Communion should also be observed.

I know that these restrictions limit each one of us in our liturgies but they are for the common health and good of all. From what the doctors say, these guidelines make common sense at this time.

I thank you for cooperating in this matter, and I wish you all good health in the days ahead.

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

*P.S. Bishop says that the Holy Water from the entrances of the Churches should also be removed as an extra precaution. Thank you.*

### **Important Information**

#### **Catholic Families with Children in Public Schools**

Posted on our website under News/Analysis, Education (<http://www.cacatholic.org/index.php/news-and-analysis/education.html>) is information prepared by the California Catholic Conference Education Committee for parents/guardians who have children in public schools. The documents were first promulgated in 2006. This summer they were slightly updated.

The downloadable (and printable) brochures or flyers in both English and Spanish contain important information for Catholic families regarding California public schools' policies, standards and the available "opt-out" from objectionable education.

## SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 2009 IS LAUNCHING ITS NEW PROGRAM

We are very excited to get started with a new team and new ideas. Anyone interested, please contact Michael Cresta, Youth Minister, at (707) 849-3237. I will be sure to get back to all in a timely fashion.

Our first meeting will be Sunday, October 4th, at 7pm to 8:30pm in our teen room.

I'm looking forward to meeting everyone, sharing faith, having fun and making a difference.

Your brother in Christ, Michael Cresta

## FALL PROGRAMS AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

### Religious Education Programs Commence



Senior Youth Group begins on Sunday evening, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Junior Youth Group meets on Tuesday evening, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### RCIA.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets Wed. evening, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**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](mailto:beanbunch@comcast.net).



**Senior Parishioners 55+ Potluck Luncheon**

The Senior Parishioners 55+ will be having their Pot Luck Luncheon on **Wednesday, September 23** 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.



**THE PARISH PICNIC WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13 FROM 11:45—2 PM**

**IN THE ST. ELIZABETH SETON COURTYARD**

**THE EVENT IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE FUN!**

## **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

On September 12th and 13<sup>th</sup>, Marilyn Hansen will speak on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and their collection after all Masses.

### **September Anniversaries of the Parish**

Joseph and Paula Sheridan	42 years
Ed and Joy Gee	36 years
Steve and Kathie Servente	30 years
John and Mary Grubb	25 years
Tim and Char Mayclin	24 years
Danny and Thonie Hevron	21 years



### **New Class @ St Elizabeth Seton Sundays 1pm to 2pm Catechism of the Catholic Church**

This year we are going to read and study our Catechism of the Catholic Church in a class given on Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in a classroom here at St. Elizabeth Seton's parish led by Maureen Sheridan Scott **starting September 20, 2009.**

This class will help us deepen our knowledge and understanding of our faith by reviewing: the profession of faith, the sacraments of faith, the life of faith, and the prayer in the life of faith. **All are welcome.**

### **Catholic Charities USA President to Speak in Santa Rosa**

Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), will speak in Santa Rosa on the topic, "What CCUSA is Doing about the Economic Downturn." Fr. Snyder will be speaking at **Resurrection Church from 10 – 11 AM , Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. For reservations call Mary at 528-8712 ext. 258. Fr. Snyder was named by President Obama to the President's Council of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, formed in February 2009. He is also the president of Caritas North America. With more than 1700 local Catholic Charities agencies nationwide helping nearly 8 million people a year regardless of religious, social or economic backgrounds, Fr. Snyder brings a unique perspective on the national economic crisis.

### **Catholic Charities Upcoming Tours**

Catholic Charities is offering more frequent Hope Works Wonders Tours this fall. Meet some of the people whose lives Catholic Charities helps improve every day. No cost, no donations requested. Just hour of inspiration and hope. All tours 12 noon to 1 PM, 987 Airway Ct., Santa Rosa (near Piner Road). Upcoming tours: Fridays Sept. 11, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct.16; Tuesdays Sept. 22, Oct. 27. Please call Rebecca at 528-8712 ext 158.

**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.



Religious Education

Registration continues for Grades K-5. Registration deadline is Sept. 15.

Forms are available in the Church Office 9am-Noon, M-F and in the Gathering Area after Masses. Classes will begin the first week of October. For more information: [aliciaslaugh@hotmail.com](mailto:aliciaslaugh@hotmail.com) or call the church office at 585-3708

**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.

**Catholic Youth Leadership Days**

The dates of the upcoming Regional Catholic Youth Leadership Day is:

**Saturday, September 19 at St. Eugene's Cathedral in Santa Rosa**

Should you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact me at 566 -3343 or e-mail me at DSRyouth@sonic.net

Thank you for your assistance and support.  
Stan Cordero  
Director of Youth Ministry

**International Festival**

The International Festival was a HUGH success! This event was able to raise over \$2,200 for our church!



To everyone who participated in this event

**Thank You!**

This event would not have taken place had it not been for the commitment of many, many people. It represented a true sharing from all the ***community*** of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's parish. We are an International People of God.

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER**

September 19 and 20, 2009 Seminarians of the Diocese of Santa Rosa  
September 26 and 27, 2009 Debt Reduction Fund

## Mass Intentions

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September 15 – September 27, 2009

Tuesday	September 15, 2009	8:30 am	Eithne Parker, dec.
Wednesday	September 16, 2009	8:30 am	Liam English, dec.
Thursday	September 17, 2009	8:30 am	Deacon Robert Little, dec.
Friday	September 18, 2009	8:30 am	Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered.
Saturday	September 19, 2009	5:00 pm	Gary Perez, dec.
Sunday	September 20, 2009	8:30 am	Doris Melvin, int.
Sunday	September 20, 2009	10:30 am	Lew Wilber, dec.
Tuesday	September 22, 2009	8:30 am	Elinor O'Brien, dec.
Wednesday	September 23, 2009	8:30 am	Linda Hankins, dec.
Thursday	September 24, 2009	8:30 am	Elizabeth Kittler, dec.
Friday	September 25, 2009	8:30 am	Mary Papazian, dec.
Saturday	September 26, 2009	5:00 pm	Fang Tai Wong, dec. & Fleming Sagon, dec
Sunday,	September 27, 2009	8:30 am	Dante Panfiglio, dec.
Sunday	September 27, 2009	10:30 am	Deacon Ken Manz, dec.

### Musicians Schedule

#### Weekends of Sept. 20 & Sept 27

##### **Saturday, Sept. 19**

5:00pm  
Living Spirit

##### **Sunday, Sept 20**

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

##### **Saturday, Sept. 26**

5:00pm  
Mayclin family

##### **Sunday, Sept. 27**

8:30am  
Living Spirit  
10:30am  
Living Spirit



#### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2009

Numbers 11:25-29 (137B)

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

#### TAIZE' PRAYER IS BACK

Taize' Prayer Service will be held on  
**Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:30pm** in the  
Church.

Taize' is a quiet time for reflection, scripture  
reading, and sung prayer. Come and try it out.  
For more information, call Char at 793-1165

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

**Plate Offerings:**

August 1 & 2	\$3,750.00
August 8 & 9	\$5,184.50
August 15 & 16	\$2,610.00
August 22 & 23	\$2,314.00
August 29 & 30	\$2,736.50

**Peter's Pence:**

August 1 & 2	\$1,681.00
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**Nigerian Mission:**

August 8 & 9:	\$2,802.00
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**DRF**

Debt Reduction Fund	\$3,116.00
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**SCRIP**

SCRIP Profit :

June	\$215.38
July	\$144.80
August	\$232.21

**Raley's Quality of Life Profit:**

Ending with June quarter	\$309.90
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**Plate Offerings:**

September 5 & 6	\$3,870.00
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**Catholic University :**

\$1,191.00

**R & S Lawn Care**

**Stan Ottolini and Roman Enriquez**

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