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Eucharistic Liturgies

Reservations to attend Mass are required at this time. All Masses are also live-streamed: See page 7 for details regarding Mass reservations and our live-stream schedule.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

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

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday: 8:00am (9am on public holidays)

TV Mass

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Mondays from 8:45am to 9:30am or until those confessions are finished. Reservations are not needed.

The Mater Dei Day Chapel

The chapel is temporarily closed at this time.

Church Office Hours

The church offices are temporarily closed to the public, but office assistance is available by phone at 702-228-8311 during these hours:

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

Saturday: 8:30am-4:00pm

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

* Closed Sunday and on public holidays

Kairos Gift Shop Hours

The Kairos Gift Shop is temporarily closed to the public, but can be reached by phone at 702-228-8311 at these hours:

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

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

Saturday: 8:30am-5:30pm

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

Sunday: 8:00am-5:00pm

* Closed during all Masses and on public holidays

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

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

Please contact the parish office at 702-228-8311.

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 for Family and Parish Life, Maureen Sisto at msisto@seaslv.org (702-804-8321).

Vocations

Vocations please consult with one of the priests.

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Mercy flows... Love redeems

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

HAPPY LITURGICAL NEW YEAR!

We begin the new liturgical year as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. From the *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* #39 we read: "Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

Given our renewed Mass attendance limitations, **we can choose** to look at this time in a positive manner, with "expectant delight." **We can choose**, with "expectant delight," to look forward to the day when the restrictions will be lifted. **We can choose**, with "expectant delight," to follow the simple directives that keep us safe such as staying home, wearing masks, washing/sanitizing hands, and keeping our social distance guidelines. **We can choose**, with "expectant delight," to look forward to the time when the vaccines are allowed to do their job and help eliminate this deadly pandemic.

The choice is ours. What will you choose this Advent?

"IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE"

This is a quote from the famous *Prayer of St. Francis*, a prayer he never actually wrote! Nonetheless, it certainly reflects the spirituality and life of the great saint of Assisi, cherished by many generations and various religions to this very day.

It was in this spirit of St. Francis that one of the members of our Pastoral Council proposed that we, as a parish family, might consider ways we could help some of the parishes in our Diocese that are in dire straits due to the coronavirus. It is true that we at SEAS had to make serious cuts in this present fiscal-year budget to account for our own reduced income due to the coronavirus. But, we were able to do so and maintain our current

ministries and employees as well. Some parishes in the valley have not been as fortunate as ours. Some have had to lay off employees, others had to eliminate positions, and still others had to take substantial pay cuts. Through your continued financial stewardship, we have not had to do any of those things here at SEAS.

After much discussion among our parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, it was the unanimous consent that we, as a parish family, should model what it means to embrace the Concept of Christian Stewardship and give a certain percentage of our weekly offertory income to bring some small assistance to those struggling parishes in our Diocese. We will begin by giving 2% of our weekly income with the hope of increasing our giving to 4% when our financial posture recovers from this pandemic.

When this idea first surfaced in our Pastoral Council meeting, and once both Pastoral and Finance Councils enthusiastically gave their support, it was clear to see that the Holy Spirit was at work in this process. I thought back to that Prayer of St. Francis that, "it is in giving that we receive."

You see, of all those who sincerely embrace the Concept of Christian Stewardship in their own financial planning (5% of income to support the parish, 1% of income to support the Diocese through the Annual CSA, and 4% to charities close to one's heart), not one has ever gone into poverty. As a matter of fact, time and time again, those who embrace this plan find that they have more than they thought. For, "it is in giving that we receive." I call it the miracle of embracing Christian Stewardship. It's the gift that keeps on giving!

Therefore, beginning in the month of December, we, as a parish family, with the total affirmation of our Pastoral and Finance Councils, will begin to embrace the Concept of Christian Stewardship as we strive to share with those parishes most in need. I will be in dialogue with Deacon Aruna Silva, CFO of the Diocese of Las Vegas, to determine which parishes will receive our giving on a monthly

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Presider's Mass Intentions

Saturday	11/28
8:00am	† W. Don Sylvester
4:00pm	† Patricia Trumble
Sunday	11/29
6:00am	† Enesse & † Elio Giovagnorio
8:00am	Patricia Catallo
10:00am	† DD Ciciliana Wevita
12:00pm	† Rose Mastej
4:00pm	SEAS Parishioners
6:00pm	† Michael Fredrickson
Monday	11/30
8:00am	† Anthony Giannola
Tuesday	12/1
8:00am	† Anthony T. Arndt
Wednesday	12/2
8:00am	† Margaret L. Olson
Thursday	12/3
8:00am	† Sadie Lopopolo
Friday	12/4
8:00am	† Roger Carmen
Saturday	12/5
8:00am	† Sal DeSalvatore
4:00pm	† Christine Mueller
Sunday	12/6
6:00am	† Frank Zilinski
8:00am	† Joel Sturtz
10:00am	Shope Family
12:00pm	† Joselito Gonzales
4:00pm	† James Lawrence Garvey
6:00pm	SEAS Parishioners



Deacon Joe Deegan

September 5, 1948 - November 13, 2020

We are sad to announce the passing of †Deacon Joe Deegan, who served for many years here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. †Deacon Joe was ordained a deacon on June 2, 1990. He and his family were long-time SEAS parishioners, and in 2016, †Joe celebrated his retirement from active ministry here at SEAS. He and his wife, Ceil, recently moved to Peoria, Ariz., to live with their daughter and son-in-law.

†Joe was greatly loved and will be equally missed. There are so many lives that †Joe and Ceil have touched in their many years here at SEAS Church and School. Many SEAS School alumni will remember †Joe's weekly announcements at the school and his homilies at school Masses.

†Joe died peacefully at his daughter's home on Friday, November 13 at 3:40 p.m., shortly after Ceil prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet for and with him. †Joe was 72 years old.

†Joe loved his ministry to the SEAS community, as he expressed at his retirement reception after the noon Mass on Sunday, September 25, 2016:

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Parish Chest of Prayers

To have the names of loved ones as well as special intentions for inclusion in Masses and prayers in our Parish Chest of Prayers, visit our website at www.seaslv.org and click on the Parish Chest of Prayers tab in the menu bar. Fill out and submit the form and we will make sure your intentions are placed in the prayer chest.

First Sunday of Advent

"All I can say is that these last 20 years at St. Elizabeth's has been a fabulous and wonderful journey with the people of God. Being a part of your lives has been a beautiful blessing from the Lord himself. Without the wonderful parishioners of St. Elizabeth's who have touched my life, my ministry would not have been as joyful as it has. To the pastors, Frs. Tony, Kevin, Jim, and of course, Fr. Bede, who have graciously allowed me to serve at SEAS, and to all the wonderful staff, I say, "Thank you." But most of all, to the people of God, I am most thankful to have been blessed with you these past 20+ years."

-Deacon Joe

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be shared when finalized. Please keep †Joe's family in your prayers.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle
 Tuesday: World AIDS Awareness Day
 Thursday: St. Francis Xavier
 Friday: St. John Damascene
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: First Saturday

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11;
 Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21,
 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
 Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2
 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Mercy flows... Love redeems cont.

basis. That parish will receive 2% of our weekly offertory income at the end of the month. We will list the parish who is the beneficiary of a particular month in case others may want to make a separate donation to that parish on their own as well. Some may have a personal connection to one or more of those parishes from their past. We're not going to cure the financial setbacks of any one parish, but at least we can help. For, "it is in giving that we receive."

I also hope that more of our own parishioners would sincerely consider embracing the Concept of Christian Stewardship as outlined above. When this pandemic trial is over, I will take a particular weekend to present the Concept of Christian Stewardship to our parish family, for, "it is in giving that we receive."

Peace always,



Fr. James Michael Jankowski
 Pastor



First Sunday of Advent



Saint of the Week

Francis Xavier

1506 - 1552

Feast Day - December 3

Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was born in Spanish Navarre, the youngest in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia.

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Mark's Jesus

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark — the concluding words about the end of the world — immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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Youth & Young Adult Ministry Update

In order to ensure the safety of our youth and staff during the upcoming holiday season, all of our Youth and Young Adult Ministry activities between November 29 and January 10, 2021 will be going remote. This includes Junior High/High School Youth Group and Confirmation sessions. We still want to see you so all scheduled dates are now scheduled for ZOOM! Please email us with any questions at seasym@seaslv.org. For updates about our Youth Group activities join our Remind: Send the code @jhygseas (for Junior High) or @hsygseas (for High School) in a text message to 81010.

First Sunday of Advent



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Tuesday, December 8. Mass times are: 6am, 8am, 10am, Noon, 4pm and 6pm.**

Mass Attendance Once Again Limited to 50 People Per Mass & Offices and Gift Shop Closed to the Public

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Nevada, and in following the directives of the Diocese of Las Vegas Restoration Advisory Council in regards to Governor Steve Sisolak's implementation of a "three week pause," Mass attendance is once again temporarily limited to 50 people per Mass and reservations are required for all Masses, both weekend and weekday. Reservations can be made through the church website, www.seaslv.org or by calling the church office at 702-228-8311.

Please note, the obligation to attend Mass in the Diocese of Las Vegas has been lifted through December 31, 2020.

Church doors will open 15 minutes before each Mass. Those who come to the church without a reservation will be asked to wait outside until 5 minutes prior to the start of that Mass. If, at 5 minutes till, those with reservations have not yet arrived, their reserved seats will be given to those walk-ins that are waiting in line until capacity of 50 people has been met.

Weekend Masses will be live-streamed to the parish hall where another 50 people can view that Mass and receive Communion.

At 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30, the reservation link at www.seaslv.org will be activated to enable reservations to be made online, and the parish office will begin accepting phone reservations at 702-228-8311 for the 4pm Vigil on Saturday, Dec. 5, the Sunday Masses on Dec. 6 and the weekday Masses from Dec. 7 through Dec. 12 including six Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Attendance will be limited to 50 people per Mass and reservations are required. Due to not having enough liturgical ministers to serve in both the church and parish hall, live-streaming in the parish hall cannot be offered. There will only be seating available for 50 people in the church.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30, reservations can be made at www.seaslv.org or by calling the church office at 702-228-8311.



Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel

During the Phase 2 gradual reopening of our church and while the obligation to attend Mass in the Diocese of Las Vegas is lifted, we will continue to live-stream the following Mass schedule.

- 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass Monday - Saturday
- Weekend Masses:
 - 4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil
 - Sunday Mass Times: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

You can easily tune in by logging on to the church website, www.seaslv.org and clicking on the LIVE STREAM icon on the homepage, or you can go directly to our YouTube channel: **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church - Las Vegas.** Subscribe to our channel. It doesn't cost a thing!

First Sunday of Advent



Fact of Faith

Advent: A Biblical Journey of Hope

by Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Advent is simply the Latin word for “coming.” If we can manage to meditate on any “coming” in December besides the comings and going of Christmas shopping, it’s usually Christ’s coming to Mary in a stable.

But the Scripture readings of Advent mainly focus on another coming: the second and final coming of Jesus at the end of time.

From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus’ promise to come back. Many have claimed to recognize the signs of his imminent return and have even tried to predict the date.

But our Advent scripture readings tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down, neutralized and utterly distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 3 to work to make greater progress in the life of holiness, putting on the character of Christ.

But as we engage in the challenging work of preparation, we are to labor in joyful anticipation. For

Advent is a season of hope. Yes, mountains need to be leveled and valleys must be filled in (Is 40). But that is primarily God’s task. And he will do it. For “God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory,” says the prophet Baruch (5:9).

In fact, the third Sunday of Advent is so much about rejoicing that it is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. “Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, Rejoice!” commands the apostle Paul (Phil 4:4-7).

Yet the Gospel from this same Sunday features the stark figure of John the Baptist, calling people to repent and reform their lives in preparation for the coming of someone who is much mightier than John . . . We, like John, are also to prepare the way by calling others to Christ. Think about inviting someone to church during Advent. Evangelization can be as simple as that.

The final Sunday of Advent seems to fit in more with our idea of the holiday spirit: Mary visits Elizabeth and the talk is about the two babies to be born. John leaps for joy in his mother’s womb, Elizabeth acclaims Mary, and Mary magnifies the Lord (Lk 1:26-38).

But bear in mind that Mary, newly pregnant, has just made a bumpy 70-mile donkey ride and has two more to go before she gives birth in a stable. And Elizabeth, of advanced age, is about to have her first child (by modern standards, a high-risk pregnancy). Advent joy is not always comfortable.

Of course, there is no birth without labor. So, as we rejoice in hope over the imminent coming of Christ, perhaps we ought to do everything possible to make sure that the labor goes successfully.

For if Christ is born anew in us this Advent, there’ll really be something to rejoice about come Christmas morning.

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Catechetical Corner

The Gospel and Culture

"The split between the Gospel and culture is without a doubt the drama of our time." —Pope Paul VI, *On Evangelization in the Modern World* (Evangelii Nuntiandi), no. 20

Religion does not exist in a vacuum. It operates in a given culture at a particular moment in time. The understanding of a living God who has revealed a loving plan to save us takes place in real time. There is much in our culture that is good and favorable to faith and morality. The freedom to practice our faith is a treasured principle in our society.

But there are troubling developments. Most history today is taught from a secular viewpoint. Such a prevailing attitude often makes it hard for believers to realize there is a starting point in God's Revelation for understanding human history. The culture in which we live is, in many ways, individualistic, secular and materialistic. This poses a challenge to Christians and other believers who are asked to respond in faith to God who has revealed himself. It often requires great patience and much virtue to live a faith-filled life, to hand on Gospel values to children and others and to interact with people — often the young — whose lives are affected by counter-Christian cultural currents.

In many ways, attitudes and actions in the United States have fostered a "culture of disbelief." The First Amendment, which prohibits the establishment of a state religion, has been interpreted in such a way that it excessively marginalizes religion. Society has reached the stage in which people of faith are pressured to act publicly as though religion does not matter. This has caused many believers to think their faith is strictly a private matter and that it should have no influence on society and politics.

The Church's response is to bring the Gospel into our culture in order to build on what is positive and to change what is not. This is one aspect of evangelization, the proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples. It assumes that we first must be evangelized ourselves, calling each other to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. It means embracing truth, beauty and goodness wherever it can be found in our society, while at the same time removing falsehood and injustice from our land.

We must remember that all is not darkness. There are rays of light in our culture shed by Jesus, the Light of the World. There are seeds of the Word in our society sown by Jesus, the tireless Sower of love and truth. We do not work alone. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide. Cultural change is slow, but it can take place through perseverance and God's grace. Evangelizers need a broad vision as well as wisdom, courage, fortitude and perseverance. Evangelizing a culture relies on deep insight into the mysteries of our faith and a keen vision for understanding the basis of our culture.

Culture is not just an abstraction; it is the sum of the beliefs, attitudes and practices of individuals and communities. Evangelizing a culture means dealing with people. It involves more than persuading people of the truth of Christ and the Church. Sharing the Gospel with others means offering them its transforming power, not just for their minds, but also for their hearts. In our daily prayer, we need to lift up our fellow citizens and their needs to God's loving concern for them.

The Catholic Church provides us with numerous ways to witness and teach the truth and love of Jesus Christ. Church history shows that the renewal of faith is frequently accompanied by a return to the truths of the faith and witnessing to those truths. Such a renewal of faith will gradually influence our culture.

For Discussion:

- When friends and family members converse with one another, what do they reveal about themselves? What does God reveal of himself to us in treating us as friends and family members? How does God's Revelation give meaning to our lives?
- What is meant when we say that we have a "revealed" religion? What are positive features in our culture? How can culture be converted and transformed by the Gospel?
- What would help you to spend more time reading and praying over God's revealed word in Scripture? Why can we say that growth in our faith will strengthen us to affect public policy with our beliefs?

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Stewardship



Exercising Good Stewardship at the Grocery Store

What is your experience of a trip to the grocery store? Is the grocery store a place where you just run to grab what you need, or is it a place where you pause and take time to exercise good stewardship? We've all been there. A long day at work, rush hour traffic, and then the thought: "What am I fixing the family for dinner?" We detour to the supermarket, make a mad dash, grab whatever looks easy and filling. Then, we rush out, preoccupied with what's happening elsewhere in our lives.

But the experience of shopping at the grocery store can be one where good stewards know the rewards of exercising their stewardship of God's many gifts. Think about a stewardship resolution for the month of November, with its emphasis on food and gratitude. Resolve to go to the grocery store with a steward's grateful heart.

- Visit the grocery when you are not rushed.
- Lift a prayer of gratitude before you go to the grocery store, gratitude that you are able to meet your loved ones' needs in this way. Those who work with refugee populations tell us the thing that amazes the new arrivals most is the opulence and abundance of a First World supermarket. Pray for those who do not have the choices you have today.
- Be aware of your fellow shoppers, the elderly individual slowly taking up the center of the aisle or the mom struggling to control her unruly children. Say a prayer for the people you en-

counter. Have patience and smile generously.

- Observe the vibrant colors in the produce department, and think of those workers near and far who have labored in the fields and the warehouses, all with the intention of supporting their own families. Say a prayer for them that they may receive wages that are fair, and that they not work in conditions you would not tolerate for a loved one working in similar circumstances.
- Each week, plan to make a sacrifice out of your family's food budget, and buy something for your parish's food drive or a local pantry. Perhaps it means you purchase a less expensive version of your favorite beverage, do without the best ice cream or plan one vegetarian, low-cost meal. Use the savings to share with the hungry.
- Be present to the cashier who rings up your order. Think of the difficulty of a job spent standing all day, greeting customers both cheerful and surly. Thank her/him with a smile.
- Recite a thanksgiving prayer from the heart at dinner. Be grateful to the God who has given you so much to meet your needs and to share.

—ICSC November 2017 e-Bulletin

A Stewardship Moment

First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

—ICSC November 2020 e-Bulletin

Stewardship



2020 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) for the Diocese of Las Vegas is still underway. Our parish has come a long way toward reaching our parish assessment over these past few difficult months, but we still have a ways to go.

Diocesan Assessment for SEAS	\$311,758.00
Amount pledged as of Nov. 15	\$286,801.50
Number of pledges so far	548
Amount needed to reach assessment	\$ 24,956.50

Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

Your support will help our diocese continue programs that are very much in need now more than ever, and contributions received above and beyond our parish assessment will be refunded back to SEAS. If you have not made a pledge to this year's CSA, please prayerfully consider a contribution. Pledge cards were mailed to all registered parishioners in February.

To learn more about the programs supported through CSA and to contribute online, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to www.dioceseoflasvegas.org
2. Under the Stewardship & Development drop down menu tab, click on **Catholic Stewardship Appeal**
3. Click on **Donate Now**
4. In the "Parish" field, make sure to put in **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** to ensure your contribution is credited to our parish and is applied to our assessment. Once our parish assessment is reached, all additional contributions come back to our parish.

For additional assistance, contact SEAS Pastoral Associate for Stewardship & Communications Patty Janura at PattyJanura@seaslv.org (702-804-8326).



Angel Tree 2020

We are happy to announce we will be continuing our yearly Angel Tree Drive, but like everything else, it will be handled differently due to the pandemic.

This year, we are requesting financial donations only. **Please do not purchase any gift cards.** With the money we receive, we will purchase gift cards in bulk and give these cards out as the Angel Tree gifts. That means no gift cards from you and no toys, clothes or socks for the homeless. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

At all Masses, we will have "Angel Tree 2020" envelopes available to take home and return with a check or cash contribution. On the envelope you may choose how you want your contribution distributed:

- A child in need
- A senior citizen in need
- Catholic Charities
- Seminarians
- Where this contribution is needed most

You will also have the ability to make a contribution on the church website, www.seaslv.org, with your credit/debit card or bank account. You will have the same 5 distribution options as above. You can also mail a check to the church. Make sure to put "Angel Tree" on the memo line of your check and, please, do not send cash in the mail.

Please return your financial donations by Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Parish Giving

Offerings November 14 - 15, 2020

Weekly Offertory	Envelopes & Checks	Loose Cash Anonymous	Online & Text	Totals
Saturday 4pm Vigil	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 225.00		\$ 1,915.00
Sunday 6am	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 340.00		\$ 2,010.00
Sunday 8am	\$ 625.00	\$ 38.00		\$ 663.00
Sunday 10am	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 850.00		\$ 2,660.00
Sunday Noon	\$ 370.00	\$ 525.06		\$ 895.06
Sunday 4pm	\$ 560.00	\$ 288.00		\$ 848.00
Sunday 6pm	\$ 250.00	\$ 287.51		\$ 537.51
Weekdays 11/11 - 11/17	\$ 50.00	\$ 230.00		\$ 280.00
Mailed In Contributions	\$ 5,336.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 5,376.00
On-Line & Text Contributions			\$ 15,853.21	\$15,853.21
Weekly Offertory Total				\$31,037.78
 Maintenance Fund	 \$ 10.00	 \$ 96.00	 \$ 220.00	 \$ 326.00



Upcoming Special Collections

- * Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving
- * Nov. 29 - Christmas Flowers
- * Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception



From the Knights

This weekend, Mother Seton, Knights of Columbus Council 11029, will be distributing 2020 "Keep Christ in Christmas" buttons at Mass. Due to COVID, each button will be in a zip lock bag on a table when you exit church after Mass. Also due to COVID and the uncertainty of what will happen during the holiday season, the number of buttons has been reduced this year, so please take only one button for yourself. Thank you and have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Parish Giving



Online Giving

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish asks that those who can, please continue to make your regular weekly contributions so we can continue

to pay the parish bills. Many of our parishioners enjoy the convenience of online giving. Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet.

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- 1) Visit the church website at www.seaslv.org
- 2) Click on the big Give Now button
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- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



Why Register in the Parish?

If you would like to register with the parish, we encourage you to do so at www.seaslv.org. 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.

Additional Ways to Give at SEAS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church offers these additional ways to help you make your weekly contributions. We are grateful for your support!



QR (Quick Response) Code

Easily scan our QR Code or visit <https://is.gd/seaslv> to give now. What's a QR Code? A "QR" or "Quick Response"

Code is a two dimensional bar-code that is readable by smartphones. You'll need a QR scanner on your smart device, which can easily be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. It's quick and easy.



Give By Text

Give By Text is another quick and easy way to make a contribution with your smart phone. Text the amount you would like to

give to **702-978-7462**. Example: \$25. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount and within seconds you'll receive a text back with a link to complete the transaction.



Mail Checks to SEAS

If you would like to make a contribution by check and mail it to the church, make checks payable to SEAS and specify on the memo line which collection the check is for, e.g., Weekly Offering, Capital Campaign, that week's 2nd Collection, etc. The

church address is 1811 Pueblo Vista Dr., LV, NV 89128. Please do not send cash in the mail.

Parish News



ZOOM Baptism Preparation Class

Parents and Godparents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children up to 7 years of age should attend the **online Baptism Preparation Class** that will be presented through ZOOM on Wednesday,

December 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Those who plan on attending must email Maureen Sisto at msisto@seaslv.org by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1 to receive the link to join the class. Questions can also be directed to Maureen at 702-804-8321.

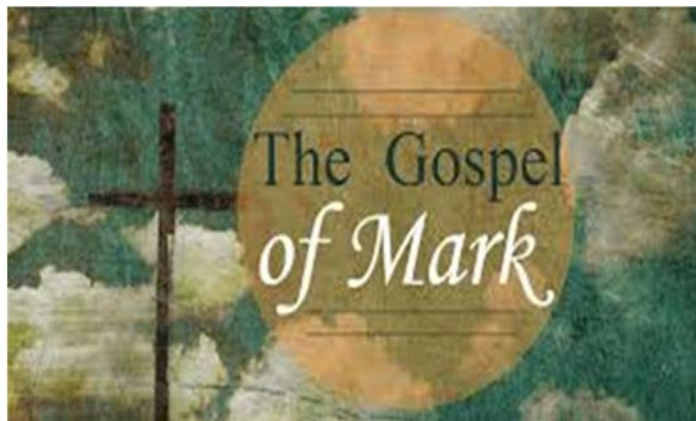


Money Raised Through Boo Bash Raffle Ticket Sales & Donations

SEAS School would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported this year's *Phantom Boo Bash* fundraiser.

It was disappointing not to be able to hold the event, but through your generous donations and purchase of raffle tickets, the *Phantom Boo Bash*, after expenses, raised \$30,664.91— all of which goes to the school! **THANK YOU!!**

On the following pages you'll find more ways to support our school. The "Easy Money for SEAS" list explains how shopping at specific places you most likely already shop at and buying specific products you most likely already buy can earn cash for SEAS. It's that's simple! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**



New Bible Study Set to Begin Week of January 4

The shortest of the four gospels, Mark is the earliest account of Jesus' life and the primary source for the other synoptic Gospels: Matthew and Luke. Mark asks everyone to answer Jesus' question, **'Who do you say that I am?'** and challenges believers in every generation to accept the harsh reality of the cross. Beginning in December, 2020, most of the readings we will hear at Mass during the coming year come from the Gospel of Mark ... so what a perfect time to join this 10-session study as we explore Mark's theological portrait of the person and mission of Jesus Christ.

Beginning on Monday, January 4, 2021, in-person classes will be offered in the church on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m. and repeated on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Wednesday morning session will also be live-streamed for those who prefer to participate from the comfort of their homes. Safety protocols will be in place each session: masks, hand-sanitizing and social distancing. Each participant will receive a commentary and study guide. Cost: \$25. All are welcome — newcomers and experienced Bible students alike!

Register on the church website, www.seaslv.org, or in the Kairos Gift Shop. For more information, contact Marcie Wilske at mwilske@seaslv.org or 702-804-8370.



Parish News



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School Pre-K & Kindergarten 2021-2022

Application packets are available for parents with prospective Pre-Kindergarteners and Kindergarteners for the 2021-2022 school year. **The non-refundable \$135 application and testing fee** must be returned to the office along with the application in order to schedule your assessment appointment. Upon receipt of this information, you will receive an email with a follow-up letter confirming your test date and time.

Please contact the school office at 702-804-8328 or seasschool@seaslv.org to have an application packet mailed to you or prepared for you to pick up.

Kindergarten Screening: Jan. 14 & 15, 2021

Pre-K Screening: Jan. 21 & 22, 2021

Screening appointments are set by the office, take place weekdays during the school day and are set based on availability and date received.

Kindergarten: Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2021 to be eligible for the 2021-2022 school year.

Pre-Kindergarten: Children must be 4 years of age on or before September 30, 2021 to be eligible for the 2021-2022 school year.

TOURS OF THE CAMPUS ARE SCHEDULED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule, email the school at seasschool@seaslv.org.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School New Student Open Enrollment 2021-2022 for Grades 1-8

Applications and packets for all new students entering grades 1 through 8 for the 2021-2022 school year will be accepted starting in January 2021.

There is a **non-refundable \$35 application fee**. After applications are accepted, assessment appointments will be scheduled. There is a **non-refundable assessment fee of \$75.00**. Additional fees will be due upon acceptance and enrollment.

All new students will be required to be tested before admission is granted.

TOURS OF THE CAMPUS ARE SCHEDULED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule, email the school at seasschool@seaslv.org.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School 2021-2022 Re-Registration for Returning Students

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School re-registration packets will be sent home with your child on January 29, 2021 and will be due by February 5, 2021.

Each packet will contain the re-registration form, information sheet and tuition agreement. Completed forms and the **non-refundable \$350 registration fee** are required to register your student. Please ensure that your child's information is correct and make any changes in your Family Portal account.

All paperwork and fees must be completed and paid in **FACTS** no later than **February 5, 2021** to ensure registration for next year.

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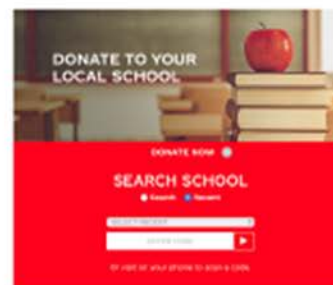
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SEAS **earns 20%** of the total order when keepsakes are purchased from the Artsonia Giftshop. **HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:** Every SEAS parent should have received an email from mailer@artsonia.com sent at Mrs. DeGrechie's direction. Click on the green permission button and follow the instructions to set-up an account. Then add siblings and link family members. If you did not receive an email generated by Artsonia, please email Art Director, Gina DeGrechie at gdegrechie@seaslv.org. She will then send you a new start-up email.

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Parish Weekly Calendar

Monday, 11/30

8am Daily Mass, Reservation Needed,
also Live-Streamed
8:45-9:30am Confessions, Church
6:30pm Bible Study Book of Job, Church

Tuesday, 12/1

8am Daily Mass, Reservation Needed,
also Live-Streamed
3-6pm Food Pantry Volunteering
5pm ZOOM Children's Faith Formation
6pm RCIA, Parish Hall

Wednesday, 12/2

8am Mass for SEAS School Only, Not
open to the public but Live-Streamed
9:30am Bible Study Book of Job, Church
6pm High School Youth Group, on ZOOM
6:30pm ZOOM Baptism Prep Class for
Parents & Godparents

Thursday, 12/3

8am Daily Mass, Reservation Needed,
also Live-Streamed
9:30am-1pm Taping of TV Masses, Church
6:30pm Welcome Home, Parish Hall

Friday, 12/4

8am Daily Mass, Reservation Needed,
also Live-Streamed

Saturday, 12/5

8am Daily Mass, Reservation Needed,
also Live-Streamed
9am RCIA, Parish Hall
9:30-11:30am Outreach Food Distribution,
School Bell Tower
4pm Vigil for the 2nd Sunday of Advent,
Reservations Required, also Live-Streamed

Sunday, 12/6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Times: 6am, 8am, 10am,
Noon, 4pm & 6pm, Reservations
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11am Jr High Youth Group, on ZOOM
1pm Confirmation Year 1, on ZOOM

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