CELEBRATING THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER RUTILIO GRANDE WITH OUR SISTER PARISH IN EL SALVADOR



Portraits of Rutilio Grande and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton painted by Eliana Ruiz - 2017 Milwaukee Notre Dame Scholarship Student. These paintings currently hang in the Church of "Our Lady of Guadeloupe", our sister parish located in the village of Rutilio Grande, El Salvador.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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January 23, 2022

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Father Rutilio Grande, S.J. Beatification, January 22, 2022 San Salvador, El Salvador, C.A.

This article first appeared in the SPIRIT OF SETON – SPRING/SUMMER 2015 – Linda Horning, author

Father Rutilio Grande, S.J. is the namesake of the community of our sister parish. Fr. Grande was born in El Paisnal, El Salvador and was ordained in 1959. He became friends with Oscar Romero, a fellow student in the seminary. After studying abroad in Spain, he returned to El Salvador and served as director of social action projects at the seminary in San Salvador. Fr. Grande was also prefect of the discipline and professor of pastoral theology in the diocesan seminary from 1965 to 1970.

In 1972 he became pastor of Aguilares and initiated a team effort which involved the formation Delegate of the Word. Delegates of the Word refers to a Catholic religious movement for and of the poor. They held long meetings every afternoon with the community, including group work, songs, prayers and Bible reflection. It was shocking for the peasants to speak and to be listened to. Once an old woman was asked what she remembered most about Rutilio, and she replied, "What I recall most, is how one day, he asked me what I thought. No one had ever put that question to me in all my 70 years."

There was a common theme in Fr. Grande's sermons. "We continue to struggle for a table for all which no one can monopolize." The table refers to the land and other resources of El Salvador and the world. For him, the Eucharist represented "the greatest commitment, the symbol of a shared table, with a seat for each person and tablecloths long enough for all, the symbol of creation and for this, Redemption is needed" (Feb. 13, 1977). "God gave us a material world – for all, without borders."

It is not a matter of someone saying, "Since I bought half of El Salvador with my money, I have a right to it and that's the end of the discussion! This is a right that was bought with money. It is a denial of God! The needs of the majority take precedence over such rights of individuals." Thus, continuing Fr. Grande's common theme of a "table for all."



A month before he was martyred, he gave a sermon during Mass — "I am very much afraid that soon the Bible and the gospel will not be able to enter at our borders because all its pages are subversive — against sin, naturally. If Jesus of Nazareth returned, coming down from Chalatenango to San Salvador, I dare say he would not arrive. With his preaching and actions, even to Apopa, they would arrest Jesus for being subversive and would crucify Him again."

On March 12, 1977, on his way to offer Mass in El Paisnal, 48-yearold Rutilio Grande and his two companions, 72-year-old Manuel Solorzano and 15-year-old Nelson Rutilio Lemus, were shot down. He was the first of 17 priests executed by Salvadoran death squads.

SISTER FAMILY IN EL SALVADOR

Archbishop Oscar Romero was deeply saddened by the brutal murder of his friend and drew inspiration from his example. He said, "When I looked at Rutilio lying there dead, I thought, "If they have killed him for doing what he did, then I too have to walk the same path."



The Vatican announced the beatification date of Fr.Rutillia Grande as January 22, 2022. Pope Francis described him as a priest who "left the center to go to the peripheries." This servant of God, this namesake of our sister community is now a saint!

Thanks to Seton's generous sponsorship of transportation, our brothers and sisters from the community of Rutilio Grande attend weekly Mass at St. Joseph's church in El Paisnal, where Fr. Grande celebrated Mass and is buried.







STEPS TO SAINTHOOD

- <u>Servant of God</u> the title given to a candidate for sainthood whose cause is under investigation, prior to beatification.
- <u>Beatification</u>— the stage after investigation into the candidate's life to determine whether he/she demonstrated a heroic level of virtue (faith, hope and charity, prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude). For the beatification of a servant of God, a miracle attributed to his/her intercession, verified after death, is generally necessary. In the case of martyrs such as Rutilio Grande and Oscar Romero, evidence of a miracle is not necessary. Upon beatification, the candidate receives the title "Blessed."
- <u>Canonization</u> The formal process by which the Church declares a person to be a saint. This step requires a miracle attributed to the candidate. (i.e., inexplicable healing of someone who is sick and prays to a holy person who has died to intercede with God for a cure; an event that can be witnessed by the senses, but is in apparent contradiction to the laws of nature).

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The El Salvador Solidarity Ministry thanks you for your support and most generous donations to the Annual Mission Appeal for the benefit of El Salvador.

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Thursday January

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







Children's First Eucharist Preparation

Preparation for children in grades 2-6, who are preparing to receive First Eucharist (First Communion) this spring, will begin on January 31, with the First

Eucharist Reflection #1. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Lee at 262-782-8982 in the Christian Formation Office.

Truth Be Told - Study of the Gospel of Mark

Mondays, January 31-March 7, join Firstfruits Women's Center in Elm Grove for the Truth Be Told Bible study series, focused on the gospel of Mark.

In the gospel of Mark, they who have eyes to see can see Jesus is the bread of life, who performs the mighty works of God. During this six-week study, you will clarify your understanding of who Jesus is for us through the "good news" of Mark.

Check out their website for more details and to register: firstfruits.info/events. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Joan Carey at firstfruits.joan@gmail.com.

Blessings,

~Firstfruits Staff

Book Club

The next meeting of the Seton Book Club will be Wednesday,



February 2, at PM in Sippel Hall. The book under discussion will be *The Butterfly's Daughter* by Mary Alice Monroe. For April 6, we'll be reading *When We Left Cuba* by Chanel Cleeton. If you have questions, please call Mary McInerny at 262-786-8559.

The Catholic Study Club:

We welcome women belonging to any Catholic parish in Waukesha County. Our next luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 8, at a Waukesha restaurant.

Following the luncheon, Very Rev. John Hemsing, Rector at St. Frances de Sales Seminary, will speak on "History of the St. Frances de Sales Seminary.

Reservations are required and due by Jan. 30.

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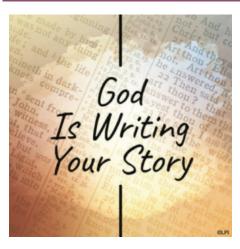
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SUMMER of 2022!

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA Mission Trip: June 18 - June 25

Prayer & Scripture



Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing. (Lk 1:21)



Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday:2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 **Tuesday**: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday:2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25 **Friday**: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-

Saturday:2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41 **Next Sunday**:Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 23 3rd Sunday in Orderly Time

8:30 AM †Cleone Goelz (Marv Goelz)

†Gerald Boldt (Leroy & Claudia Van Roosenbeck)

10:45 AM †Dan Natchek (Sally Natchek)

Monday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM †Terry Schulte (Carol Neubauer)

†Mary Klister (Mike & Cenka Kaminski)

Thursday, January 27

St. Angela Merici,

Virgin & Religious Founder

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM †Joe Elvington (Rita Sutton)

Saturday, January 29

Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Reconciliation

†Dan & Tom O'Connell (Jean O'Connell)

Sunday, January 30 4th Sunday in Orderly Time

8:30 AM For all the living and deceased members of St.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

10:45 AM †Dan Natchek (Helen Krahn)

†David Radowski

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 23

Counting Team #7

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Christian Formation K4-6

(No Grade 7-10) (Entire Complex)

7:00 PM Scripture Group Meeting

(Reflection Room)

Monday, January 24

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Monday Morning Book Club (St. Luke/John Rooms)

Tuesday, January 25

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM Alaska Spaghetti Dinner

(Entire Complex)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (St. Paul Room)

Thursday, January 27

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Blood Drive (Sippel Hall)

Sunday, January 30

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Christian Formation

Grades 7-10 (No K4-6)

(Entire Complex)

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Parachute Prayer

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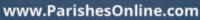
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