



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 8, 2020

*From the cloud came
a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am
well pleased;
listen to him."*

Matthew 17:5

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 Mater Dei Chapel*

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-7:00pm*
*Fridays of Lent the chapel will close at
3pm and Adoration will move to the
church from 3pm-7pm. See page 13 for
the Lenten schedule.

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 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 Pastoral Associate Helen Silva at hsilva@seaslv.org (702-826-3347).

Vocations

Vocations please consult with one of the priests.

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A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

PRACTICAL PROCEDURES

Last weekend we heard of some practical procedures our own Bishop Thomas has directed we follow as precautions concerning the potential spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019. Similar precautions have been directed by many other bishops in the United States and throughout the world.

Basically, we are directed to suspend the sharing of the Precious Blood at our Masses. Similarly, we are suspending the physical sign of peace and replacing it with a “verbal greeting” of peace. I have to tell you, it’s nice to hear more voices during the time of peace rather than just a physical shaking of hands.

In addition, this past week Fr. Bob Stoeckig, Vicar General of the Diocese of Las Vegas, has added two other practical practices based on additional input from the medical community. These are:

1. The removal of Holy Water fonts. We have removed any Holy Water fonts from any entrances since they can be “another source of easy possible transmission of the virus.” The Holy Water at our new Baptistry is constantly filtered, so there is no concern there.
2. During Good Friday there will be no physical contact (kissing and/or touching) for the Adoration of the Cross during the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion. Here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS), we will do the optional Communal Adoration of the Cross in its place.

These added protections just make practical sense.

We have received several other suggestions (some practical) from some very well-intentioned and concerned individuals. Nonetheless, we must remind everyone that **there is no way we can absolutely and completely prevent the spreading of any virus by implementing everyone’s suggestions. Individuals must also be responsible and take their own preventive measures not only in the church but everywhere else as well:** If you touch something touched by another (e.g., the collection baskets, door handles, pews, shopping carts, etc.), do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth. **Viruses cannot be spread simply by touching things, but by subsequently touching the eyes, nose and mouth after touching a surface that might be contaminated.**

For up-to-date information about the Coronavirus Disease 2019 and how to take practical precautions, please visit www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org. I have found here a wealth of information that will help with understanding this new virus as well as other illnesses such as the flu.

WHAT ABOUT COMMUNION RECEIVED ON THE TONGUE?

Ask anyone who ministers the Holy Eucharist at Mass and they will tell you that quite often there is unavoidable contact by the tips of the minister’s fingers and the saliva of the person who receives Communion on the tongue. It might not happen all the time, but it does happen frequently. Encounter with the saliva of one infected is an easy way to transmit a virus. **If everyone receives Communion in the hand, this is the best way to avoid the spreading of any virus, not just the Coronavirus Disease 2019.**

Therefore, I am asking all those who receive Communion on the tongue to prayerfully and reverently receive the Eucharist on the hand, especially for the sake of everyone’s health and as a practical practice to prevent the spreading of any virus.

Liturgically speaking, receiving the Eucharist on the hand is the more ancient practice that has been around more centuries than receiving on the tongue. While both practices are allowed in the Ordinary Form of the Mass (what is celebrated in most Churches in the world and what is exclusively celebrated here at SEAS), neither practice is to be considered holier or more reverent than the other. As I always say, if someone tells you one way of receiving Communion is more reverent than the other, they are promoting their own personal piety and certainly not speaking on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church.

But, given the circumstances in which we presently find ourselves, it just makes good practical, healthy and sanitary sense that we would want to do what we can to help curb the spread of any virus. And so I ask all of you, **for your own health and that of others, to please receive Communion reverently in your hand.**

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The Second Sunday of Lent

Presider's Mass Intentions

Saturday	3/7
8:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
4:00pm	Mr. & Mrs. Ganai
Sunday	3/8
6:30am	† Pauline Aquilina
8:00am	Mulford Family Living & † Deceased
10:00am	† Anne Devaney
12:00pm	† Cindy Tasny
4:00pm	Hugo Forlini
6:00pm	SEAS Parishioners
Monday	3/9
8:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
Tuesday	3/10
8:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
Wednesday	3/11
8:00am	† Lesley Gonzales
7:00pm	Bobby Polo
Thursday	3/12
8:00am	† Patrick Bergin
Friday	3/13
8:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
Saturday	3/14
8:00am	† Adele Mikla
4:00pm	Wevita & Dematagoda Families Living & † Deceased
Sunday	3/15
6:30am	† Mary Adele O'Neill
8:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
10:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
12:00pm	† Rosa Coster
4:00pm	† Pauline Aquilina
6:00pm	SEAS Parishioners

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; International Women's Day
Monday:	St. Frances of Rome; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Friday:	Abstinence



Died in Christ

Robert "Bob" Richard Landsperg
Roxanne "Roxie" Maltese



Happy Anniversary Pope Francis!

On Friday, March 13, we celebrate the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' election!

Let us pray for the Holy Father:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. We pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Chest of Prayers

You are welcome to inscribe names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in Masses and prayers in our Parish Chest of Prayers, located by the baptismal font.

The Second Sunday of Lent



Saint of the Week

St. Frances of Rome
1384 - 1440

Feast Day - March 9

This laywoman and foundress, born a Roman aristocrat married Lorenzo Ponziano when she was 13; they had

several children. In 1409, their palazzo was pillaged by Neapolitan soldiers and Lorenzo was exiled for five years, returning home a broken man. He died in 1436. Frances, known for her great charity during epidemics and civil war, organized a ladies society dedicated to self-denial and good works. It became the Oblates of Tor de Specchi, which she directed for her last four years. She is the patron saint of motorists, perhaps because she was guarded for 23 years by an archangel visible only to her. Her last words were: "The angel has finished his work. He is beckoning me to follow." <https://www.catholicnews.com/saint-of-the-week-feast.cfm>

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;
Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops we read: *"If Communion is received in the hand,*

the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.

"The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, "The Body of Christ." This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond, "Amen," indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, [is]...in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord."

In the past when the practice of reverently receiving Communion in the hand was mandated during a previous virus outbreak when I was stationed in another diocese, I actually had people thank me for this directive. They never felt worthy to receive Communion in the hand (let's face it: most people sin more with their tongue than they do with their hands!), but once they received the Lord in their hands, they felt a more personal connection with Christ who always reaches out his hands to embrace us. The tender and sacred act of embracing Christ with our own hands brought on new meaning and put to rest old fears of unworthiness. It also showed them the humble sacredness of what they once thought was less sacred.

So, may this time of concern about the spreading of viruses be an opportunity for us to renew our trust in the God who reaches out his hands to embrace us and our fears.

Peace always,

Fr. James Michael Jankowski
Pastor

The Second Sunday of Lent

Pray
For
The
Elect



Sacraments of Initiation

At the Easter Vigil, these seventeen individuals will receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, and be welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church. The vigil takes place on Holy Saturday before Easter Sunday beginning at 7:30 p.m. It is a lengthy service, but it is well worth the time and effort. The Easter Vigil is the highlight of the Church's year. Please consider attending the vigil, and please keep our elect in your prayers.

Karen Ackley	Natalia Gonzalez	Kim Shapiro
Sinee Bernal	Patrizia Gonzalez	Elizabeth Stevens
Jennifer Carroll	Theresa Ho	Gilbert Suckow
Gideon Dacay	Gary Jackson	Dalton Walters
Taryn Garcia	Samantha Orta	Timothy Woods
Maritza Gonzalez	Casey Rice	

Ash Wednesday Collection to Catholic Charities

February 26, 2020

	<u>Offering</u>
6:00am	\$4,562.95
8:00am	\$3,083.51
10:00am	\$2,664.66
12:00pm	\$3,088.22
4:00pm	\$3,003.68
6:00pm	\$5,037.63
Collection Total	\$21,440.65

Upcoming Special Collections

- March 15 - Easter Flowers
- March 22 - Catholic Relief Services



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Weekly Offertory

February 29 - March 1, 2020

	<u>Offering</u>
4:00pm Vigil	\$4,592.74
6:30am	\$4,557.09
8:00am	\$6,110.28
10:00am	\$6,748.95
12:00pm	\$6,562.11
4:00pm	\$3,784.55
6:00pm	\$2,400.66
Mailed-in	\$3,934.62
Kiosk, Online & Text	\$8,552.01
Collection Total	\$47,243.01

Maintenance Fund	\$3,617.00
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Weekly 1st Collection Goal.....	\$45,000.00
Weekly 1st Collection Actual.....	\$47,243.01
Over / Under Weekly Goal.....	😊 +\$ 2,243.01

Year to Date 1st Collection Goal.....	\$1,575,000.00
Year to Date 1st Collection Actual....	\$1,411,805.70
Over / Under Year to Date Goal...	😞 -\$ 163,194.30

Stewardship



Our Work is Loving the World

A Lenten Stewardship Reflection

Insightful stewardship expressions can be found in any number of poems we read reflectively. In the poem “Messenger” for instance, the poet Mary Oliver writes: “My work is loving the world.”

What does the poet mean by her use of the word “work” in relationship to “loving?” How can Christian stewards make prayerful use of this reflection during the season of Lent?

The forty days of Lent provide stewards with a marvelous opportunity to evaluate the nature of our life’s “work.” Being reminded to take a meaningful and substantive spiritual “pause” in our lives for forty days is a gift in itself. Sometimes, we have good intentions to improve our spiritual lives. But we tend to put it off. The season of Lent begins by reminding us of the brevity of our lives, and then presents us with the immediacy of forty days to focus more intensely on our life in Christ. This is the first step toward embracing Christian stewardship as a way of life.

It’s a good number, forty days; good enough to provide structure to help us open our hearts to conversion as we examine just what our “work” in this world should genuinely be about. As we imagine what Jesus must have done in the desert for forty days, we have the opportunity to examine our lives and vocation, as well as our strengths, weaknesses and temptations. Oliver probably realizes that if most of us are asked what our “work” is, we would reply with a description of how we earn our paycheck or take care of our family. In a sense,

this is correct. We all have to support ourselves and provide for our families. Oliver would hardly reject that necessity. But her poem also suggests that, no matter how we spend our lives, there must be a deeper dimension to our life’s purpose; a way of engaging the world with our loving presence. Indeed, there is a Catholic worldview that encourages us to pray for and to act in ways that make a difference in a world that is hungry for Christ’s love.

For Christian stewards, bringing Christ’s loving presence into our work and our workplace is necessary in order to live in the world as disciples of the Lord. It is key to living the Christian life in our world today.

The very word “work” connotes a certain dedication and commitment, indeed a certain obligation. This rings true in Oliver’s simple line. As Christian stewards, we have a fundamental obligation to love and embrace the world as ambassadors of Christ. The season of Lent provides us with a singular opportunity to examine how well we’re doing and to make an even greater commitment to exercising good stewardship of all the Lord has entrusted to us.

—ICSC March 2020 e-Bulletin

A Stewardship Moment

Second Sunday of Lent

In today’s second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the Gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

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A guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Going to Confession

Many people have avoided celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sometimes for years at a time, because they "don't know what to do." The following brief explanation is intended for a person who has not been to confession in some time. It explains how the first form of the Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated. The person who is going to confession is called a "penitent" because he or she wishes to do penance and to turn away from sin.

Preparation

Before going to confession, the penitent compares his or her life with the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the example of Christ or an other examination of conscience as follows, and then prays to God for forgiveness.

Approaching Confession

The priest welcomes the penitent and then both make the sign of the cross, saying, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen." Next the priest briefly urges the penitent to have confidence in God.

The penitent may begin with the traditional greeting: **"Forgive me Father, for I have sinned. It has been (*length of time*) since my last confession.* My sins are as follows:"**

**If the penitent is unknown to the priest, it is proper for the penitent to indicate his or her state of life (e.g., married, single, widowed, etc.), difficulties in leading the Christian life and anything else that may help the confessor in exercising his ministry.*

Confession of Sins

The penitent then confesses his or her sins. If necessary, the priest should help the penitent to make a complete confession and to have sincere sorrow for sins against God. The sorrow a penitent feels for his or her sins is known as contrition and must include a resolve to sin no more and to avoid all future occasions of sin. Through confession of sins, the penitent "looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens him-

self again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible."

The priest then offers suitable advice and gives a penance...

...to help the penitent begin a new life and, when appropriate, to lead him or her to resolve to make appropriate restitution for the harm he or she has caused others. The priest imposes a **penance** or satisfaction on the penitent. The penance corresponds to the seriousness and nature of the sins and may suitably take the form of prayer, self-denial, and especially service to one's neighbor and works of mercy. Such a "penance" serves not only to make up for the past but also to help the penitent to begin a new life and provides the penitent with an antidote to weakness.

The Act of Contrition

After this, the penitent prays a prayer expressing sorrow for his or her sins and resolves not to sin again. The penitent may recite the prayer by heart, read it or compose one on their own.

Here is one example of the Act of Contrition:

My God,

**I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and
died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.**

Absolution by the Priest

Following this prayer, the priest extends his hands and pronounces the prayer of absolution. As he says the final words he makes the sign of the cross over the head of the penitent. At the same time the penitent also signs him or herself with the sign of the cross.

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Dismissal of the Penitent

Then the priest tells the penitent to go in peace. The penitent continues his or her conversion and expresses it by a life renewed according to the Gospel and more and more steeped in the love of God, for “love covers over a multitude of sins” (1 Pt 4:8)

An Examination of Conscience

The following list of capital sins, root sins, from our tradition, with the fears that cause them and the symptoms they manifest, may help us examine our lives in a way that is more meaningful. For most of us who do not have death-bringing choices to confess, the recognition of some of these root areas of concern will be the best way to admit our sinfulness, and help us discover the areas of our lives that need the most attention, and most need the healing touch of God’s grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Because God’s call from fear to love is a journey involving the cross and death, most of us want to choose an easier way to new life. Most of us want Easter without Good Friday. All sin is an attempt to avoid the cost. All sin is substitution for real growth and real joy. Our tradition says the following are some of our most common substitutions.

1. Pride

When we:

- fear that we do not measure up;
- fear that we are not as good as others;
- fear that we will be found out;
- fear the brokenness that is in us and have never learned to forgive it;
- fear the weakness that is in us;
- choose false pride and arrogance; we substitute false pride for the quiet love and respect for self.

Symptoms of false pride are:

- we demand too much of self and others;
- we give in to the “tyranny of the shoulds” always saying what we or others “should” or “should not” have done;
- we judge ourselves and others too quickly and too harshly;
- we are vain about appearance or a particular gift;
- we have to be first;
- we have to be center;
- we believe our way is the only way;
- we brag too much;
- we exaggerate too much;
- we dominate and need to control.

Lord, for sins of pride we ask forgiveness.

2. Greed/Covetousness

When we:

- fear that people will not love us for who we are;
 - fear that we will be judged;
 - fear that we will not be safe;
 - fear that God will not provide;
- we give in to greed and covetousness, we cover our insecurities in our own eyes and in the supposed feelings of others with material possessions.

Symptoms of greed are:

- we become too attached to possessions;
- we allow our possessions to own us, not us them;
- we work too hard;
- we keep too fast a pace;
- we do not keep holy the Lord’s Day and do not make room for God in our life;
- we hoard money;
- we do not share enough with the poor;
- we might give in to stealing or dishonesty;
- we have no time for God or prayer;
- we have “strange gods before us” as the first commandment warns can happen
- we do not have time for parents or family.

Lord, for sins of greed we ask forgiveness.

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3. Lust

When we:

- fear being intimate in the true sense;
- fear to trust another;
- fear to entrust ourselves to another;
- we substitute lust, we give in to lust.

Symptoms of lust are:

- we turn people into objects;
- we use people;
- we lie to ourselves about relationships;
- we focus on pleasure rather than joy;
- we substitute physical intimacy for real loving intimacy;
- we turn to adultery or fornication
- we turn to pornography;
- we give in to sensuality;
- we allow sexuality to turn us inward rather than to relationship;
- we never learn to trust.

Lord, for sins of lust we ask forgiveness.

4. Anger

When we:

- fear being hurt;
- fear being controlled;
- fear not being liked;
- fear being judged;
- fear being found out;
- fear being taken for granted;
- we turn to anger at self, others and God.

Symptoms of anger are:

- we are impatient with self;
- we are impatient with others;
- we are unforgiving of self and others;
- we are unable to pray;
- we lack gentleness;
- we feel that we have been gyped;
- we have an impetuous spirit;
- we curse or use bad language;
- we use God's name improperly and without respect;
- we are impatient on the highways;
- we can become cold and cynical.

Lord, for sins of anger we ask forgiveness.

5. Gluttony

When we:

- fear to face ourselves;
- fear to face our problems;
- fear dealing with others;
- fear being overwhelmed;
- we turn to gluttony/drunkenness.

Symptoms of gluttony are:

- we eat too much;
- we eat too often;
- we eat to solve problems;
- we turn to drugs;
- we commit "adultery with the bottle": gaining strength, courage and meaning in life, in food or drink or drugs rather than in relationships.

Lord, for sins of gluttony we ask forgiveness.

6. Envy/Jealousy

When we:

- fear not looking good;
- fear being judged;
- fear we are missing out;
- fear life is passing us by;
- we turn to envy or jealousy.

Symptoms of envy are:

- we have a suspicious spirit;
- we criticize too much;
- we entertain sinful desires;
- we feel gyped;
- we "covet" neighbors' success;
- we put others down;
- we gossip too much;
- we give in to slander.

Lord, for sins of envy we ask forgiveness.

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7. Sloth/Laziness

When we:

- fear the cost of trying;
- fear hard work;
- fear the cost of relationships;
- fear failure;
- fear being hurt;
- we turn to sloth.

Symptoms of sloth are:

- we withdraw from life;
- we set no ideals;
- we quit before we finish;
- we set no goals;
- we never reach out;
- we do not use talents for God or others.

Lord, for sins of sloth we ask forgiveness.



Additional Daily Mass Offered During Lent

Because the Mass is the highest form of prayer, we are offering an additional daily Mass this Lenten season. The Mass will be celebrated Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. through April 8.



We Are Called

Join our faith community, and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a life-changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family. Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church Parish Special Meal

Thursday, March 26th

St. Vincent Lied Dining Room



We will be providing the gift of a special, restaurant-style meal to hundreds of homeless and at-risk individuals at Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada. Please consider sharing your time and talents by serving as a volunteer on this special day.



Volunteers duties include: Greeting our guests, serving the meal, busng tables, and having fun while creating a wonderful experience for the most vulnerable people in our Las Vegas community.

Sign up online at: <https://bit.ly/307O6bY>.

For help signing up, contact Patty Janura at PattyJanura@seaslv.org (702-804-8326).

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Traditional Stations of the Cross on Friday Morning and Afternoon

The traditional Stations of the Cross devotion will be prayed Friday mornings immediately after the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass through April 3. Also, all are invited to attend the SEAS School

traditional Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. **EXCEPT this Friday, March 6 and April 3 when school stations will be held at 11:00 a.m.**



SEAS Annual Easter Basket Drive

This year, our parish will provide 400 filled Easter baskets to children up to 12 years old/6th grade at Catholic Charities and from our Outreach Ministry. We are requesting the following NEW items:

- ♦ Easter baskets (1 basket per child)
- ♦ Chocolate bunnies/crosses (1 per basket)
- ♦ NEW small to medium sized plush stuffed animals (1 per basket)
- ♦ Plastic eggs to be filled (8 eggs per basket)
- ♦ Easter novelty toys for boys, girls or gender neutral (3 items per basket). Examples: bubbles, paddle & ball, coloring books & crayons, sidewalk chalk, stickers, erasers, etc.
- ♦ Wrapped Easter candies (8 per basket)
- ♦ Non-chocolate wrapped candy. Examples: Peeps, small individual bags of jelly beans, etc. (4 per basket)
- ♦ Chocolate wrapped candy. Examples: fun size candy bars, Reese's Eggs, etc. (4 per basket)

Purchase and assemble your own basket or contribute any of the needed items to the Outreach

Ministry. EXTRA CANDY IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED. If you would like us to shop for you, please leave cash or checks in the Poor Box.

Please return all items by Sunday, March 29 to the church gathering space or Outreach Office.

Volunteers Needed:

- ♦ Monday, Mar 16 (3-5pm sort donations)
- ♦ Monday, Mar 23 (10am-12pm sort donations)
- ♦ Wednesday, Mar 25 (3-5pm sort donations)
- ♦ **Stop by after the 10 am and 12 pm Mass on Sunday, March 29 to fill a few Easter Baskets! Bring the family!**
- ♦ Monday, Mar 30 (5-7pm sort donations)
- ♦ Tuesday, Mar 31 (3-5pm fill remaining baskets)
- ♦ Tuesday, Mar 31 (5-7pm prepare baskets for distribution)
- ♦ Wednesday, April 1 (7:30-10:30am distribute baskets)
- ♦ Wednesday, April 1 (3-6pm distribute baskets)

To sign up to volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Patti McGuire in the Outreach Ministry at pmcguire@seaslv.org (702-804-8311).

If you are in need of an Easter Basket for your child(ren) ages 12 and younger, please contact the Outreach Ministry Office at 702-804-8311 or pmcguire@seaslv.org.



Parish Day of Reconciliation March 10

Our parish Lenten Day of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, March 10. Confessions will be heard in the church from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Confessions are also heard every Saturday morning immediately following the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass and by appointment. **No confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday, April 11.**

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Friday

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♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday of Lent, come rest with the Lord in silence in the main Church. During this time, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the church, the Mater Dei Chapel will be closed.

Fridays: March 6, March 20 and March 27 beginning at 3:00 p.m. till the final Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the **Scriptural Way of the Cross**.

Fridays: March 13 and April 3 beginning at 3:00 p.m. till 6:45 p.m. followed by **Water, Light and Life** and the **Living Stations of the Cross** respectively.

♦ Scriptural Way of the Cross

with Taizé style refrains and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays: March 6, March 20 and March 27 at 7:00 p.m.

This unique approach to the Way of the Cross is based on the stations written by St. John Paul II which incorporates Taizé music as well as other refrains sung in a Taizé style. These evenings conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

♦ Water, Light and Life

a congregational meditation based on the Gospels of the scrutinies

Friday: March 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Three of the most important stories in the Gospels serve as a basis for the scrutinies – a final process for candidates preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. The readings, all from the Gospel of John, are the woman at the well, the healing of a blind man, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. We will encounter the love and mercy of Christ in a powerful way as we spend time reflecting on these readings with music to emphasize their significance.

♦ Living Stations of the Cross

featuring our youth group and our children's choir

Friday: April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

The Stations of the Cross come alive as our young people portray the emotion felt at each station along the journey of the Cross. Music will be added by the Celestial Voices Choir to make this a truly memorable evening of prayer and reflection.

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Pursuit of Love

On February 15, the Confirmation Year 2 youth traveled to Potosi Pines for their "Pursuit of Love" retreat. It was an opportunity for them to encounter God's love and think about what life after Confirma-

tion will be like. They participated in praise and worship, small group sessions and games that made for a very eventful one-day retreat. Now our youth have a better understanding and appreciation of what it means to pursue God's love in the Church, in their friendships, in their family life and most importantly, in themselves.



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True Vine Retreat

Our children in Sacrament Preparation Year 2 completed three evenings of retreats in preparation of their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 15. The children and their parents meditated on the parable of the True Vine; Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, God is the vine grower and the Holy Spirit is the Sap that flows to us.



Jesus said, "If we remain in him we will bear good fruit". The Maxims help us to recognize the areas we fail to love God and each other. The children receive their very own Bible to help stay connected to God. Please pray for our 149 children as they continue to prepare to celebrate the sacrament of First Eucharist during the Easter season. Many blessings to our catechists for all their love and support as they nurture our children to follow the Good Shepherd.



Knights of Columbus

The next Knights of Columbus **meeting will be held Thursday, March 12 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 men to help 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, March 15 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 Don Woods at chiefcounselor@kofc11029.org (702-682-8658).

Parish News



ATTENTION: New & Existing Altar Servers, Sacristans and Mass Coordinators

If you were unable to attend the Altar Server meeting for new and existing Altar Servers on Saturday, February 29, **please attend the make-up session on Monday, March 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church.** We are seeking new servers of all ages. The only requirement is you've made your First Communion. We will welcome and train new servers and also revisit some of the recent liturgical changes that all existing Altar Servers need to know. As this is an important refresher, Sacristans and Mass Coordinators are also invited to attend.



Mental Health & Wellness Group

This month, the Mental Health & Wellness Group will **meet on Wednesday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Dealing with all we handle everyday can sometimes be a bit overwhelming. Sometimes we feel no one understands how difficult it can be to cope. If you would like a safe place to express yourself and talk and listen to others, join our group. We usually meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. For more details, contact Laura Jensen (702-723-2300) at callmecatholic2@gmail.com.



Come to Our Next RCIA Class

Commandments 1-3: Love of God, is the topic of our next Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) class on **Tuesday, March 10 from**

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and repeated on Saturday, March 14 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).



Televised Mass for the Sick and Homebound

Televised Masses for Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and the 2nd and 3rd Sun-

days of Easter will be celebrated and taped on Thursday, March 19. Mass times are: Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m., 2nd Sunday of Easter at 9:45 a.m., 3rd Sunday of Easter at 10:30 a.m. and Palm Sunday at 11:15 a.m. Please wear your Sunday best! 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.



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SEAS Food Pantry Update

Our Outreach Food Pantry provides food to more than 130 families every week.

In February 2020:

836 people signed in to take food home to feed

- 742 children
- 1090 adults
- 650 senior citizens

We are very blessed to have such a giving and caring parish. Thank you! We are always in need of non-perishable food for our pantry. Please drop off your donations in the bin in the gathering space of either the church or the parish hall.

Food Pantry Shopping List

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| • Canned Meats | • Rice |
| • Canned/Dried Beans | • Peanut Butter |
| • Macaroni and Cheese | • Jelly |
| • Ravioli/Spaghetti O's | • Snacks for Lunches |
| • Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce | • Juice Pouches/Boxes for Lunches |
| • Hamburger Helper | • Canned Tomatoes |
| • Boxed Meals | • Tomato Paste |
| • Instant Potatoes | • Diapers Size 5 & 6 |
| • Rice-a-Roni | • Baby Wipes |
| • Canned Fruit | • Anything you think someone may need |
| • Soup | |
| • Ramen Noodles | |
| • Cereal/ Oatmeal | |

Questions? Contact SEAS Outreach Coordinator Patti McGuire at pmcquire@seaslv.org (702-804-8311). Thank you for your continual support of Time/Treasure/Talent to our Outreach Ministry.

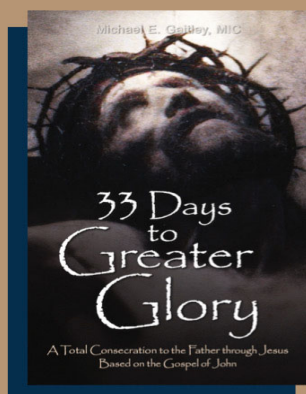


Men's Club Continues the Pivotal Players Series

The SEAS Men's Club invites all males age 21 and older to come to their next meeting on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the SJ XXIII classroom in the Parish Hall. At this month's meeting, St. Catherine of Siena 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).

GREATER GLORY TOUR

FINDING THE FATHER IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



MARCH 15, 2020
7-8PM



This presentation will be held at Markich Hall, 911 E. Ogden Ave., LV 89101. Talk session on "God the Father" given by Fr. Michael Gailley, MIC. No registration fee. *33 Days to Glory*, will be available for purchase at the book signing following presentation.

Around the Diocese

"New Beginnings" Revival 2020



St. James the Apostle Catholic Church invites you to "New Beginnings" Revival 2020 with Revivalist Reverend Anthony Michael

Bozeman, SSJ, on **Sunday, March 22 and Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.** Come early from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for soup/chili and bread. Bring your family, friends and your bibles! St. James the Apostle is located at 1920 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Las Vegas 89106.



Weekend Retreat

Are you or someone you know suffering from the emotional and spiritual consequences of abortion? The Diocese of Las Vegas offers help through Rachael's Vineyard Retreats. They are a safe place for hope and healing after an abortion. **The next retreat weekend is March 20-22.** For more information, contact us at rvlasvegas@gmail.com (702- 283-8379) or Katm419@aol.com (702-737-1672). **TOTALLY CONFIDENTIAL**

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Monday, 3/9

8am Daily Mass, Church
8:30am Outreach Food Rescue, Parish Hall
9am Fr. McShane's Bible Study, SJ XXIII Rm in Hall
11am Bob Landsperg Memorial Mass, Church
6pm Altar Server Training Make-Up Session, Church
6pm Financial Peace University Class, Parish Hall
6pm Adult Faith Formation Sacrament Prep, Hall
6:30pm Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, Hall

Tuesday, 3/10

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
9am-7pm Day of Reconciliation, Confessions in Church
10am New Beginnings Grief Support, Hall Conference
4:30pm and 6pm Children's Faith Formation Classes,
SEAS School Rooms
6pm RCIA, PP VI Classroom in the Parish Hall
7pm Youth Ministry Salvation History,
SEAS School Assembly Room

Wednesday, 3/11

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, Hall
3:45pm Celestial Voices Choir Rehearsal,
Church Meeting Room
5:15pm Young Adult Choir Rehearsal,
Church Meeting Room
6pm Living Stations of Cross Rehearsal, Hall
6:15pm Children's Faith Formation Catechist
Meeting, School Assembly Room
6:30pm Mental Health & Wellness Group, Hall
7pm Additional Daily Mass During Lent, Church

Thursday, 3/12

8am Daily Mass, Church
9am In the Arms of Mary Small Group Faith Share,
PP VI Classroom in the Parish Hall
3pm Jr. High Youth Group, Youth Room
4:30pm and 6pm Children's Faith Formation, School
6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church Meeting Rm
6:30pm Welcome Home, PP VI Classroom in Hall
7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall

Friday, 3/13

8am Daily Mass, Church
8:30am Traditional Stations of the Cross, Church
9am Rosary Makers, Parish Hall
2pm SEAS School Stations of the Cross, Church
3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the
Church till the Final Benediction at 6:45pm
7pm Water, Light & Life Lenten Devotion, Church

Saturday, 3/14

8am Daily Mass & Confessions, Church
9am RCIA, PP VI Classroom in the Parish Hall
1pm Roxanne Maltese Funeral Mass, Church
4pm Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, 3/15

Mass Times: 6:30am, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm & 6pm
8:30am Outreach Food Rescue, Parish Hall
1pm Confirmation Years 1 & 2, Parish Hall
1:30-3:30pm Outreach Ministry Food Pantry Food
Distribution, Outreach Patio
3pm Columbian Squires Meeting, Parish Hall

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