

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 27, 2009

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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.

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Pastor's Note: Our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13th, 2009, was well attended and most enjoyable. The arrangement of tables both inside and outside the parish hall gave folks a choice of shade or sunshine. There are a number of individuals and organizations who combine their energies to make things go smoothly. My thanks to Melody Ottolini and her family & friends for their leadership and help with set up. The Knights of Columbus once again did a fine job in the kitchen, and members of the Social Committee and Ladies Guild assisted with the food and cleaned up. My appreciation also extends to other individuals who give valuable assistance each year at the picnic when they see that something needs to be done. Among them are persons such as Larry & Jo Ruminson, Dave & Nora John, Jim Angelo, and others too numerous to mention here.



You may wish to get to know more about our **Parish Progressive Dinner** which takes place on **Saturday Night, October 10th, 2009**. For further information, please refer to the note within this bulletin.

Most of the Parish Programs commence in the first week of October, and the summary schedule is also within this issue.

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, September 27, 2009

In today's Gospel the disciples of Jesus refuse to recognize the authority of an exorcist who doesn't belong to their company. John appeals to Jesus: "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." The exorcist has been successful in his ministry, and that success clearly worries the disciples.

Earlier in the chapter Mark has told us of a man who appeals to Jesus' disciples to free his son from a spirit of dumbness. This anxious father told Jesus: "I asked your
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disciples to cast it out and they were unable to.” The disciples, who have been noted as unsuccessful exorcists, now see an outsider successfully exorcising in Jesus’ name. They don’t want this man to function as an exorcist, so they hope Jesus will refuse to recognize him. If this happens, the man’s whole identity will be suspect.

The disciples are obviously threatened by the outsider’s success. Are they apprehensive about being displaced? Are they fearful of being supplanted? Do they see ministry in terms of rivalry? Seeing a man’s success, the disciples seem to feel diminished, reduced, lessened as disciples. It’s as if their own self-esteem will be reinforced if the outsider is rejected. But Jesus refuses to do this. Instead, he invites his fragile company to a larger vision of God’s goodness; he commands his followers to leave the outsider in peace: “Anyone who is not against us is for us.” Thus Jesus recognizes and confirms the exorcist in his identity, and tells his followers that all who welcome *them* because they belong to Christ will not lose their reward.

Fr. John

P.S. **The Second Offering this weekend is for St. Elizabeth Debt Reduction Fund**

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to gratefully acknowledge Oliver's Market for their generous donation of paper bags, and Pacific Market for their generous donation of plastic bags which are used to bring food and produce to our neighbors in need.

The Society tries to use as close to 100% of donations to purchase food for our clients in need, and it is a big help to us when we don't have to purchase the bags we use to transport the food.

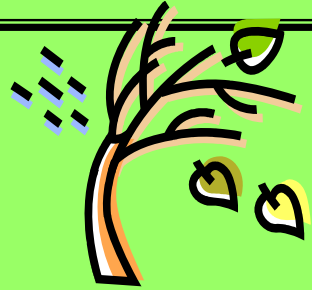
We also wish to acknowledge Raley's Market for their continuing support of the SVDP Society through their "Food for Families" program.

Again, THANK YOU Raley's, Pacific Market, and Oliver's Market for all your support!

The SVDP Society is always in need of your donated (unused) hotel size shampoos, soaps and lotions. Also, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and bar soaps are always so appreciated by our clients. The soaps and any canned and boxed food can be left in the SVDP basket in the church gathering area. Monetary donations so that we can buy food can be left in the parish office. We deliver food and vanity items to approximately 50 households per month.

All your gifts help us do the Lord's work. God bless you !

FALL PROGRAM 2009
ST. ELIZABETH SETON



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2009.

RCIA, RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS MEETS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 7:00 pm IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (SYG) MEETS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING OCTOBER 4TH, 2009 @ 7:00 PM.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (JYG) MEETS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUNDAY AFTERNOONS @ 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM COMMENCING SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 2009

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 28th**. 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 an hour of inspiration and hope. All tours 12 noon to 1 PM, 987 Airway Ct., Santa Rosa (near Piner Road). Upcoming tours: Fridays Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct.16; Tuesdays Sept. 22, Oct. 27. Please call Rebecca at 528-8712 ext 158.

October 2009 Calendar (Selected Items)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
2	Fri.	9:00-Noon 10:00-Noon 7:00 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m.	First Friday Exposition Sewing Group Korean Prayer Group Charismatic Prayer Group
3	Sat.	1:30 p.m.	First Saturday Devotions
4	Sun.	11:30-1:00 p.m. Noon 12:30 p.m. 1:00-2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group Baptism Baptism Catechism Study Class Senior Youth Group
5	Mon.	3:00-9:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RP-Cotati Realtors Spanish Prayer Group
6	Tues.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Religious Education Cub Scout Leaders Parish Council Exposition
7	Wed.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Religious Education Filipino-American Devotion RCIA Junior Youth Group SES Choir Practice
8	Thurs.	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Religious Education
9	Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group
10	Sat.	11:00 a.m. 6:30-11:30 p.m.	Memorial Mass Progressive Dinner
11	Sun.	11:30-1:00 p.m. 1:00-2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group Catechism Study Class Polish Mass & Reception
12	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group
13	Tues.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Religious Education Knights of Columbus SES Women's Guild Exposition

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14	Wed.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Religious Education Junior Youth Group Taize
15	Thurs.	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Religious Education
16	Fri.	7:00 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group Charismatic Prayer Group
17	Sat.	2:30 p.m.	Wedding
18	Sun.	9:45-11:00 a.m. 11:30-1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting Korean Prayer Group Korean Mass
19	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group
20	Tues.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	No morning mass Religious Education Exposition
21	Wed.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m. 7:00-8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	No morning mass Religious Education SES Women's Guild Craft Junior Youth Group SES Choir Practice
22	Thurs.	3:00-5:00 p.m.	No morning mass Religious Education
23	Fri.	10:00-12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	No morning mass Sewing Group Korean Prayer Group
24	Sat.	8:00-4:00 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Diocesan Youth Chamber Concert
25	Sun.	10:30 a.m. 11:30-1:00 p.m.	Anniversary Mass Korean Prayer Group
26	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group
27	Tues.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Religious Education Exposition
28	Wed.	12:30 p.m. 3:00-5:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Senior Potluck Luncheon Religious Education Junior Youth Group
29	Thurs.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 6:00-9:00 p.m.	Religious Education Cub Scouts Pack 1
30	Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group

Religious Education

Registration for Sr. Youth Group and Confirmation (Grade 10) will begin soon.

Junior Youth Group

Middle School Students are invited to attend the first meeting of the Junior Youth Group at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 7th. Registration forms to join our program are available in the church gathering area and parish office. **Please note our new meeting date is Wednesday.** Contact Liz Ritchie with questions about the program, 585-1823.

Teachers Needed!! Grades 1-5 Religious Education

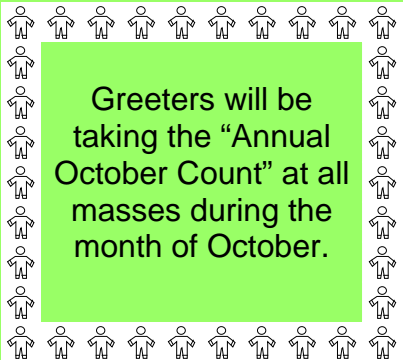
Religious Education teachers are needed for Grades 1-5. Classes meet once a week during the school year, using a workbook-based curriculum.

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

Please call Alicia Slaugh, 585-9564.

The **SES Parish Picnic** was an awesome success thanks to the Social Committee and the other participating groups—Knights of Columbus and SES Women's Group; and, also to parishioners who assisted with setup, music, food and donations.

A great time was held by all, **and don't miss next year's picnic.**



Greeters will be taking the "Annual October Count" at all masses during the month of October.

Our (Red and White) Hats Off to You!

Our "pocket change" collection was \$901.50. God's blessings for all. Thank you for your corporal work of mercy and providing shelter for our residents.

Save the Date – Christmas Faire 11/14!!

The Women's Guild is happy to announce its second Christmas Faire that will be held on Saturday, November 14, in the Church Hall. Plan on coming for fun, fellowship, and to get a jump on your Christmas shopping! We still have vendor tables available. For more information, please call Kathy @ (707) 490-8429, or Dee @ (707) 585-2352.

SES Christmas Faire – November 14, 2009

Is in need of items for our Silent Auction!

If you have anything that would be appropriate (wine, gift baskets, new merchandise, etc.), please bring it to the church office or contact Judith Miller @ 694-6026. All donations will be greatly appreciated!!



'TIS THE SEASON TO SUPPORT FREE TO BE

A Holiday Cooking & Decorating Show to benefit Sonoma County youth! **Tuesday, September 29**, Santa Rosa Christian Church, 1315 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Pampered Chef & PartyLite product preview at 6:15 PM, Demonstrations at 6:30-8:00 PM. Raffle Prizes! 25% of your purchase will be donated to Free to Be. Earn extra raffle tickets if you bring a friend! Can't come? No problem! Phone Orders: call Lucy Avalos at 707.526-3819; online orders: www.pamperedchef.biz/lindazhervey or www.partylite.biz/sharonoman. Just mention Free to Be as the host. Order deadline: 9/30/09. Please RSVP by calling Lucy or Amy at 707.526.3819.

Be Part of a Wonderful Evening!

Our annual "Progressive Dinner" will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10th from 6:30 – 11:30 PM. All adults are invited to participate. Sign ups will begin the weekend of September 19 & 20 and run through Oct. 3-4.

You can choose which course you'd like to prepare:
Appetizer/Salad & Bread/ Main Course/ Dessert

Any questions on this event?
Just contact: Nora John 584-1944.

Jackets!

St. Elizabeth Women's Guild is collecting coats and jackets for the "Living Room" (abused women and children). No matter how used, if in good condition, we will transition them. Please leave them in the Gathering Area. The collection will take place from October 5-October 18, 2009.



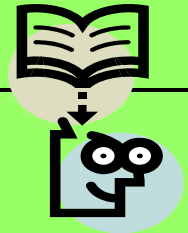
New Class at St. Elizabeth Seton **Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** **Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church**

This year we are going to read and study our Catechism of the Catholic Church in a class given on Sunday afternoons in a classroom here at St. Elizabeth's. The class will be led by Maureen Sheridan-Scott. 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.**

Mass Intentions
September 29 – October 4, 2009

Tuesday	September 29, 2009	8:30 am	Leonard Bologna, dec.
Wednesday	September 30, 2009	8:30 am	Irma Neveux, int.
Thursday	October 1, 2009	8:30 am	Kathy O'Daniel, dec.
Friday	October 2, 2009	8:30 am	O'Daniel Family, int.
Saturday	October 3, 2009	5:00 pm	Marie Gruber, int.
Sunday	October 4, 2009	8:30 am	Jonathan & Sara Dolcini, dec.
Sunday	October 4, 2009	10:30 am	Terry Dempsey, int.

Spirituality Classes from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Devereaux, the Pastor of St. Peter's Church in Cloverdale, will be offering a course of study on Spirituality. The class will run from Sept. thru May, meeting approx. twice a month. Fr. Devereaux has a Bachelor of Sacred Theology, a degree of Master of Divinity, and Doctorate of Ministry in Ecumenical Theology, plus a Doctor of Philosophy in Pastoral Psychology. He has been a pastor since 1974. All those interested in attending or need more information can call the Parish Office @ (707) 894-2535.



Musicians Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 3

5PM
 Mayclin Family

Sunday, Oct. 4

8:30AM
 Linda/Char
 10:30AM
 SES Etudes Choir



BOOK CLUBS
(Justice Book Club and
Spiritual Book Club)

began the week of September 8th.
CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATION SERIES
 began September 8th. There is still time to
 attend the book-clubs and the
 Contemplation Series.

For further details contact the Spiritual
 Enrichment Center at 707- 546- 1781 or
 by e-mail : Director_SEC@hotmail.com

CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS
OF THE LORD'S BLESSINGS

Plate Offerings:

September 12 & 13	\$2,882.00
September 19 & 20	\$2,515.00
Diocesan Seminarians:	\$1,881.00

THANK YOU!

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

**Day of Catechetical Preparation
For K-8 Catechists**

October 10, 2009, 9:30 am to Noon
Christ the King Parish Hall
1951 McKinleyville Ave.
McKinleyville
Cost \$15 per person

A Hands-On Workshop. Come and be prepared 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: Sr. Olive Murphy, Director of Religious Education, Diocese of Santa Rosa. E-mail to: SRDDRE@sonic.net, or call (707) 566-3366 with questions.

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

October 4, 2009

Genesis 2:18-24 (140B)

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Master Catechist/Adult Learning Series,
9:30 a.m.-3:30 pm, Chancery Office, 985 Airway Court, Santa Rosa, Conference Room beginning Oct. 17, 2009. Bring a bag lunch, \$25/person/class. Master Catechist \$100/person. Call (707) 566-3366 if interested.

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