

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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**Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 25, 2009**

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

Website: www.st-elizabeth-seton.com

Email: stelizseton@sbcglobal.net

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 worshipping, loving, welcoming and serving faith community.*

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Pastor's note:

Our Diocesan Priest's Retreat, which was held at Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park, was most enjoyable. Fr. Jack Stoeger, who is the director of the Cardinal Timothy Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles, spoke to us about the need to have a good sense of balance between mind, body, and spirit. He invited us to be quiet with the Lord in the midst of what at times can be a busy schedule.

My thanks to Rick Dennett of Dennett Tile Company for the beautiful job

which he has done on the main entrance to the church. The original tile installation cracked and broke, so we needed to have it removed and re-surfaced for this new application. I extend our appreciation also to Mr. Kelly Bomar, whose cooperation was most helpful in this project. *We are happy to announce that this entire procedure was donated to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Community.*

Spiritual Reflection

Jesus is leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, probably pilgrims traveling to the holy city for Passover. When the blind beggar Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is so near, he shouts his prayer of lamentation: "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Some of those following Jesus resent this disturbance, so they tell this one-man-uproar to keep quiet. No permission to scream; no permission to find a language for suffering. They represent the school of thought which is content to leave the afflicted to suffer in silence, no doubt in the belief that this is a religious response to suffering.

Without the capacity to communicate his suffering, the blind man will continue to inhabit his world of darkness. He knows that if there is going to be a change, he must communicate his loss to Jesus. So he screams his lamentation. It stops Jesus in his tracks and he tells the crowd to minister to this blind man by calling him over. The crowd changes its tune:

Continued.



**Second Offering , October 24th & 25th is for St. Elizabeth
Seton Debt Reduction Fund (DRF).**

Spiritual Reflection for October 25 Cont'd:

“Courage” they say. “Get up; he is calling you.” Jesus asks the question of questions: “What do you want me to do for you?” When the blind man finds a language for his loss, Jesus heals him and compliments him for a faith that saved him. Saved by faith, he uses his new sight to follow Jesus along the road.

The healing in the Gospel takes place as a result of the prayer of lamentation. That prayer expresses the pain and the faith of Bartimaeus; he believed in a God who pays attention. Why bother screaming if you believe that no one is there to pay attention? Bartimaeus focused on Jesus, ignoring all other advice. He gave his unmixed attention to Jesus. And Jesus returned the compliment.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT
SVDP Society of St. Elizabeth Seton
Oct 1, '08 to Sept 30, '09

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Elizabeth Seton meets monthly and has an average of 30 members bringing food to people in need Monday through Friday throughout the year.

Home visits: 672
of people helped: 2,643
Estimated hours of service: 2,100
Estimated miles driven in Vincentian Service: 3,500

Receipts.....Beginning balance:	\$2,629.73
Donations from Members:	1,134.79
Church collections and “poor box”:	6,831.91
Fund raising:	1,601.40
Other:	<u>1,226.50</u>
Total:	\$13,424.33

Expenses	
Those we serve:	\$6,590.56
Operating expenses:	52.50
Other:	<u>1,620.50</u> (deposit error-bank adj. of \$1,245.00)
Total:	\$8,263.56
End Balance	\$5,160.77

Dollar value of “in kind” goods: \$9,621.25
(In kind food is food given to the society at no cost to us from various sources)



**St. Elizabeth Seton
Financial Highlights
For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008**

Economic times have been difficult for many of us. St. Elizabeth Seton has not been unaffected by the downturn. Operating expenses have increased for the parish, but we have cut expenses where we could.

The area of the largest concern for our parish is the decline in the contributions to the Debt Reduction Fund. These contributions declined by over \$45,000 or 42.5% over the previous year. We ask that you consider giving to the Debt Reduction Fund. Our payments for the mortgage are approximately \$100,000 per year.

We also ask that you consider using Scrip for your normal expenses as well as for any holiday shopping. There are many stores available that you are already shopping at and it does not cost us any additional money. St. Elizabeth Seton gets a percentage of the dollars you spend.

Various groups at St. Elizabeth Seton hold many fundraisers throughout the year. We ask you to promote these to your friends and families and help support them in every way possible. These benefit our church greatly.

Our parish office will be using email as much as possible to notify our parishioners of information pertinent to the parish. We are updating our database and would appreciate it if you would send an email to stelizseton@sbcglobal.net which would include your name address and phone number. In this way we can send communications electronically and cut down on mailing expenses. Please be aware that we do not intend to sell or share your email address with anyone else. The long standing tradition of sending Christmas and Easter mailings may prevail at least into the immediate future.

St. Elizabeth Seton appreciates the support all the parishioners have given us over the years. We ask that you prayerfully reflect on ways, in which you can not only continue your present assistance, but consider an up-grade in terms of your stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Going forward we look towards a brighter economic future, however, the challenge will always be in the area of spiritual and financial renewal. With the help of the Lord and your continuous financial assistance we have confidence that our parish can keep pace with the fiscal demands of our times.

St. Elizabeth Finance Committee

November 2009 Calendar (Selected Items)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	Sun.	11:30-1:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group Senior Youth Group
2	Mon.	6:00-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Korean Prayer Group Charismatic Prayer
3	Tues.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Religious Education Parish Council Exposition
	Wed.	6:00-7:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 3:00-5:00 p.m.	Filipino-American Devotion Junior Youth Group SES Choir Practice Religious Education
5	Thurs.	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Religious Education
6	Fri.	9:00-12:00 p.m. 10:00-12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m.	First Friday Exposition Sewing Group Korean Prayer Group Charismatic Prayer
7	Sat.	1:30 p.m.	Baptism
8	Sun.	11:30-1:00 p.m. 1:00-2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group Catechism Study Polish Mass/Reception Senior Youth Group
9	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Parish Office Closed Spanish Prayer Group
10	Tues.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Religion Education Knights of Columbus SES Women's Guild Cub Scout Leaders Exposition
11	Wed.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Religious Education Junior Youth Group Taize Prayer
12	Thurs.	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Religious Education

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13	Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group
14	Sat.	All Day	Women's Guild Craft Faire
15	Sun.	9:45-11:00 a.m. 11:30-1:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting Korean Prayer Group
16	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group
17	Tues.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Religious Education Exposition
18	Wed.	12:30 p.m. 3:00-5:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Senior Potluck Luncheon Religious Education Junior Youth Group SES Choir Practice
19	Thurs.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 6:00-9:00 p.m.	Religious Education Pack 1 Cub Scouts
20	Fri.	7:00 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group Charismatic Prayer Group
	Sun.	11:30-1:00 p.m.	Korean Prayer Group
23	Mon.	4:00-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Spanish Prayer Group
24	Tues.	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Exposition
26	Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	Parish Office Closed Thanksgiving Mass
27	Fri.	10:00-12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Parish Office Closed Sewing Group Korean Prayer Group
28	Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Allender Retreat Anniversary Mass
29	Sun.	11:30-1:00 p.m.	Fr. Allender Retreat Korean Prayer Group
30	Mon.	8:00-11:00 a.m.	Fr. Allender Retreat

Woman of the Year—Santa Rosa Diocese



Parishioner Elizabeth "Liz" Black was recently honored at the Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's fall meeting held at St. Eugene's Cathedral. The "**Women of the Year**" mass and luncheon was hosted by the Women of the Word and Liz was honored for her outstanding work with St. Rose Young Ladies Institute #132. Her dedication and support of the various programs the YLI works on throughout the year was recognized by Bishop Walsh who presented each of the eight women honored by the auxiliary groups of SRDCCW with certificates. **Congratulations Liz.**

Christmas Faire Baskets

During the weekends of Oct. 31/Nov. 1 and Nov. 7/8, the SES Women's Guild will be selling raffle tickets for a Wine & Cheese Basket, a Kitchen Basket, and a Family Basket after the Masses. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. We will also be selling tickets at the Christmas Faire, which will be held on Saturday, November 14.



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.



Spiritual Enrichment Center Book Club

The C.S. Lewis Book Club, which meets every other Wednesday evening at 7PM in the Enrichment Center, began "The Screwtape Letters" this week. The book is available in the St. Eugene Bookstore and it is a classic! You may still join the lively discussion- everyone is welcome.

Spiritual Enrichment Center Theology Series

"Mark your calendars: The Spiritual Enrichment Center presents the second lecture in our Theology Series series, entitled "Human Destiny" on Saturday morning, November 14th from 9AM-12 noon at the Monsignor Fahey Center, Star of the Valley Catholic Church in Oakmont. The speaker is John Storm, who brings his unique perspective to the topic, and is guaranteed to be inspiring and thought provoking. A \$25 donation is requested, but no one will be turned away due to the inability to pay."

Spiritual Enrichment Center
Santa Rosa, CA
707-546-1781

EWTN

EWTN special programs include the series "**Forgotten Heritage: Europe & the Eucharist.**" It airs Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. & Thursdays at 1 a.m. The Solemn Mass of All Saints airs live from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. All times are Pacific. EWTN is carried 24 hours a day on Comcast Ch. 229, AT&T Ch. 562, DISH Satellite Ch. 261 & Direct TV Ch. 370. In Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg & Mendocino, Comcast airs EWTN on Ch. 57. EWTN airs on Sudden Link Ch. 230 in the Eureka area and on Charter Ch. 20 in the Crescent City area.

**SES YEAR END FINANCIAL SUMMARY
JUNE 30, 2009**

	2009	2008	2007
Plate Collection	184,119	184,876	159,039
Other Income	36,789	35,198	44,308
Operating Collections	220,908	220,074	203,347
Operating Expenses	195,746	207,167	220,016
Operating Income	25,162	12,907	(16,669)
Building Fund Contributions	61,909	107,701	78,100
Building Expenses	107,464	104,344	97,649
Building Income (Loss)	(45,555)	3,357	(19,549)
Net Change in Cash	(20,393)	16,264	(36,218)

CONFIRMATION BEGINNING JANUARY 5, 2010

The SES Confirmation Team Leaders, Ed Charbonneau and Mariclaire O'Connell have put together the SES Confirmation class schedule for 2010. Classes will begin on January 5, 2010, at 7pm with the first meeting to be held in the Cry Room adjacent to the Church. We ask that at least one parent attend this first meeting with their Candidate. The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st, 2010, at the 5pm Mass. We are expecting to limit the class to registered parishioners and, to avoid any confusion, your student must be a Sophomore (10th grade) or Junior (11th) at least 15 years old. We would appreciate it if you could forward an email to Mariclaire at mcoc@sonic.net with the name and age of your student, address and high school he/she attends; or you can leave a message at 318-3919 at your earliest convenience. We will forward to you Registration and Sponsor forms, preferably by email, so you can bring them with you to the first class or drop them off at the Church office.



Mass Intentions October 27– November 1, 2009

Tuesday	October 27, 2009	8:30 am	Theresa Camari, dec.
Wednesday	October 28, 2009	8:30 am	Kathleen Brennan, dec.
Thursday	October 29, 2009	8:30 am	Jesus Morales, dec.
Friday	October 30, 2009	8:30 am	Elizabeth Luce, dec.
Saturday	October 31, 2009	5:00 pm	John Richardson, dec.
Sunday	November 1, 2009	8:30 am	Delores Konen, dec.
Sunday	November 1, 2009	10:30 am	Jose and Mario Olivera, dec.

UPCOMING SAN DAMIANO-SPONSORED RETREATS

Friday, October 30, 2009 • Spiritual Spa Day for Women: Luxuriate in Gratefulness • Chiara's Lantern • \$75 • 9:30 – 4pm • Lunch included

October 30 – November 1, 2009 • Weekend Retreat: The Gift of Healing • Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM • \$205/\$175

San Damiano Retreat • PO Box 767 • Danville, CA 94526 • (925) 837-9141
Website: www.sandamiano.org

Musicians Schedule Weekend Oct. 31, 2009

Saturday, Oct. 31

5pm
Living Spirit

Sunday, Nov. 1

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



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

Plate Offering:

October 17& 18 \$2,604.55

World Mission Sunday \$2,066.00

THANK YOU!

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

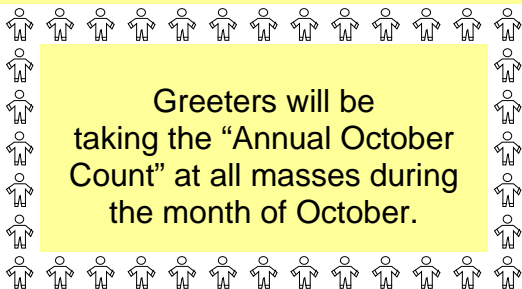
ALL SAINTS
November 1, 2009
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 (667)
1John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Geoff Wood
Scripture Scholar and Noted Author
Resurrection Church
Monday, October 26 @ 7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 28 @ 9:45 am

The approach of Advent and Christmas is a time for spiritual growth and renewal. Geoff Wood will present some reflections on the Sunday readings for November.

Special Invitation: All lectors, all catechists, all ministers to the sick and homebound, all RCIA sponsors and anyone who feels spiritually starved and is hungering for more.

We need to know how many people will attend so that we can arrange the room, print up sufficient handouts and prepare refreshments. You may contact the Resurrection office at 544-7272, or email Marge Bailly at margebailly@att.net to sign up



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

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