

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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**Thirty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 15, 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.

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Pastor's note:

I have been reading through the advertisement in this bulletin in regards to the parish Advent Program entitled "Life's Journey." Fr. Tom Allender, S.J. will celebrate the weekend masses on November 28th & 29th, and introduce the series of presentations which he has in mind for the retreat. He will conduct two sessions per day beginning on Monday, Nov. 30th, through Wed., Dec. 2nd. We are delighted to have him back again, and I trust that you will create space in your schedule so that you can attend. For more detailed information, please refer to the bulletin notice within this issue.



Next weekend, November 21st & 22nd, 2009, there will be a second offering for the *Campaign for Human Development*. Bishop Daniel Walsh has written to all the parishes in terms of how the offering helps Catholic Charities support the poor, especially in these trying economic times. Once again, I recommend that you read his letter, which is also published within this bulletin.

Fr. John

P.S. Second Offering next weekend, November 21st & 22nd, 2009, is for the Campaign for Human Development

Spiritual Reflection for November 15, 2009

It's helpful to remember that St. Mark is writing at a time when there is widespread oppression and persecution of the Christian community in Rome. No doubt Jesus' followers are wondering if the end is near.

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After the cosmic fireworks, Jesus imagines a peace beyond suffering. This vision of peace is important to Mark's persecuted community: they need more than a fireworks display to see them through their own historical apocalypse. If their hope is not to be exhausted by force of circumstances, they need help to imagine a far side to pain and suffering. Mark gives their hope help in sharing Jesus' vision. For that is the purpose of all apocalyptic writing: to fund the hope of those who suffer in the present.

In the meantime, we have to depend on the promise of Jesus: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." No one, not even the Son, knows when all this will take place. The only sure thing we can hold to is the word of Jesus.

We live in an age of uncertainty; the future never looks wholly secure. In a nuclear age, the word of Jesus holds out a vision that takes us beyond our worst imaginings. There is a place beyond the mountains of arms and weapons. This vision doesn't free us from the duty to strive for peace, but it does free us from the blasphemy of believing that a nuclear holocaust will be the last word in the human story. There is only one final word: Jesus. That word has to be enough for us.



SENIOR PARISHIONERS 55+ POT LUCK LUNCHEON

The Senior Parishioners 55+ will be having their Pot Luck Luncheon **this Wednesday, November 18, 2009 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.

Office Closed for the Holiday

The Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Office hours will resume on Monday, November 30th.

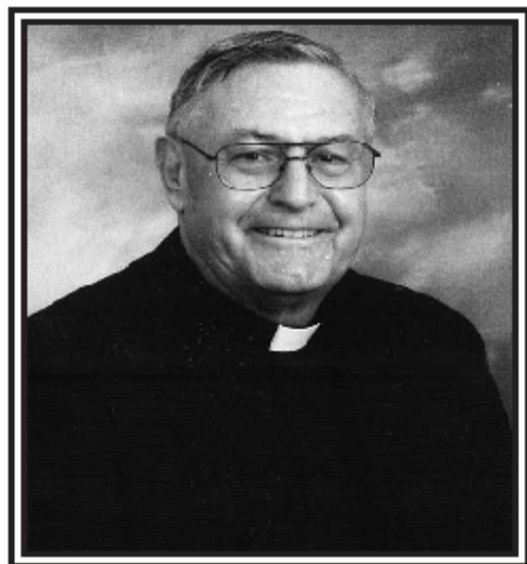


SAVE THE DATES: NOV. 30, DEC. 1, & 2, 2009

St. Elizabeth Seton's Advent Parish Mission

Life's Journey

From Anger to Forgiveness



Father Tom Allender, S.J

Monday, November 30, 2009
"Not Letting Our Anger Make a Bad Situation Worse"

Tuesday, December 1, 2009
"Tools to Letting Go of a Lifetime Anger System"

Wednesday, December 2, 2009
"Turning the Energy of Anger from a Destructive to a Positive Force/ Choosing Love as the Center of Our Family"

Time: 8:30 a.m. MASS followed by hospitality
9:30 a.m. MISSION TALK one-hour
7:00 p.m. MISSION TALK
same topic as morning

Fr. Tom will also preach the homily at all weekend masses on November 28 and 29.

Father Tom Allender, nationally known author and preacher has given over 1000 Parish Missions under the general theme of "Life's Journey." Over the past 25+ years, Father Tom has developed a witty and energetic speaking style and spirituality grounded in the psychological realities of our everyday lives. It is from within this spirituality that he helps us recognize, convincingly, that God loves us unconditionally.

Ordained a Jesuit priest in 1971, Father Tom holds degrees in theology and philosophy. He has taught at both high school and college level and performed as an innovative school administrator. With his illuminating practical spirituality, he is at ease as a marriage counselor, advisor to teenagers and retreat director for alcohol and drug dependents. With over 20,000 copies sold, his most recent book, "God Loves and Unmade Bed, Spirituality for the Imperfect" is a down-to-earth meeting with a divinity that loves us unconditionally, precisely in our troubles. Father Tom will be available after each session for the signing of this book.

All are invited to attend. Free will offering for Fr. Tom Allender.

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For more information: Please call Gloria Fahy (707) 483-3053

My Dear People,

Right now, many American families are struggling to make ends meet. As people are laid off, lose homes to foreclosure, lose health insurance, and watch their retirement funds disappear; it may be difficult to think of others in need. However, financial struggles have become even harder for the 37 million Americans who have been living in poverty.

For nearly 40 years, the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** (CCHD) has offered a solution to poverty by funding low-income community groups all over the United States that find lasting solutions to the root causes of poverty. CCHD supports the poor and low-income in acquiring affordable housing, fair wages, access to health care and vocational training. The leaders of CCHD-funded groups help the low-income community members who want to change their situation for a lifetime.

In Catholic social teaching, we are called

*To bring glad tidings to the poor...
to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free. (Luke 4:18)*

Our support of CCHD is vital to solving poverty in the United States. Here in our Diocese, Catholic Charities is the vital role to helping people help themselves. Our second collection will take place on **November 20th and 21st, 2009**. I ask you to please be as generous as you are able financially, but also by your prayers.

Assuring you of my prayers, I am

Your Brother and Servant in the Lord,
Daniel Walsh
Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh
Bishop of Santa Rosa

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS



This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help feed God's poor by assisting 53 local families with food.

We ask for your continued generosity in the Thanksgiving Mass collection. We anticipate record numbers of food requests in the coming holiday months. ***Your Thanksgiving donations can also be left in the parish office. God bless you for helping build his kingdom!***

Mass Intentions November 17 - 22, 2009

Tuesday	November 17, 2009	8:30 am	Kathleen McNamara, dec.
Wednesday	November 18, 2009	8:30 am	Evelyn Evans, dec.
Thursday	November 19, 2009	8:30 am	Robert Schwank, dec.
Friday	November 20, 2009	8:30 am	Marie Gruber, int.
Saturday	November 21, 2009	5:00 pm	Edwin & Lillian Hoch, dec.
Sunday	November 22, 2009	8:30 am	Jeno Bean, dec.
Sunday	November 22, 2009	10:30 am	Leonard Bologna, dec.

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.



Baptisms Performed At St Elizabeth Seton May 2009 thru October 2009

Charles Gomez
Anthony Barbato
Emily Ricci
Lilyana Ramirez
Juan Contreras
Jack Bassett
Aiden Slaby
Camron Heiney
Kack Keaney
Arabella Perez
Ella Jimenez
Patricia Torres
Brooke Mason
Ethan Janosa
Samantha Phillips
Kenzie Johnson



A Memorable Celebration

Please join us for the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 22, as we listen to sacred music from the Sonoma State Brass Ensemble



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

Plate Offering:

November 8 & 9 \$4,281.00

THANK YOU!

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ
The King
Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

**Altar Servers
Needed!**

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

St. Vincent de Paul High School

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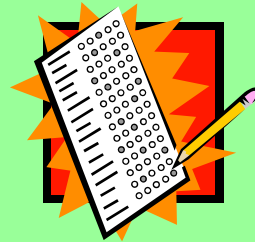
Ninth Grade Placement Test

(2010-2011 School Year)

Saturday, December 5, 2009

9:00am

***For more information or to receive an Admissions Packet, please call:
(707) 763-1032, ext. 113***



Musicians Schedule

Weekend Nov. 21/22, 2009

Saturday, Nov.21 5pm

Living Spirit

Sunday, Nov. 22

8:30am

Crystal/Maricclair

10:30am

CHOIR from SSU

Thursday, Nov. 26

Thanksgiving

9:30am

Living Spirit



**R & S Lawn Care
Stan Ottolini and Roman Enriquez**

(Two College Students for Hire)

Cell: (707) 548-6312

Home: (707) 206-0855

Lawn Care, Hauling Green Waste, Weeding,

Yard Clean up,

Odd Jobs

(Reasonable Rates)