



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 2, 2020

THE PRESENTATION

OF THE
Lord

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother...

"...Behold, this *child* is destined for
the fall and rise of many in Israel."

~Luke 2:34

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Eucharistic Liturgies

Sunday: 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm

Monday-Friday: 8:00am

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil

TV Mass

www.seaslv.org and on the CW
Network every Sunday morning.
Check your local listings.

Church Hours

Sunday: 5:30am-7:30pm

Monday-Saturday: 7:00am-5:00pm*

* Closed on public holidays

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 8:30am or by appointment

Morning Prayer

Monday-Saturday: 7:10am

Rosary

Monday-Saturday: 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

(In the Mater Dei Chapel*)

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-7:00pm

Saturday: 8:30am-3:00pm

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays at 8:45am

*The Chapel is closed during Easter
Triduum, Holy Days of Obligation, and
public holidays

Holy Hour for Vocations

(In the Mater Dei Chapel)

Last Thursday of the Month 6:00pm

Parish Office Hours

Sunday: Closed

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm*

Saturday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Closed for Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm

* Closed on public holidays

Kairos Gift Shop Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm*

Closed for Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm

*Closed on public holidays

Saturday: 8:30am-5:30pm

Closed for Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm and
during 4:00pm Mass

Sunday: 7:00am-7:30pm

Closed: During all Masses

Welcome!

We Are Glad You Are Here!

In order that we may better serve you, please [register](http://www.seaslv.org) with the parish by visiting www.seaslv.org or downloading the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton App. Registration forms are also available in the gathering space of the church.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at 702-228-8311 if you need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at home or in a hospital. For assistance after hours or on Sundays, call the answering service at 702-388-9571. A priest will be notified and will contact you directly. The Sacrament is also offered communally within the Mass. Watch the bulletin for upcoming Anointing of the Sick Masses, scheduled on a quarterly basis.

Holy Communion for the Sick

If you are homebound, please call Tom & Patti Stava at 702-586-8093 and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will visit you. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and would like to receive Communion.

Funeral Ministry

In the event of a death of a loved one, please contact the Funeral Ministry at **702-403-8416** **BEFORE making arrangements with any of the professional services.** Pre-planning is also available.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms for infants and children up to 7 years of age are celebrated on Sundays either during Mass or at 1:45pm. Parents and Godparents should attend the baptism class on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall classrooms. Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Sacrament of Matrimony

A 6 month minimum time period is needed to complete the preparation required for the Sacrament of Matrimony. For more information, contact our Wedding Coordinator, Maureen Sisto at 702-804-8321.

Vocations

Vocations please consult with one of the priests.

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A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

PRAYER AND PRIVACY

In our gathering space we've had a beautiful tradition of writing down our prayer intentions in our parish **Book of Prayers**. Some may ask, however, "Why do I need to tell God what God already knows?" After all, in Matthew 6:8 Jesus clearly says, *"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

Well, it's true that we don't need to inform God of our needs. God knows it all even before we do! But, expressing our needs to God is a way that we affirm our relationship with God. We trust that God hears all our prayers and answers them all in God's own way and in God's own time. Expressing our intentions in a written form is a simple and profound way to express them concretely and then let go and trust in God's will. We pray in the Lord's Prayer, "thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

With our present Book of Prayers, concerns have been raised about privacy issues. In this day and age, privacy is a very important and personal matter. Some written intentions in our Book of Prayers have contained private information about a person's medical condition or other personal information that should not be shared with the public. Unfortunately, in some instances, others have read these intentions and then freely shared information that should have remained private. Privacy, especially with prayer, was important to Jesus as well. In Matthew 6:6 Jesus says, *"When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."*

Therefore, our new way of continuing to express our prayer intentions will be by writing them on special forms and placing them in our new parish **Chest of Prayers** in the same location. In this way we can still concretely express our intentions while also respecting everyone's privacy as well. We will pray for the intentions in our parish Chest of Prayers at Mass. In this way, intentions are lifted up to God, privacy is respected and it's a win-win situation for all.

PRAYER LIST OF THE SICK IN THE BULLETIN

On a similar note, and due to privacy issues and concerns, we will no longer be publishing names in the bulletin of those who are in need of prayer. There have been instances when someone, out of the goodness of their heart, has submitted someone else's name for inclusion on this Prayer List without that person's permission. There is no way for us to concretely know who would or would not want their name listed in the bulletin.

So, you may ask: "How do I know who to pray for from our parish?" Well, obviously we have no need to tell God who needs prayer (see the first paragraph). And, I can assure you, there are many more people from our parish who need prayer but are not included on this list. Therefore, please allow me, if you will, to share with you how I include everyone in my own personal prayer. It goes like this:

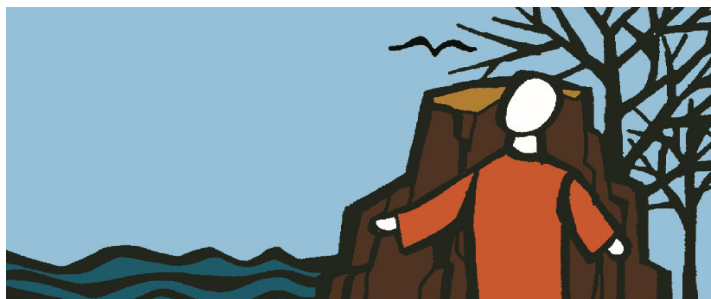
"Lord, I pray for all those who have asked for my prayers, those I have promised to pray for, those who are in most need of my prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them."

That just about takes care of everyone in need. And it's reassuring to know that it's not necessary to mention them individually by name because God knows them all anyway. Don't get me wrong: there's certainly no problem in mentioning people by name. Just remember: God knows them all and doesn't need us to remind him!

Peace always,



Fr. James Michael Jankowski
Pastor



The Presentation of the Lord

Prayer List

Do to matters of privacy, we will no longer publish a prayer list in the bulletin after February 2, 2020. For more information, please refer to Fr. Jim's bulletin letter on page 3. Thank you for understanding.



Maryanne Milano, Leighton "Peachy" Walling, Gina Havasi & Family, Amanda Philpott & Family, Jurate Vilcinskiene, Jim Kaczmarek, Donna & Walter Cius, Carol Townsend, Luz Davis, Andrew Davis, Paulette Anderson, Louis A. Pisani, M. Roberta Araneta, Leonard Lo

Russo, Ramon Casanova, Andrea Casanova, Rolando Noche, Abelseania Noche, Mario Noche, Emmanuel Noche, Natalee Noche, Alex Amador, Jennie Maestas, Georgia Carillo, Bob Landsperg, Cynthia Padilla, Jasmin Corcuera, Julian & Dolly Concepcion, Alice Bode, Cris Tapangco, Satch Tapangco, Christina Bankert, Corene Van Wie, Linda Buble, Maurice Timony, Pansy Robinsen, Jack Opitck, Baby Olivia Burton, Reggie Friday, Nicole Eslava and Baby Jazmyn, Eric Adams, Norma Contreras, Amy Newson, Nancy Bumstead, Victoria Smith, Jim Couch, Remedios Calica, Lourdes Davis, Fiona Moree, Mary Di Trento, Nancy Leonard, Liliana Escobar, Barbara Gomez, Jean Edwards, Tim Prieser, Louise Hill, Anthony Marciano, Don Hughes, Amelia Zambales, Joseph Zwijac, Ann Donohue, Lisa Hunt, Sestia Mae Leppek, Patricia & Joanne Piccione, Luis Salavarrieta, Cosmo Leone, Laura Forese, Joyce Tibaldi, Gary Franklin, Steven Kitchen, Gloria & Dick McNeill, Julian Quijada, Monica Robins, Elaine Mooney, Richard & Mary Hanson, Rita Abbey, Robert Bellevue, Aaron Abbey, Maria Sheets, Josh & Yve Abbey, Gwen Argon, Dawn Saines, Bruno & Gabby Castelveter, Sharon Konja, Olivia Konja, Terry Konja, Maureen Fox, Rosanne Enmon, Andy Phan-Nguyen, Atticus Edwards, Kaidra Myxter Froelich, Francisco Borromeo, Christopher Macadangdang, Agnes Galura, Kathleen Mary Kennedy, Rose Bjelland, Todd Helseth, Phoenix Barnes, Delores De Paulist, Carlos Mustache, David Edwards, Estella Sayre, Normita Carreon, David Henderson, Donna Thayer, Mila Escuin, Girlie Piccio, Howard Berger, Hannah Wong, Steve Contardi, Sharylan Chance Fain, Ted Ciotti, Westyn Hughes, Martin De Somma, Michael Martinez, Anna Evans, Joe Lopez, Veronica Ross, Stan Murrey, Puglisi Family, Musi Family, Nick Aguila, Cathy McGowan, Susan Westcott, S. Leeny, Dorla Levy, Anna Liza G. Malongo, Joseph Stroka, Jim Patrick Limbo, Roxanne Limbo, Robert Kanoch, Katelyn Medeiros, Mildred Nisivoccia, Pam O'Halloran, Clara B. Etter, Cindy Rice, Tony Cavallone, Steve Corkins, May Cuenca Emata, Leo Cuenca, Lorna Cuenca, Cecile Stroka, Romeo Castro, Joel Famatigan, Jo Stroka, Michael Anthony

Santon, Jr., Jhoanne O. Metchado, Mary McCormick, Arlene Cavallone, Lawrence Lilly, Jocelyn McEvers, Mary Elizabeth Socci, Norma Ruth Bullard, Patti Curtis, Joanne Piccione, Mary Boettcher, Jayson Strimling, Hilda Rodriguez, Norma Montejano, Aubrey Lynn Henderson, Jon Paul Kennedy, Joan Turgeon, Gene Recibe, Valerie Nataly Angel Garcia, Mary Tyszko, Joe Pupello, Ed Birch, Dav Camras, Richard Tatum, Margaret W. Holden, Clara Walsh, Eric Ehrsam, Geneva Malone, Jordan Massella, Dorothy Perlono, Joseph T. Moll, Dolores (Sugar) Hazel, Gretchen, Ted Zook, Gail & Tony Tenore, John Paul Vega, Virginia McGuire, Lee Herman, Mercedes Martinez, Richard Griffiths, Larry Schlecht, Tess Luna, The Pakala Family, Tyler Hallenback, Danilo Silvestre, Edgar Ruis Sanchez, Stacey Hanna, Ernest Ergottino, Daniel Tynan, Paul Kalekas, James Kaleka, Joey Ciotti, Ashley I., Lorraine Bastunas, Angelina Ventriglia, Katica Cule, Brenda Gordon, Horace Dube, Savannah Tomassetti, Joe Benson, Luiz Fernando Beltran, Nazilla, Pamela Kalekas, Cathy Razor, Ludy Llasus, Steve Suchorski, Michael Allen, Marielle Krizzia Aballa, DeAndre Hudson, Lucien & Josh Lee, Shirley Reyes, Dottie Stearns, Michelle LiTrenta, Ron Stiscak, Mark Frandsal, Josh Lee, Jennifer Alfelora-Baxa, Fr. John Finnigan, Laverne Cheske, Kirk Wilson, Yvonne Perez Cook, Thomas Cook, Ricky Jimenez, Pia Veneracion-Casas, Ken Caroccia, Anna Leah Bagang, Carol Plante, Carmella Brady, Ann Hearn, Tangela Allen, Joseph Doucet, Jameson Wandro, Alexander & Parker Garriepy, Tyler Chimento, Mary Suber, Miriam Baccioss Plaza, Fr. Piotr Mozdyniewicz & Family, Kathleen & Brian Kennedy & Family, All Souls in Purgatory, Julia Johnson, Scott Willis, Joe Creaghe, Michael Manteris, Patricia Wagner, Vanessa Grindstaff, Dennis Apodaca, Ron Anderson, Amer Shamoun, Megan Sheets, Yvette Slopast, Joseph Balelo, William Clark, Kelly Goddard, Tony Paskvan, Adriana Rojas, Monica Trevelino, Virginia Stalzer, Allan Heacock, Georgia Bley, Georgine Wendell, Nanci Helfinstine, Georgia Montano, Alfred Smith, Clemente Aranzaso, Don Leonard, Sr., Robert Olson, Katrina Lichty, Marty Champion, Mary Ann Olson, Janie Busalino, Jerri Rush, Al Labermeier, Graciela Gomez, Heath Melendez, Patricia Liedtke, Donna Logan, Michelle del Fierro, Kim Thomas, Larry Henderson, Pam Austin Reed, Angeline Shattuck, and for All Victims of Abuse

Parish Chest of Prayers

Due to matters of privacy, our Parish Book of Prayers will soon be replaced by a Parish Chest of Prayers where you will be able to securely place the names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in Masses and prayers. It will be located on the table by the baptismal font.

The Presentation of the Lord



The Presentation of the Lord

“We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice.” — Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him

to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light of the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God as “prepared in the presence of all peoples” (CCC, no. 529).

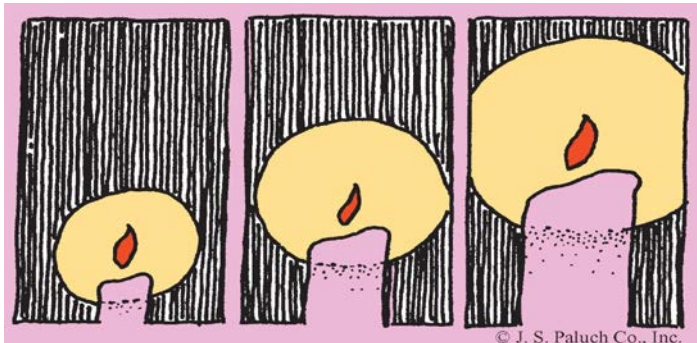
World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

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The Presentation of the Lord



Presider's Mass Intentions

Saturday	2/1
8:00am	Norma Lapham
4:00pm	† Elizabeth F. Rowand
Sunday	2/2
6:30am	SEAS Parishioners
8:00am	Parish Book of Prayers
10:00am	† Bernardo Gahol
12:00pm	† Alexander Minev
4:00pm	† Thomas Nguyen
6:00pm	† Antoinette Tallerino
Monday	2/3
8:00am	† Yong Gantt
Tuesday	2/4
8:00am	† Emelita Cabanlon
Wednesday	2/5
8:00am	† Michael Louis Quarrell
Thursday	2/6
8:00am	† Suseema Wevita
Friday	2/7
8:00am	† Michael Louis Quarrell
Saturday	2/8
8:00am	† Suseema Wevita
4:00pm	John S. Tomai
Sunday	2/9
6:30am	Parish Book of Prayers
8:00am	† Rolando Enriquez
10:00am	† Bill Burns
12:00pm	† Norb Mastej & † Caroline Fiel
4:00pm	† Andrew Gnagy
6:00pm	SEAS Parishioners

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day
Monday:	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Wednesday:	St. Agatha
Thursday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary



Saint of the Week

Saint Blaise

Died: 316

Feast Day: Feb. 3

Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers and wool trading.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13;
Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,
30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16



HONORING
our PAST
EMBRACING
our FUTURE

A Campaign for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Capital Campaign Update

Recent pledges to our **HONORING our PAST, EMBRACING our FUTURE Capital Campaign** have raised the pledge amount to \$2,472,907 which is an increase of \$22,015 from last week's figure! Thank you for continuing to support our capital campaign!

Red capital campaign envelopes are in the gathering space. Feel free to use these when making a campaign contribution or paying on an existing pledge. Your payments can be placed in the collection basket, returned to the gift shop or mailed to the church. Please make sure to notate CAPITAL CAMPAIGN on your donations and payments.

Weekly Offertory

January 25 - 26, 2020

Offering

4:00pm Vigil	\$5,019.75
6:30am	\$3,388.00
8:00am	\$4,791.75
10:00am	\$5,358.86
12:00pm	\$4,996.36
4:00pm	\$3,813.75
6:00pm	\$2,024.16
Mailed-in	\$634.00
Kiosk, Online & Text	\$8,342.51
Collection Total	\$38,369.14
Church in Latin America & Europe	\$6,912.13
Maintenance Fund	\$399.00

Weekly 1st Collection Goal.....\$45,000.00
Weekly 1st Collection Actual.....\$38,369.14
Over / Under Weekly Goal.....☹️ -\$ 6,630.86

Year to Date 1st Collection Goal.....\$1,350,000.00
Year to Date 1st Collection Actual....\$1,198,838.15
Over / Under Year to Date Goal...☹️-\$ 151,161.85



Baptized in Christ

Airessa Jocelyn Bowman
Alfredo Nicholas Devera, III
Bailey Hope Telford

Died in Christ

Raymond T. Coons

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Living the Faith

“Just Wait”: A Letter from a Newlywed Couple

Dear The Dating, The Engaged, The Married...

Valerie: “**Just wait.** It’ll get worse when you’re married.” “Just wait until you’ve been married for a year...” “Just wait until the seven year itch...” “Just wait until you’ve been married as long as we have...”

The “just wait until...” scale seems to be sliding further and further away no matter how long you’ve been married. My husband, Rocco, and I have been married for a little over a year and a half and are determined to tell anyone who will listen just how amazing marriage is! Marriage is a gift from God!

Rocco: **I can’t count** how many times I’ve heard “Oh, you’re engaged? Congratulations, but just wait for marriage...” or “Oh, you’re newlyweds? Congratulations, but just wait until after the ‘honeymoon’ phase...” These are messages delivered with a sense of impending doom. At work or elsewhere, these “just waits” are often accompanied by comments about “the old ball and chain,” snide remarks about spouses and all kinds of dubious marriage advice.

Valerie: **I guess we** are never quite married long enough to be considered to know what married life is like, but we would disagree. At no point do Rocco and I think we know everything about marriage. We are learning more and more about one another and about married life every day. But to those who are engaged, to those who are dating, to those who believe their vocation is to one day get

married, to those who have already spoken those vows, take heart: Marriage is an amazing, life changing, ridiculously fun adventure!

Rocco: **I’m on a mission:** God created me to love Val and sacrifice my life for her. He created her to be my perfect match. And for those whom God calls to the vocation of marriage, He’s created a perfect match for you as well. Forget anything you’ve heard from people who’ve become disillusioned and instead “just wait” for the joy, the excitement, the laughter and the sheer fun of what’s to come!

Just wait... until you come home and your husband, who has just come home from work, has the fire going in the fireplace, Christmas lights plugged in and hot chocolate set out for you.

Just wait...until you come home to a house full of balloons and a gigantic card on your birthday and you realize how hard your wife worked to see your joy and that she’s been planning this moment for a long time.

Just wait... until the first snow since you’ve been married and your husband goes outside and creates a huge heart in the road to show you from the upstairs window.

Just wait... until she hatches a plan to feed the homeless and you remember how much you love her generosity and compassion.

Just wait... until you find the love note he hid around the house for you to find during the day.

Just wait... until you get to open your lunch bag to read the love note she wrote you that morning.

Just wait... until your husband comes home from work and the first thing he does is run, literally run, to find you, lift you up in an embrace, spin you around and give you a “hello” kiss.

Just wait... until you see your wife waving from the window as you come home from work, with a huge smile on her face, so happy

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to see you, and she surprises you with a scrumptious meal, a clean house and plans for the future: fruit of a grueling day while you were at work and all out of love.

Just wait... until your husband pulls a dozen beautiful red roses from behind his back, in the middle of the week, for no other reason than he loves you and knows you love surprises.

Just wait... until when you serve food for the two of you and she insists you have the warmer dinner, the choicest portion of meat, and the bigger cookie, just because she loves to see you smile.

Just wait... until he changes his routine and brings his laptop over to work with you on the couch because he knows you enjoy his presence.

Just wait... until you two really realize for the first time that you are not just “her” family, not just “your” family, but your own family.

Just wait... until your husband tells you every day that you’re his most beautiful bride and he’s the luckiest guy in the world.

Just wait... until she giggles every time you surprise her with kisses on her cheek.

Just wait... until your husband asks to hold a friend’s baby for the first time, and he instantly melts, and you are reminded for the billionth time how good of a dad he will be one day.

Just wait... until you see your wife cradling a friend’s infant in her arms, and she instantly knows everything to do to calm him, and you are reminded for the billionth time how good of a mom she will be one day.

Just wait... because you have so much joy ahead of you...

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Fact of Faith

Dignity of the Human Person

By Fr. Larry Rice

Over centuries, the Catholic Church has developed a set of principles that underlie its teaching on moral issues. More than a list of commandments and thou-shalt-nots, these principles can be discerned from the scriptures and from hundreds of years of reflection on the relationships between human beings and God.

The starting point for Catholic social teaching is the inherent dignity of every human person. In the Sacred Constitution “The Church in the Modern World” from the Second Vatican Council we read, “There is a growing awareness of the sublime dignity of human persons, who stand above all things and whose rights and duties are universal and inviolable. They ought, therefore, to have ready access to all that is necessary for living a genuinely human life: for example, food, clothing, housing, ... the right to education, and work...” Because we are made in the image of God, and the human person is the clearest reflection of God among us, we are required to honor and respect the human person and to acknowledge that all human beings have rights.

The most basic human right is the right to life itself. The church’s stance protecting human life is based as much on this right as it is on the commandment that says “thou shalt not kill.” And because we believe that **all** human life is sacred, the church believes it must be protected for all persons, from conception to natural death.

For Catholics, human life and human dignity are absolutes. That’s why we must accord the same respect and honor to all human beings: the unborn, the handicapped, the elderly, criminals, foreigners, enemies, immigrants, everyone. This is a challenging principle, a radical stance that sometimes sets us apart from our culture. But it’s a principle as basic as God telling us, “Love one another, as I have loved you.”

Fr. Larry Rice is the former vocations director of the Paulist Fathers.

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Stewardship



A Stewardship Call to Action from Pope Francis

"Money must serve, not rule!" This is how Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, put the emphasis on one of seven major themes in his pastoral letter, *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*. The pontiff's letter, formally referred to as an "apostolic exhortation," devotes itself to the subject of the new evangelization, and shares ideas about how the church can reform itself in order to embrace a renewed sense of mission.

One of our Holy Father's urgent concerns is how the poor of the world are being treated. In his letter he states emphatically that he loves everyone, both rich and poor, but that he is obliged in the name of Jesus Christ to remind everyone that the rich have a responsibility "... to help, respect and promote the poor" (par. 58).

Pope Francis is especially concerned about the growing global economic inequity and challenges world political and financial leaders to use our economic systems in a way that favors human beings: *Just as the commandment "Thou shalt not kill"*

sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say "thou shalt not" to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? (par. 52).

The pope is insistent: God calls us to make a committed response to the poor in a way that transcends the logic of the marketplace.

In his Christmas message, Pope Francis urged us to "place ourselves at the service of the poor, make ourselves small and poor with them." He does not condemn capitalism, nor does he favor a Marxist view of economics. He is challenging each of us to follow Christ and be good stewards of his gospel message which includes loving God and neighbor, especially the poor, the prisoners, the sick and the outcast; all whom Jesus makes reference to in his teaching on the final judgment of the nations in the Gospel of Matthew (25:31-46). It is a call to action Pope Francis urges upon us as we continue to move through this new year.

—ICSC January 2020 e-Bulletin

Parish News



True Discipleship: Men After God's Own Heart

When: Saturday, February 15, 2020

Where: SEAS Parish Hall

Who: All Men 18 and Over

Time: - 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Morning Fellowship with Coffee & Donuts
- 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Retreat with Lunch Break (Lunch provided)

Director: Mr. Carlos Obando, Programs Director
Loyola Institute for Spirituality (Orange, CA)

Cost: \$25 (includes coffee, donuts and lunch)

Contact: Jeff Boughrum at jboughrum3@cox.net (702-523-3270)

Register: TODAY in the SEAS Kairos Gift Shop

The invitation to discipleship is ever ancient and ever new ... calling people of every age to "Come" and meet the living God. The life of a disciple, however, is challenging. It means not only "knowing" our faith, but being people whose lives "witness" that faith. It means allowing ourselves to be transformed by God's Spirit so that we can transform the world around us. So, are you a believer or a disciple? There is a difference! Come and join other men for a day of prayer, reflection and fellowship as we re-discover the joy of discipleship and learn how to better live our lives as Catholic men.



Parish News



The Kickoff to Catholic Schools Week

Last Sunday, January 26, was the kickoff to Catholic Schools Week. SEAS School students gave parishioners and guests a tour of the school (pictured top left and right), and the SEAS 5th grade class presented their Explorer projects (pictured bottom of pages 16 and 17) at the Pancake Breakfast (top of page 17) that was served after the 8am and the 10am Masses. The morning was quite enjoyable and very educational!



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February Screening Dates for SEAS Kindergarten 2020-2021

All parents with prospective Kindergarteners for the 2020-2021 school year are invited to pick up an application. The application fee of \$35 and the test fee of \$100 must be returned to the school office in order to schedule an assessment appointment. Upon receipt of this information, you will receive an email with a follow-up letter confirming your test date and time.

If you are unable to come to the school office, please call 702-804-8328 or email seasschool@seaslv.org and we will be happy to mail you the application or you can print it from the school website at www.seascslv.org.

The screening dates take place the week of February 4th. The appointments take place weekdays during the school day. Appointments will be set by the school office.

Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2020 to be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Appointments are set based on availability and the date received.



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Baptism Prep Class

The next **Baptism Preparation Class** will be held **Tuesday, February 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the SJ XXIII classroom in the Parish Hall.** Parents and Godparents requesting the sacrament for infants and children up to 7 years old should attend.

For more information, contact Marcie Wilske (702-804-8370) at mwilske@seaslv.org.



Kairos Gift Shop News

Visit the Kairos Gift Shop for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts. Plus, lots of new items are on the way! We also have a nice children's section and gift ideas and greeting cards for St. Valentine's Day and

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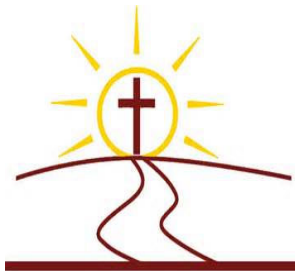


Catholicism: The Pivotal Players, Volume 2

Fr. McShane's Bible Study invites you to view the most recent Catholicism: The Pivotal Players video series featuring Fulton J.

Sheen, the Communicator and Flannery O'Connor, the Story Teller. **The videos will be shown on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the SJ XXIII Classroom in the Parish Hall on February 3, 10, 24 and March 2.** If you would like to learn more about Fr. McShane's Bible Study that meets every Monday morning, contact Marianne Murphy at edmurphy1@mac.com (702-525-4746).

Parish News



Come to Our Next RCIA Class

Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Marriage, is the topic of our next Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) class on **Tuesday**,

February 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and repeated on Saturday, February 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the PP VI classroom in the Parish Hall. This week's class is open to anyone who would like to attend. For more information, contact Marcie Wilske at mwilske@seaslv.org (702-804-8370).



We Need Your Old Palm Branches

Please bring in your old palm branches by **Sunday, February 16** and leave them in the designated basket in the gathering space. They will be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 26.



Holiday Hours

In observance of Presidents' Day, the parish offices, Kairos Gift Shop and Mater Dei Chapel will be **closed Monday, February 17. The church will close after daily Mass which will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.**



Mental Health & Wellness Ministry

This month the Mental Health & Wellness Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 12 and Wednesday, February 26**

from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Sometimes people can feel overwhelmed, isolated and even traumatized by current and/or past events. Sometimes we feel no one understands how difficult it is to cope. If you would like to share your feelings in a safe, supportive place, join us. For more information contact Laura Jensen (702-723-2300) at callmecatholic2@gmail.com. The group usually meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.



Registration Information

Why Register in the Parish?

If you would like to register with the parish, we encourage you to do so at www.seaslv.org or by completing the registration form found in the lobby. Registered parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church rightfully look to their parish for any number of services. Among these services are:

- Parishioner tuition rates in our Catholic schools
- Certification as sponsors at sacramental celebrations
- Annual contribution statements

If you are unable to participate actively or unable to contribute to the support of the parish because of your age, illness, or economic situation, please notify the parish office. Ministry to the homebound is available. Thank you.

Parish News



Televised Mass for the Sick and Homebound

Televised Masses for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent will be celebrated and taped on Thursday, February 13 at 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. respectively.

Through your participation at these Masses, the homebound are reminded that they are loved by their brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Diocese of Las Vegas, and that they remain a vibrant and loved part of our faith community. Please join us. The Sunday Mass on television is an outreach of the Diocese of Las Vegas that serves those who, for reasons outside of their control, are unable to attend Sunday Mass. These Masses can be viewed online at www.seaslv.org and on the CW Network every Sunday morning. Check your local listings.



Memorializing a Votive Candle

If you would like to memorialize an annual white votive candle at any of the shrines in the sanctuary please contact SEAS Receptionist Sandra Tenaglia at stenaglia@seaslv.org (702-804-8302). These white candles are lit for 360 days (excluding Holy Week) and will include the name[s] of the intention and requestor. These annual candle intentions may be for any person[s] living or deceased. The donation for a white annual memorial candle is \$300.



Men's Club Continues the Pivotal Players Series

The SEAS Men's Club invites all males age 21 and older to come to their next meeting on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the SJ XXIII classroom in the Parish Hall. At this month's meeting, St. Thomas Aquinas will be the topic as they continue viewing the video series, "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players", Volume 1. The video series, presented by Bishop Robert Barron and his Word on Fire global media ministry, takes a deeper look at some of the Catholic Church's most influential people. The Men's Club usually meets the third Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Jeff Boughrum at jboughrum3@cox.net (702-523-3270).



Welcome Home: Returning to the Sacramental Life of the Catholic Church

There are many reasons why we Catholics sometimes take an extended leave-of-absence from our relationship with the

Lord through the Catholic Church. There are also many reasons why baptized Catholics sometimes do not complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. If you are looking to "re-engage" with your faith or are an adult wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, let us know. Our parish community offers you a safe place to be listened to, a place to ask questions, a place for healing, a place to update your faith as an adult and a place to help you return to the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. **The next 9-week Welcome Home series begins March 5 with classes held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the PP VI classroom in the Parish Hall.** For more information, contact SEAS Pastoral Associate Marcie Wilske (702-804-8370) at mwilske@seaslv.org.

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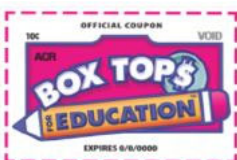


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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION SPRING 2020 COLLECTION

DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 26, 2020

**Box Tops are submitted 2x a school year.
November 1st & March 1st. Our spring 2020 deadline is
approaching. Please check your pantries and submit clipped
boxtops by the above deadline!**



Put clipped BoxTops in a ziplock bag and drop into the collection bin located in the parish foyer or outside of the school office.



Keep using the **BoxTops App** to scan shopping receipts. Participants will often receive double point and automatic entries into bonus sweepstakes!



Knights of Columbus

The next Knights of Columbus **meeting will be held Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the SJ XXIII classroom in the Parish Hall.** If you have a calling

to serve the church or those less fortunate than yourself, the Knights of Columbus are looking for a few good men to support our churches, bishops, priests, seminarians, communities and charitable causes through volunteer hours and fundraising activities. For more information, contact Grand Knight Fred Smith at info@kofc11029.org (509-499-1622) and visit our webpage: www.kofc11029.org.



Columbian Squires

Calling all young Catholic men age 9 to 18 who are interested in developing leadership skills and participating in community service and group activities such as sports, hiking and camping.

The Columbian Squires may be a good fit for you! We manage our own organization and volunteer in support of our church, seminarians and other charitable causes. **Our next meeting will be held Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the PP VI classroom in the Parish Hall. The Squires usually meet every 3rd Sunday of the month.** For more information, contact Chip Lydick at chiefcounselor@kofc11029.org (702-443-8632).

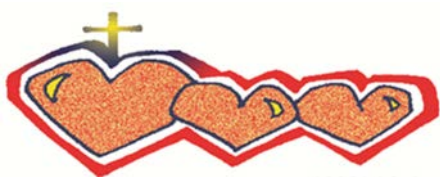
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Serra Club

The Vocations Ministry of the Diocese of Las Vegas and Serra International invite you to an important informational meeting about starting a new Serra Club here in

our diocese. Serra is a well established and proven ministry to help foster vocations to priesthood and religious life, and to support diocesan seminarians. Anyone who has an interest in any aspect of vocation ministry is invited to attend. **The meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Community, 130 N. Pecos Rd, Henderson, 89014.** To RSVP contact Florence Murphy at flomurphy@me.com (619-200-8706). We hope to see you there!



Married Couples Jubilee Mass



The Diocese of Las Vegas Annual Jubilee Mass for Married Couples will be

celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Joseph A. Pepe on Sunday, February 16 at the 1:00 p.m. at Guardian Angel Cathedral located at 302 Cathedral Way. There will be a reception in Anderson Hall immediately following the Mass. Couples married in the Roman Catholic Church and celebrating their Silver, Golden or other significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 are invited to attend. **Please submit a completed registration form and include a copy of your Catholic wedding certificate or written attestation from the Catholic parish where your wedding or convalidation took place to your parish office no later than February 10, 2020.** A downloadable form is available on the Diocesan website at <https://dioceseoflasvegas.org/NewsDetails.aspx?NewsID=1669>, All are invited to join in this celebration.



Valentine Bunco Party & Luncheon

Join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for a Valentine's Bunco Party

and Luncheon at **Holy Family Church located at Harmon and Mountain Vista on Saturday, February 15 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 which includes lunch.** For tickets and more information contact Laurie Borgna at 702-458-2593. Tickets are also on sale at Holy Family following Masses on February 1-2 and February 8-9 and may also be purchased on the day of the event. Prizes, 50/50, drawings and fun, fun, fun!!



Next Marriage Weekend March 27 - 29

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. **For more information about our upcoming March 27-29 Retrouvaille Weekend program,** contact registration team Josh & Alma at retrouvaillelasvegas@gmail.com (702-812-8873) or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

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NCG Coalition for Public Life

Broad-Based Community Organizing Training

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For registration and other information contact Barbara Paulsen at paulsenbnv@gmail.com.

Visit www.nevadansforthecommongood.org to learn more about our organization.

Registration Fee and Deadline:

\$100 per person by February 21, 2020

Program Schedule

- Friday, February 28: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Dinner provided
- Saturday, February 29: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Breakfast and Lunch provided
- Sunday, March 1: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Snacks provided

2019 NCG Highlights

- Passed SB 201- Protecting consumers with a payday lending enforcement system.
- Passed SB 448- Creating a \$10 million per year affordable housing tax credit program.
- Passed SB 543- Creating a new Nevada education funding formula.
- Supported healthcare programs prioritizing the most-vulnerable.
- Increased the Meals on Wheels per meal reimbursement rate by \$0.50, in addition to maintaining the budget increase NCG secured in 2017.
- Increased funding for FQHCs (community health centers) in Nevada from \$500,000 to \$700,000 per year in the next biennium.





Foundational Faith Formation Catholic Beliefs and Traditions

This foundational course will provide a deeper understanding of Catholic beliefs and traditions and help us grow in faith. Faith is a personal response to God's self-revelation. We will learn of the hierarchy truths in Catholic doctrine, the marks of Church and the dogmas about Mary

and her personal relationship with God and her role in human salvation. The course will be presented at the following parishes at the following times:

- **Holy Family**
Feb. 6, 13: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **St. Peter the Apostle**
Feb. 4, 11: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **Prince of Peace**
February 8, 15, 29: 10:00 a.m. - noon
- **St. Thomas More**
Feb. 4, 11: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**
Feb. 5, 12: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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Parish Weekly Calendar

Monday, 2/3

8am Daily Mass, Church
8:30am Outreach Food Rescue, Parish Hall
9am Fr. McShane's Bible Study, SJ XXIII Rm in Hall
6pm Financial Peace University Class,
Parish Hall Conference Room
6:30pm Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew,
SJ XXIII Classroom in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, 2/4

7:30am-10:30am & 3pm-5pm Outreach Food Pantry
Food Distribution, Outreach Patio
8am Daily Mass, Church
8:30am Outreach Food Rescue, Parish Hall
9am Busy Hands Crafters, Parish Hall
10am New Beginnings Grief Support,
Parish Hall Conference Room
4:30pm and 6pm Children's Faith Formation Classes,
SEAS School Rooms
6pm RCIA, PP VI Classroom in the Parish Hall
6:30pm Baptism Prep Class for Parents/Godparents,
SJ XXIII Classroom in the Parish Hall
7pm Salvation History, School Assembly Room

Wednesday, 2/5

8am Daily Mass with SEAS School Students,
Church
8:45am Mother of Perpetual Help Novena, Chapel
9:30am Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew,
SJ XXIII Classroom in the Parish Hall
3:45pm Celestial Voices Choir Rehearsal, Church
5:15pm Young Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
6pm High School Youth Group, Youth Room

Thursday, 2/6

8am Daily Mass, Church
9am In the Arms of Mary Small Group Faith Share,
PP VI Classroom in the Parish Hall
4:30pm and 6pm Children's Faith Formation
Classes, SEAS School Rooms
5:30pm Children's Faith Formation True Vine
Retreat, Church
6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church Meeting Rm

Friday, 2/7

8am Daily Mass, Church
9am Rosary Makers, Parish Hall
5:30pm Children's Faith Formation True Vine
Retreat, Church

Saturday, 2/8

8am Daily Mass & Confessions, Church
9am RCIA, PP VI Classroom in the Parish Hall
4pm Vigil Mass for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5pm Wine & Cheese After-Mass Hospitality,
Parish Hall

Sunday, 2/9

Mass: 6:30am, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm, 6pm
8am Breaking Open the Word, Parish Hall
8:30am Outreach Ministry Food Rescue, Hall
1pm Confirmation Years 1 & 2, Parish Hall
1:30pm-3:30pm Outreach Food Pantry Food
Distribution, Outreach Patio

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