

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Sunday: 11:30 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: Noon

Thursday: Noon

Reconciliation:

Weekdays before Tuesday and
Thursday Mass.

Also by an Appointment.

12 Hour Adoration:

First Friday of every month
7am to 7pm

Daily Adoration/ Rosary

Mon –Sat 11:00 am to noon

Sunday 10:30 - 11:30

*“May the most just, the most high, the most
amiable will of God be ever loved, adored, and
accomplished.”*

Mother Seton’s Favorite Prayer

New to the Parish? Welcome! To register as a parishioner of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, please contact the office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Church law directs that Catholics receive marriage preparation and be married in the Church. Please contact the office at least four months prior to the wedding. Advent and lent are penitential Seasons: weddings are discouraged during these seasons.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism should take place A.S.A.P. following birth. Expectant parents should contact the office for baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Anyone in danger of death or the elderly should receive this sacrament. Anyone anticipating a surgery or a stay in the hospital should request the sacrament before surgery.

Religious Education Classes [CCD]: Is available for Grades Pre-K-10 10:00 am on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

A Lent Reflection

Jesus raises three people from the dead in the Gospel stories: the daughter of Jairus, the son of the widow of Naim, and Lazarus. In the symbolic language of the Gospels, these physical resuscitations are evocative of raisings from sin to spiritual health.

First, St. Augustine says that the young daughter of Jairus, who dies inside her house, symbolizes the sin that takes place in our thoughts and our hearts. That sin has not yet borne fruit in action.

Second, the dead son of the widow of Naim, carried to the gate of the house, represents sin that has expressed itself concretely in action. This dead man is raised and given back to his mother, who stands for the Church.

Thirdly, and most drastically, we have the case of Lazarus. He stands for the worst kind of moral and spiritual corruption, sin that has been expressed in the world and become embedded in evil custom and habit. This is the rot that has really set in, producing a spiritual stink.

In the Gospel of John, the raising of Lazarus takes place just before the Passion, just before the climactic moment when Jesus defeats death by succumbing to it. When told that Lazarus has died, Jesus says, "Our beloved Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him." With these words, he signifies we are in a new world. Within the confines of the old world, the old consciousness, death is ultimate, and its very finality gives it its power. However, by referring to it as "sleep," Jesus is signaling that through God's power and purpose, death is not ultimate; it is not the final word.

When Jesus first arrives at Bethany, he learns that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. This is to signal that there is no mistake; the man is truly and definitively dead. But it is no concern for the one who transcends both space and time, whose power stretches beyond life and death as we know them.

Martha comes out to meet Jesus and indicates her incipient belief in his identity and power: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother never would have died. Even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask him." Jesus replies, "Your brother will rise again...I am the resurrection and the life." God hates death and doesn't want its phony finality to ruin human life.

Coming to Lazarus's tomb, Jesus feels the deepest emotions and begins to weep. This is God entering into the darkness and confusion and agony of the death of sinners. He doesn't blithely stand above our situation, but rather takes it on and feels it. But then, like a warrior, he approaches the enemy. "Take away the stone," he directs.

Those who are stuck within the confines of this world protest, "Lord, surely there will be a stench." They are essentially saying, "Don't mess with death; you can't reverse it. Its power is final."

But Jesus is undaunted. He commands, "Lazarus, come out!" This is the voice, not simply of a hopeful human being, not simply of a great religious figure; this is the voice of God who hates death and has dominion over it. And therefore, "The dead man came out." Jesus then orders the onlookers to, "Untie him and let him go free."

That command still echoes today. Just as he did with Lazarus, Jesus sets us free from death and the ways of death.

<p><u>Hungering for a Healthy Harvest</u> CRS Rice Bowl Brings our Lenten journey back to Africa this week, to the Democratic Republic of Congo. We join our fasting in solidarity with people who go hungry, and we remember in prayer the importance of building a community that is willing to support those most in need.</p>	<p>If anyone knows how to do calligraphy please step forward. The office needs someone to fill in three certificates.</p>	<p><u>Mass Intentions</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, March 22</u> Mass 11:30am</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 24</u> Mass Noon</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 26</u> Mass Noon</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 29</u> Mass 11:30am + Dorothy C Abrams By Joan</p>															
<p><u>Consecration of the Family</u> Please notify the office if your family would like to take the picture of the Holy Family home for a week.</p> <p>Continue praying for the family who takes the picture home.</p>	<p><i>Give us This Day our Daily Chuckle</i></p> <p>The Pastor woke up Sunday morning and, realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So...he told the associate pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to preach for him that day. As soon as the associate pastor left the room, the Pastor headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his church.</p> <p>Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from heaven and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then, he hit the ball, and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 435-YARD HOLE-IN-ONE! Saint Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"</p>	<p><u>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</u> March 22 thru March 29</p> <p>Sunday: Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33</p> <p>Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17 Jn 8:1-11</p> <p>Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30</p> <p>Wednesday: Is 7:10-14,8:10 Heb 10:4-10</p> <p>Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59</p> <p>Friday: Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42</p> <p>Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56</p> <p>Sunday: Jn 12:12-16 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1—15:47</p>															
<p><u>Stations of the Cross</u> Fridays during Lent at noon Fridays 7:00pm in Spanish</p>	<p>The Mother Seton Rosary makers would like to thank the parish for their support during their rosary sale last Sunday.</p> <p>If anyone would like a customized rosary or any of the products they make please contact Joan or Sue.</p> <p>The office will be closed Thursday, March 26.</p>	<p><u>The Celebration of the Eucharist</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ministers</td> <td>March 22, 2014</td> <td>March 29, 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lector</td> <td>Bonnie Lill</td> <td>Bill & Sue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.M.H.C</td> <td>Diane Lill</td> <td>Shirene Chesser</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.M.H.C</td> <td>Joan Kupiec</td> <td>Bonnie Lill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gift Bearer</td> <td>Garcia's</td> <td>Gomez's</td> </tr> </table>	Ministers	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	Lector	Bonnie Lill	Bill & Sue	E.M.H.C	Diane Lill	Shirene Chesser	E.M.H.C	Joan Kupiec	Bonnie Lill	Gift Bearer	Garcia's	Gomez's
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<p> This week's featured Lighthouse CD is <u>The Fourth Cup By Scott Hahn</u>: Well-known Catholic theologian Dr. Scott Hahn explains Christ's Paschal Sacrifice on the cross as the fulfillment of the traditional fourth cup used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. He draws a symbolic parallel to the Last Supper and Christ's death on Calvary. Through his scholarly insights and important biblical connections, Mass will come alive for you as never before!</p> <p>I really enjoyed this CD!! I The insights of Jesus' death, the Holy Mass and the Bible came alive to me. What truly amazed me was how even the words Jesus spoke at His passion had great meaning. Example; the words, I thirst, have such greater meaning than what we realize.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SEAS parishioner</p>	<p><u>Stewardship Report</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Last Weeks Collection:</td> <td>\$ 1095.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Needed Each Week</td> <td>\$ 827.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>For the Week: over Budget</td> <td>\$268.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year to date: under Budget</td> <td>\$1649.70</td> </tr> </table>	Last Weeks Collection:	\$ 1095.00	Needed Each Week	\$ 827.00	For the Week: over Budget	\$268.00	Year to date: under Budget	\$1649.70								
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