

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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Church Doors are open from 7:30am.-7pm daily.

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**  
**The 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## Pastoral Staff and Extensions

Rev. Thomas Diaz, Pastor, #4, Day off-Mondays  
Chris Giacometti, Office Manager, #1  
Mass times: Extension, #2  
Jennifer Bedoka, Faith Formation, #3

## Sacraments and Devotions

**Reconciliation:** Sundays 9:45-10:15am. and by appointment.

**Marriage:** One year notice to the pastor.

**Infant Baptism:** Two-month notice. Next class TBA

**Adult Baptism:** "The Welcoming Church" Sundays at noon in the hall mtg. room.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call Fr. Tom.

**Exposition and Benediction:** Thurs. after Mass-1:15pm.

**The Rosary:** ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

**The Divine Chaplet:** Tues. after noon Mass

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Nov. 16, 4pm. + Ron Foppoli  
Sun. Nov. 17, 8:30am. + Eduardo Basco  
10:30am. People of the Parish  
Tue. Nov. 19, 12:15pm. All Souls  
Wed. Nov. 20, 8:15am. All Souls  
Thu. Nov. 21, 12:15pm. All Souls  
Fri. Nov. 22, 8:15am. All Souls  
Sat. Nov. 23, 4:00 pm. + Evelyn-Sterner Betts  
Sun. Nov. 24, 8:30am. People of the Parish  
10:30am. Jeffrey Farinha

## Events for the Week

Sun. Nov 17, 9:30 am. S.V.D.P. Mtg/CI  
10:30am. Liturgy of the Word  
Noon Welcoming Church  
Tue. Nov 19, 1 pm. Bible Study, Sharing & Soup

## Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Daniel 12:1-3** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Hebrews 10:11-14,18** Gospel: **Mark 13:24-32.**

## Scriptural Reflection

**Getting Ready for Getting Ready** Jagged and dark, scary are the kind of images we find in the main readings for Sunday.

"A time unsurpassed in distress", "Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken."

Such readings are included in what are called "apocalyptic literature." Why such horrible imagery, especially now with beautiful Advent just a few weeks away?

One reason is so that we might find within us a need for relief from all the turmoil. In other words, for the coming of the simple Christ child.

Recall that in our 21st century we find just the opposite of this: competing ideologies striving to take over. Look at the advertising world:

Shampooing your hair will make you ecstatic (with a corn-cob-eating grin on your face as you use the product). A car can "save your soul"! Casual sex without commitment is taken for granted. Free cable movie channels practicing the blasphemous use of God's and Jesus' name, censoring out only—sometimes—words referring to bodily functions.

Of course, in addition to such dehumanizing media forces, the world is faced with crises every bit as bad as what apocalyptic literature might suggest. The pandemic, which we hope is now over with. Economic crises that more than wreck people's lives; toxic wastes, holes in the ozone layer, tsunami and hurricanes, major climate changes. You can certainly add more. What shall we do?

Our readings do contain a few grains of hope. At the end of the First Reading we find a beautiful promise of rescue:... *the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.* Such a passage can give us peace, but also a problem.

Should we be nourished by these lovely words, at a time when the greatest tribulations in human history are staring us in the face? An awareness of

our tribulations is not wrong; it is right. But how can you or I have any effect on the enormity of our situation? Maybe we should get hyper-active instead, reforming television, recordings, movies, video games, and so on. Or, better:

*First*, let us get smart. Examine carefully what we can do and with what effect. We are not helpless, no matter what we feel. *God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Second*, let our courage rest in divine help.

I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you and bring you back. (Jer 29:11).

That is what Advent will aim towards. Use Sunday to wait for Advent waiting. Give it a try!

John

Foley, SJ

**Discussion Question:** "The Word of God will not pass away." What do you take along with you when you die? Is there any correlation between love and the Word of God that does not pass away?

**Please pray for our infirmed:** Aubrey Adams, John Calhoun, Tony & Lisa Crisafulli, Andrea Davis, Patrick Dempsey, Marlene Dentoni, John Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Rosita Faltado, Bill Gardon, Jeanette Guidry, Regina Hill, Frank Manhoso, Marcelina Morales, Pat O'Brien, Cavan O'Connell, Sione Palu, Nicholas Patrick, The Rivas Family, Lora Sansom, Robert Scarpone, Suad Shami, Cecilia Tarrant, Dominique Tarrant, Jim Turegano, Orinia Vanderlind, Malik Whitehorse, and Marilyn Wills.

**Parish Stewardship for November 10<sup>th</sup> Plate** \$ 5,378. **Building Maintenance** \$1,729.

**Annual Ministry Appeal**

**Goal:** \$18,700, **Money received:** \$56,758

**Participants:** 172=26% of parish

**Rebate so far:** \$38,058

**The second collection today is for Liability Insurance please continue your generosity.**

**Monthly Potluck Luncheon** 12 noon this Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at the hall because of



Thanksgiving the following week. Please bring an entrée or dessert to share. Looking

forward to seeing you.  
Larry

Linda, Jo and

**Faith Formation Ministry**



*Faith Formation*

**Sunday, November 17th**

**9:30 am** 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation/cl  
**10:30 am** Children's Liturgy of the Word  
**5-6:30 pm** Atrium Level 3  
**5-7 pm** Youth Group with parents

**Tuesday, November 19th**

**4-5:30 pm** Atrium Level 1 & Level 2

**Wednesday, November 20th**

**2-3 pm** 1<sup>st</sup> Year First Communion/cl  
**3:30-4:30 pm** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year First Communion/c

**Sunday, November 24th**

**9:30 am** 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation/cl  
**10:30 am** Children's Liturgy of the Word  
**5-6:30 pm** Atrium Level 3  
**5-7 pm** Youth Group with parents

*Attention Faith Formation Families we are looking for youth and parent volunteers for December 1<sup>st</sup> to help with our parish Advent Celebration. Sign-up to help prepare crafts or make crafts after the 10:30am Mass.*

*Families are invited to sign-up for a family workshop sponsored by the Faith Formation Ministry. Information will be out shortly*

**SVDP Christmas Gift Program**

This year, in addition to food for Christmas we would like to supplement the families with \$10 gift cards for each child with a \$10 per child limit. The card would help the parents toward the purchase of gifts of their choice for their child..

We are requesting only **\$10 Target or Walmart cards from SCRIP**. If we get more than enough for the children on our list we can double up on their cards and/or offer a gift card to our seniors.

If you would like to donate to this beginning today, please purchase \$10 SCRIP after Mass at the SCRIP table and leave them with the SCRIP seller or buy the gift cards at the office and leave them there. The office will get them to SVDP.

**The last day to donate is Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Our families in need appreciate every little bit of help and hope they receive. Let us show them the love of Jesus this Christmas!

Love of Jesus love of Jesus this  
Christmas!15<sup>th</sup>.

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**CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE**  
**&**  
**HANDMADE QUILT RAFFLE**  
Sponsored by SES Women's Guild  
**CHRISTMAS CASH prizes:**  
**\$500, \$250, \$150, \$100**  
Tickets **\$20** each.  
**Only 100 tickets will be offered!**  
**HANDMADE QUILT:**  
Tickets **\$2** each, 3 for **\$5**,  
**6 for \$10, 12 for \$20**  
Tickets available after mass in November  
**Drawing Sunday Nov 24 at NOON.**

I want to thank Faith Formation and the  
Socials Committee for sponsoring the SES Café  
last week.

**I need some help!** The SES Café will be  
sponsored by Liturgical Ministries on Sunday Dec.  
8<sup>th</sup>. So if you are an Usher, EM, Lector, Musician,  
Floral Arranger or Greeter please call the office if  
you can help.

**December the 8<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of The Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy  
day of obligation, has been moved to Monday,  
December 9<sup>th</sup>. Because Sunday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Advent and it takes preference over the Solemnity  
of Mary. So, Monday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> is not a day to be  
obligated to go to Mass this year but we should  
want to go to Mass. We will have Mass at 5 pm.

**The Fall Harvest arrangements** look beautiful in  
front of the altar and ambo. We thank those ladies  
who put this together and I do not have the list.

**Inquiring minds want to know!** There is a van  
in front of my house and a SUV parked to the left of  
the garage. People ask me sometimes if they can  
leave their vehicles when they are away for safety. I  
have no problem but they need to write-up and sign  
a note that the parish is not responsible if the  
vehicle is stolen or damaged

**Flowers around the fountain.** It is time to dig  
them up and plant the winter spring flowers/bulbs.

Some **people after the elections** have been joy  
filled others filled with despair and some hate. Let  
us pray for our country:

*Help us, God, to unite our great country  
In this contentious time.*

*Teach us to listen to one another,  
To heal our divisions and restore hope.  
The days that lie before us are ours to shape.  
Let them be days of repair,  
Days when we join together  
To build a new future.*

*For some of us the results of this election were a  
deep blow,*

*For some of us they were a cause for great  
celebration.*

*Our charge today must be to work through our  
differences*

*And find common ground,*

*To listen and to speak with caring and empathy  
As we wish others to listen and to speak to us.*

*Bless us God, with ears to hear,  
Hearts to love,*

*And hands to reach across party lines,  
So that we can ensure liberty and dignity for all.*

*Land of opportunity and dreams*

*We vow to protect our blessed democracy  
And treasure the freedom that is our birthright.*

*We pledge our allegiance*

*To every soul in need*

*And every child praying for a better tomorrow.*

*Bless America, God,*

*With peace, prosperity, and with justice for all.*

*Amen.*

**Rabbi Naomi Levy**

#### **Ministry Schedule for Nov 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

##### **4pm. Mass**

**Readers:** Liz Ritchie, Linda Anderon

**EMS:** Tony Madia, Linda Mish, Evelyn Estrella

**Ushers:** Janice Dyer, Dianne Foppoli

**Greeters:** Ron Ciarasso, Olivia Salazar

##### **Sunday 8:30am Mass**

**Readers:** Caroline Stevens, Marie Ebbing

**EMS:** Armando Argueto, Larry Biondini, John Buhagiar

**Ushers:** Diane Cook, Mary Thayer

**Greeters:** Pam Burgess, Patty Ramos

##### **10:30am Mass**

**Readers:** Mary Denson, Mila Morrical

**EMS:** Giovanna Desimone, Nora John, Linda Shane

**Ushers:** Sally Shami, Nativity Mata

**Greeters:** Pat Yates, Giovanna Desimone

#### **Ministry Schedule Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

##### **4pm. Mass**

**Readers:** Tony Sacramento, Heigi Pillor

**EMS:** Beth Turegano, Tony Turegano, Gloria Bacani



## Advent Celebration

**Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**10am-1pm**



*Join us in celebrating the HOPE,  
LOVE, JOY and PEACE of the  
Advent Season!*



**Come sing Christmas carols and enjoy  
hot chocolate, coffee and holiday  
treats! Free hosted by our parish  
ministries with craft activities and  
ornament making!**



**EMS:** Bill Yates, Mila Morrical, Nativity Mata

**Ushers:** Bill Yates, Augustin Gonzalez

**Greeters:** Fred & Janet Adams

### **Coming Events this Month**

1. **Sun. Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30** Anniversary Blessings for November and December
2. **Thu. Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 9am.** Thanksgiving Day Mass
3. **Sun. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 10-1pm.** Advent Celebration
4. **Thu. Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm.** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish
5. **Sat. Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 5:15pm.** Posada
6. **Tue. Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 5 & 8pm Masses**
7. **Wed. Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Masses 8:30 & 10:30**

### **El Rincón Hispano**

Queridos miembros de la comunidad hispana de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Nuestra parroquia no está designada como un centro del culto religioso en español como St. Joseph's. Yo quisiera hacer algo para ayudarles a uds. en su vida espiritual y sus devociones y costumbres. Así que con ese propósito hace unos meses quería comenzar un club hispano y la gente se apuntó. Anunciamos en el boletín hace unas semanas una reunión con el tiempo de la reunión y también mandemos un correo electrónico a todos los que me dieron su correo electrónico. Seis adultos vinieron a la reunión y me quede decepcionado por la falta de interés.

Pero no es demasiado tarde vamos a tener otra reunión y otra oportunidad para que vengan el 24 de noviembre después de La Santa Misa de 10:30am en el cuarto de la escuela para planear el festejo de La Santísima Virgen María de Guadalupe para el jueves 12 de diciembre y también planear unas posadas el 21 de diciembre después de La Santa Misa de 4pm. Espero que el hecho que no haigan venido a la reunión no es porque no les interesa tener un club hispano. Dios les bendiga. **Padre Tom**

### **Liturgy for the Week**

**Thu, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> The Presentation of Mary in the Temple** The story not found in the Scriptures relates that in thanksgiving for the birth of their daughter Mary, Joachim and Anne decided to consecrate her to God out of thanksgiving. May we thank God for our children.