

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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All Saints Day
November 1, 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

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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:

We had an enjoyable Intimate Evening of Chamber Music at St. Elizabeth Seton Church last Saturday night. My thanks to all the artists who performed so beautifully, and a special word of gratitude to one of our own parishioners Mr. Larry Flor, for both his musical contribution as well as his organizing skills. I spent some time taking advantage of the acoustics on the balcony and then moved back down to ground level. There was a brief reception in the parish hall afterwards, and my appreciation extends to those who were hosts for the occasion. Voluntary donations were accepted on behalf of St. Elizabeth Seton DRF.



Monday, November 2nd, is the Feast of All Souls. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Santa Rosa are offering Mass both at Calvary and in Petaluma at 10:00 a.m. We shall continue the tradition at St. Elizabeth Seton of placing your Holy Souls envelope intentions on the altar during all the masses for the month. Envelopes should be available on the pews and in the gathering space.

I bring to your attention that Fr. Tom Allender S.J. will be with us for the last weekend of November (28th, 29th & 30th) and the first few days of December (1st and 2nd) to once again conduct a Parish Advent Retreat. His presentations were very well attended during the same period last year, and I trust that you will spread the news to your friends here and in other parishes.

Fr. John

Spiritual Reflection
November 1, 2009

In today's Gospel we have Jesus' charter for his kingdom, the beatitudes, a list of qualities which characterize the sanctified brethren. When we listen to them we can all put faces to the virtues. We remember these people and we know them. The people whose simplicity and littleness shine like a light in a world of darkness. The gentle folk whose energetic non-violence will never win medals. Those who cry and mourn their loss because they have tasted the presence of love. The ones who hunger for what is right and who stay hungry until what is right becomes a reality. Those who scandalize us with their mercy because they exclude no one from its embrace.

The people who have an undivided heart, whose loyalty to God is never in question. Those who not only look for peace but do everything in their power to make peace and build a kingdom among the ruins. The faithful who are not fair-weather Christians but who suffer persecution for the sake of the kingdom, and who still manage to smile at their persecutors. Those who are snarled at for their beliefs and who meet abuse with a blessing, who sing a song of the Lord for their captors.

These people are among us. They are the same as the saints that Paul addressed, the faithful of Jesus Christ. They are real people whose stories may never be told and whose goodness may never be celebrated. We celebrate them today and we bless them in the name of the Lord.



The Christmas Faire is Coming – Saturday, 11/14 !!!

The Women's Guild is sponsoring its second **Christmas Faire** that will be held on **Saturday, November 14**, in the Church Hall from **8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Come for fun, fellowship, and to get a jump on your Christmas shopping! It's not too late to be a vendor, call Kathy @ (707)490-8429, or Dee @ (707)585-2352 for more details.

All Souls Day

On **Monday, November 2nd** the Church celebrates the **Feast of All Souls**, a day set-aside by religious tradition to honor and pray for our loved ones “who have gone before us, marked with the sign of Faith.” In Santa Rosa, we will also have a Mass in Spanish at 4 P.M.



The Department of Cemeteries wishes to invite all of those who have loved ones entrusted to our care, to join us on that day for the celebration of a special Mass which will be held at the following cemeteries:

Calvary Catholic Cemetery (707) 546-6290 10 A.M. (English) 4 P.M. (Spanish)
2930 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Calvary Catholic Cemetery (707) 762-8462 10 A.M. (English)
304 Magnolia Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94952

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery (707) 963-1703 9 A.M. (English)
2121 Spring Street, Saint Helena, CA 94571

Thank you very much.
Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,
Monsignor Gerard Fahey

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Holidays are times we look forward to being with family and friends. This is a reality that hurts as we miss loved ones who have died. Handling the holidays is not deciding how to eliminate the pain of missing these people, but rather learning how best to live without being consumed by it. In this workshop you will be able to: acknowledge the difficulty of this season as one who is grieving, gain some new tools and insights for working your way through the holidays, and join others for support and connection.

Place: Resurrection Parish

Time(s): Sunday, November 15th 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Monday, November 16th 10:00am – 12:00pm

(Separate groups in English & Spanish)



No need to register. If you have any questions, call Barbara Elordi: 577-7474

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Tell Congress: Remove Abortion Funding & Mandates from Needed Health Care Reform

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation on the House and Senate floors. Genuine health care reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. The U.S. bishops' conference has concluded that all committee-approved bills are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience, and do not provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bills will have to change or the bishops have pledged to oppose them.

Our nation is at a crossroads. Policies adopted in health care reform will have an impact for good or ill for years to come. None of the bills retains longstanding current policies against abortion funding or abortion coverage mandates, and none fully protects conscience rights in health care. As the U.S. bishops' letter of October 8 states:

“No one should be required to pay for or participate in abortion. It is essential that the legislation clearly apply to this new program longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates, and protections for rights of conscience. No current bill meets this test.... If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found, we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously.”

For the full text of this letter and more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' advocacy for authentic health care reform, visit: www.usccb.org/healthcare.

Congressional leaders are attempting to put together final bills for floor consideration. Please contact your Representative and Senators today and urge them to fix these bills with the pro-life amendments noted below. Otherwise much needed health care reform will have to be opposed. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

ACTION: Contact Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- **To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to www.usccb.org/action.**
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.
- Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.house.gov & www.senate.gov.

MESSAGE to SENATE:

“During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

MESSAGE to HOUSE:

“Please support the Stupak Amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

WHEN: Both House and Senate are preparing for floor votes now. **Act today! Thank you!**

Mass Intentions
November 3 – November 8, 2009

Tuesday	November 3, 2009	8:30 am	Patricia Villareal, dec.
Wednesday	November 4, 2009	8:30 am	Mary Hayes Doyle, dec.
Thursday	November 5, 2009	8:30 am	Bishop G. Patrick Zieman, dec.
Friday	November 6, 2009	8:30 am	Christina Schenk, dec.
Saturday	November 7, 2009	5:00 pm	Jackie Neveux, int.
Sunday	November 8, 2009	8:30 am	John Richardson, dec.
Sunday	November 8, 2009	10:30 am	Jose and Maria Olivera, dec.

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.



Vietnamese Cultural Night

Buffet Dinner – 6:00-8:00 pm
VN Cultural Show – 7:30 – 10:30 pm
Saturday, November 7, 2009
Santa Rosa Fairgrounds, Finley Building
1350 Bennett Valley Road
Tickets: Child - \$15 Adults - \$25
VIP: \$50

With the blessing of Bishop Daniel Walsh, Diocese of Santa Rosa, the Vietnamese Catholic and the Sonoma State Newman students are raising funds to remodel our chapels, where we can worship.

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

Summary of Offerings for the Month of October
2009

Plate Offering:

October 3 & 4	\$3,984.00
October 11 & 12	\$2,730.00
October 17 & 18	\$2,604.55
October 24 & 25	\$2,847.00

Tsunami Fund	\$1,179.00
World Mission Sunday	\$2,181.00

Script Profit	\$ 198.87
Raley's Quality of Life	\$ 318.19

THANK YOU!

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

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

1 Kings 17:10-16 (155B)

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**Anniversaries for
October 2009**

Martin and Mary Tucker	65 years
Rich and Dee Endreszl	32 years
Bob and Debbie Lane	27 years



**Liturgical Musicians for Weekend of Nov. 7/8,
2009**

Saturday, Nov. 7

5PM

Mayclin Family

Sunday, Nov. 8

8:30AM

Crystal/Mariclaire

10:30AM

SES Etudes Choir



R & S Lawn Care
Stan Ottolini and Roman Enriquez
(Two College Students for Hire)

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