

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 8, 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 worshiping, loving, welcoming and serving faith community.

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Pastor's note: We continue the tradition of remembering the souls of the faithful departed during the masses in the month of November. St. Elizabeth Seton Parish has lost a number of parishioners in the past several months and our prayers are with them and their families. Many people each year place the names of their departed family members and friends on the altar so that they are remembered at the table of the Lord. A few families among us have experienced the loss of multiple family members within a short space of time and we extend our prayers to them as well. For your convenience, we have All Souls envelopes available in the gathering area of the church.



Next Saturday, November 14th, the St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Guild is sponsoring their second annual Christmas Faire in the parish hall. Should this fine weather continue through next weekend, it would be an enticement for many to commence their holiday shopping. The year 2009 is slipping by quietly, and Thanksgiving and Christmas will be upon us in a flash. We invite you to consider our SCRIP program as you make preparations for the busy shopping days which are in the horizon.

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, November 9th, in respect of Veteran's Day. It has been our custom, in terms of holidays, that we follow the schedule of days in which the chancery office is closed.

Fr. John

P.S. Once again, the Parish office will be closed on Monday Nov. 9th, Veteran's Day.

Scriptural Reflection for November 8, 2009

In this weekend's gospel Jesus makes a series of charges against the scribes. He criticizes their habit of wearing distinctive dress, which marks them as different from others and is calculated to win people's deference. He criticizes their habit of taking the places of honor at religious and civil functions. He criticizes their habit of long-winded prayers, made not to God but to their immediate audience. Finally, he denounces their practice of exploiting helpless widows by living off their savings. Jesus says that religious leaders who behave like this will face a more severe sentence than the sinners they readily condemn.

The two small coins given by the widow make up the total of her resources. She could have kept one. She doesn't. Her reckless generosity cannot be bettered. *For Jesus, true generosity is measured not by what people give but by what they have left after they give.* The poor widow leaves herself with nothing. She cannot give more, for she has nothing more to give. In Jesus' estimation she is a mighty widow.

The story of the widow's generosity is well placed at this stage in Mark's Gospel. The poor widow typifies what Jesus will do himself – give everything as an offering to God. When Jesus is finished giving, there will be nothing left for him to give. He gives his all. That is the reality of his piety.

Jesus hopes that his own disciples will take their cue from that example of real piety, not from the scribes hungry for status and honor. He hopes that we, his followers, will be equally generous with our own resources. Those resources are not always measured in money. We are called on to give of our time, our talent, our understanding. We are asked to give not just from our abundance but from our substance. That kind of giving always hurts, because we feel all spent after it. Like the widow, we might feel that we have nothing more to give; but it's that kind of giving that counts with Jesus.

Every day demands are made on us. We are called on to be generous with our love, our forgiveness, our patience, our resources. And the Good News is that when we do that out of love, Jesus will be our constant support. No matter who the prosecuting counsel turns out to be when our case comes up, Jesus will be leading for the defense.



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

The Women's Guild is sponsoring its second annual **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.

Spiritual Enrichment Center Theology Series

"Mark your calendars: The Spiritual Enrichment Center presents the second lecture in our Theology 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."



TAIZE' PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009

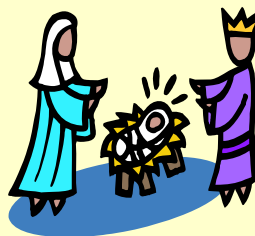
7:30PM Church

Taize', a time to reflect, hear Scripture, sing, and pray.

For more information, call Char 793-1165

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Children of St. Elizabeth Seton parish may participate in the celebration of Christmas Mass on December 24. Students may sing in the choir, act in the Nativity play, act as a greeter or be a reader of the Word. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering area of the Church.



Part -Time Position Available Chancery Office, Diocese of Santa Rosa

The Department of Youth Ministry and Office of Child & Youth Protection are seeking a skilled bilingual administrative assistant to perform a variety of office duties 16 hours per week. The position requires fluency in Spanish and ability to translate written documents. Salary is \$15-\$20 per hour depending on experience. Cover letter and resume should be sent to Search Committee, Diocese of Santa Rosa, PO Box 1297, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. For more information, call Stan Cordero at 566-3343 or go to www.santarosacatholic.org. Deadline to apply is Thursday, November 12, 2009.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2009
LARGE MEETING ROOM
7:00PM

All ladies of the parish are invited.
Come for fellowship. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call Char 793-1165



FATHER ALVIN INVITES YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

"UNHOLY THOUGHTS" A Stand Up Comedy Fundraiser by
CN –Youth Empowerment and Stewardship with headliners
David Studebaker and Stephen B. (Comedy Central and
America's Funniest People) to benefit Philippine mission. Two shows on
Saturday 11/14 @ Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, 7:00 and 9:30 PM. Tickets
available at Cardinal Newman, St. Eugene's or www.brownpapertickets.com.

Revelation / Hebrew Scripture

Scripture and tradition show us the compassionate Face of God. The Hebrew Scripture points to how God speaks to the world today. God is revealing God's Face to you and me. What is God saying today? Vivian Tarango will explore with us how we can recognize the inspired words in the events of our world and in our personal lives. Saturday, November 14, 9:30am -3:00pm at the Chancery Office, 985 Airway Ct., Santa Rosa. Bring a bag lunch. Cost is \$20. **For Information Contact Department of Religious Education 707-566-3366; email srddre@santarosacatholic.org**



Forty Hour Devotions

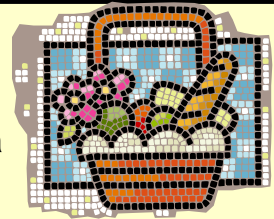
You are invited to join fellow Catholics in praying for the Spiritual Vitality of the Parishes of the Diocese of Santa Rosa at Forty Hour Devotions at St. Eugene's Cathedral, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, beginning after 5:30 p.m. Mass, Sunday, November 29 through 7:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Benediction, Tuesday, December 1. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Recitation of morning and evening prayers, the rosary (in English and Spanish), Divine Mercy Chaplet and daily Mass, will be included. For more information, <http://www.steugen.com/documents/40hours.pdf>

Mass Intentions
November 10 - 15, 2009

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| Tuesday | November 10, 2009 | 8:30 am | Robert Blythe, dec. |
| Wednesday | November 11, 2009 | 8:30 am | Eckenrode Family, dec. |
| Thursday | November 12, 2009 | 8:30 am | Mary Jo & Thomas P. Dunleavy, dec. |
| Friday | November 13, 2009 | 8:30 am | Ruperto & Maria Mendoza, 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.



CONFIRMATION 2010
Beginning January 5, 2010



The SES Confirmation Team Leaders, Ed Charbonneau and Mariclair 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 Mariclair 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.

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

Plate Offering:

October 31 & November 1 \$3,984.00

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| All Souls | \$ | 691.00 |
| All Saints | \$ | 659.00 |

THANK YOU!

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

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10: 11-14,18
Mark 13:24-32

Altar Servers Needed!

Interested 4th Graders and
up, please call the Parish
Office at 585-3708.

ENROLLING NOW!
Cross and Crown Lutheran School
NEW THIS YEAR—Toddler Program (18-30 months)
Preschool—Junior Kindergarten, K-2nd Grade

Extended day available 7AM to 6 PM
Music, Spanish, PE and Off-Campus Enrichment Opportunities
www.crossandcrownrp.org
Call 795-7863 for an appointment and a tour of our campus.



Musicians Schedule
Weekend Nov. 14/15, 2009

Saturday, Nov.14

5pm
Living Spirit

Sunday, Nov. 15

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



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

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Home: (707) 206-0855
Lawn Care, Hauling Green Waste, Weeding,
Yard Clean up,
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