

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19th, 2023

CDA 2023: Be Salt and Light

The 4th Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday



CHARITY AND
DEVELOPMENT
APPEAL

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 8AM, 12:Noon

Saturday: 8AM; Vigils: 4PM, 6PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

*There will be a communal rosary prayed 35 minutes prior to each scheduled Mass..

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 1PM-3PM

St. Elizabeth Seton Staff

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8AM—4PM

Friday: 8AM—12PM



Parish Newsletter
www.sescnews.org



Mass Readings

Ministries and Groups:

St. Vincent de Paul Society

1st Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room

3rd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Deacon Tone Room

Tina Prosenick, 623-583-7303

Knights of Columbus

2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Parish Hall

Mike Wooldridge, 602-717-6700

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

(Will not meet from February 15th - April 12th)

Every Wednesday at 10AM, Dcn. Tone Room

Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Faith Sharing—Weekly Gospel Discussion

Every Thursday at 9AM, Deacon Tone Room

Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Women's Seton Society

Every Thursday at 9AM, Parish Hall

Margie O'Boyle, 623-738-8800/pmo99@cox.net

Healing Ministry

(Will not meet from February 15th -April 12th)

Every Wednesday following 8:00AM Daily Mass

in the Library, Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

1st Saturday at 8AM, Church

Jack Limberg, 574-286-1562

Solo Group

1st Tuesday at 1PM, Palmbrook Country Club

John Battoe, 623-977-7073

Evening Prayer Group

Monday—Friday 3:50PM, Chapel

Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Chalice Apostolate Ministry

Rachel Ruby, 623-972-1051

Mass Intentions

Living ♥ | Deceased †

Sunday, March 19th

7AM Parishioners ♥ Fr. Kilian
9AM Gwendolyn Edwards ♥ Fr. John
11AM Gina Giordiano † Fr. Kilian

Monday, March 20th: St. Joseph (Solemnity)

8AM Radjewski Family ♥ & † Fr. Tom
Noon Lou Vitale † Fr. John

Tuesday, March 21st:

8AM Parishioners ♥ Fr. John
Noon Lee Krank † Fr. Tom

Wednesday, March 22nd

8AM Charles Julien & Darold Flath † Fr. John
Noon Hugh C Callaghan † Fr. Tom

Thursday, March 23rd

8AM Colleen Murphy † Fr. Tom
Noon Gerald J Smrka † Fr. Kilian

Friday, March 24th

8AM Irene Zanoski † Fr. John
Noon Eugene Kenne † Fr. Tom

Saturday, March 25th: The Annunciation (Solemnity)

8AM Ron Arner † Fr. Kilian
4PM John Stevenson † Fr. John
6PM Jean Hosek † Fr. Kilian

Sunday, March 26th

7AM Shelia Espinoza † Fr. John
9AM Parishioners ♥ Fr. Kilian
11AM Mark & Patricia Salyer ♥ Fr. Kilian

Votive Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle:

Marylvin Gonzales

Requested by: Anonymous

Tabernacle Candle:

Aurea Banzon

Requested by: Gil Banzon

Saint Joseph Candle:

Marylvin Gonzales

Requested by: Anonymous

To kindly and generously request a
Mass Intention or Votive Candle,
please contact Sylvia at the
Parish Office 623-972-2129.



Readings for the Week

Sunday March 19th	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday March 20th	St. Joseph: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24/Lk 2:41-51
Tuesday March 21th	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday March 22th	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday March 23th	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday March 24th	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday March 25th	The Annunciation of The Lord: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Sunday March 26th	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Stewardship

Your Financial Stewardship

March 12 th, 2023

Plate: \$13,481.00

Online: \$5,197.75

Weekly Goal: \$18,780.75





Pastor's Letter:

March 19, 2023

The Light of Divine Love:

The Healing of the Man Born Blind

"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

We are all called closer to the Light.

We are all children of the Light.

God calls us to a deeper conversion.

Those who take part in the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** are tested with the **Three "Scrutinies"** and we will bring our candidates and catechumens to this light on Sunday.

There are three themes from St. John's Gospel on these **3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent:** Jesus is presented as **Water, Light and Life.**

Dr. Scott Hahn beautifully explains this as:

The Enlightenment of Conversion:

"God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

"The blind man stands for all humanity.

"Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay. As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

He was sent and he obeyed in Faith.

How Hard It Is For Those Who Cannot See or Who Do Not Wish to See:



"How hard it is for those who think they can already see, those who want no other light but their own, those who don't know how to doubt or question!

"They cannot see, they do not want to see, they do not allow themselves to see.

"How can they be enlightened by the Light of the world? Remember what Jesus said to the Pharisees: "If you were blind, you would not have sin; but since you say, 'we see', then your sin remains." If we acknowledge our blindness, then Christ will enlighten us, little by little, until we reach the fullness of day in His divine presence.

"We must travel a long road of purification. We must shine light on all the dark places within us, and we must "clean" them by contact with the word of Jesus. He is the Light that overcomes all darkness,

"He conquers death, He guides and directs us, He communicates the truth, and He leads us to salvation and joy" (www.epriest.com),

In the restful waters of Baptism, God has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

We wish to see the needs of our community, to put a special emphasis on helping the poor and the elderly in our parish.

I will be away on a **Grief To Grace Retreat** this week. We could really use your prayers.

Fr. Kilian and All of Our Staff



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work". As you give your donations to the Society to help those in need, know that you are doing the will of the Father and lovingly finishing the work of Jesus.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

For your kind support to our recent requests for pantry items. Due to your generous donations to last week's successful food and non-food pantry drive, we are stocking our pantry with much needed items. Additionally, during the recent Cruise-In car show, participants donated items totaling 43 bags of groceries and \$183. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their sponsorship, Father Kilian and staff, Deacon Sal and wife, Beth, for their organization and to all of the volunteers who helped with this fun community event. As inflation continues, requests are increasing; please know your gifts will allow members to fulfill the work of the Society. We strive to be humble; however, it's difficult for us not to comment to others on how wonderfully generous the SES parishioners are in their support to our conference!

For a tax statement of your 2022 donations to our society, please call Cindy at 623-594-5017 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

Thank You for your support to our monthly Shoebox Collection which will be held next weekend after all Masses.

"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find him in the chalice" ~ St. John Chrysostom – Quoted from our Lenten Little Black Book Feb. 26, 2023

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Catholic Daughters Of the Americas

The Catholic Ladies of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Clement of Rome, and St. Joachim and Anne host our monthly meeting in the Seton Hall from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact: Bernadette Labat (602) 565-6429

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

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For more information please contact Joseph Pergolizzi, Parish Manager at (623) 972-2129 or jpergolizzi@sesc.org



(RCIA) The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been curious about the Roman Catholic Church and how it might fit for you in your faith journey? Are you wanting to know more about the Catholic Church before you decide that it is the place for you before you make the next step? Perhaps, you have been Baptized but haven't receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist and you would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation.

We meet in the **Guadalupe Room** by the parish office from **9am to 10:30am on Sunday's**.

We are excited to have 12 individuals who desire to be received into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist:

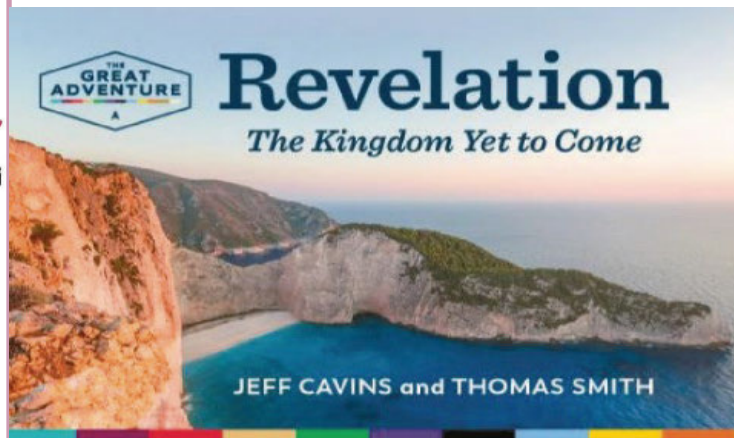
Philip Boynton, Maria Campos, Julian Rosales Lopez, Dazy Sanchez, David Sanchez, Joseph Zamora Torres, Jennifer Henderson, Mason Henderson, Jimmy Nquyen, James Smith & Israel Valadez.

Please continue to show your support by praying for each of these individuals. If you are interested in being a prayer sponsor, please choose a name and commit to praying for them weekly. You can also send notes to these individuals by dropping your notes off at the parish office and we will get them to these amazing Candidates and Catechumens.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Jeff Arner, the Director of Religious Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at:

jarner@sesc.org for an appointment.

New Faith Formation Program



Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Relatively few people have studied the book, especially from the sacramental, eucharistic Catholic perspective.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the Kingdom established by Christ in the Church is connected with the Kingdom of Heaven.

St. Elizabeth Seton will proudly begin an eleven-week Bible study

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

on **Tuesday, February 7 from 9 am to 11 am.**

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information or to register contact Dcn. Jeffrey Arner at 623-866-5221 or email: jarner@sesc.org.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.



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Fr. Kilian McCaffrey

Group Coordinator:

Helen Zec

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May 20 - 28, 2023

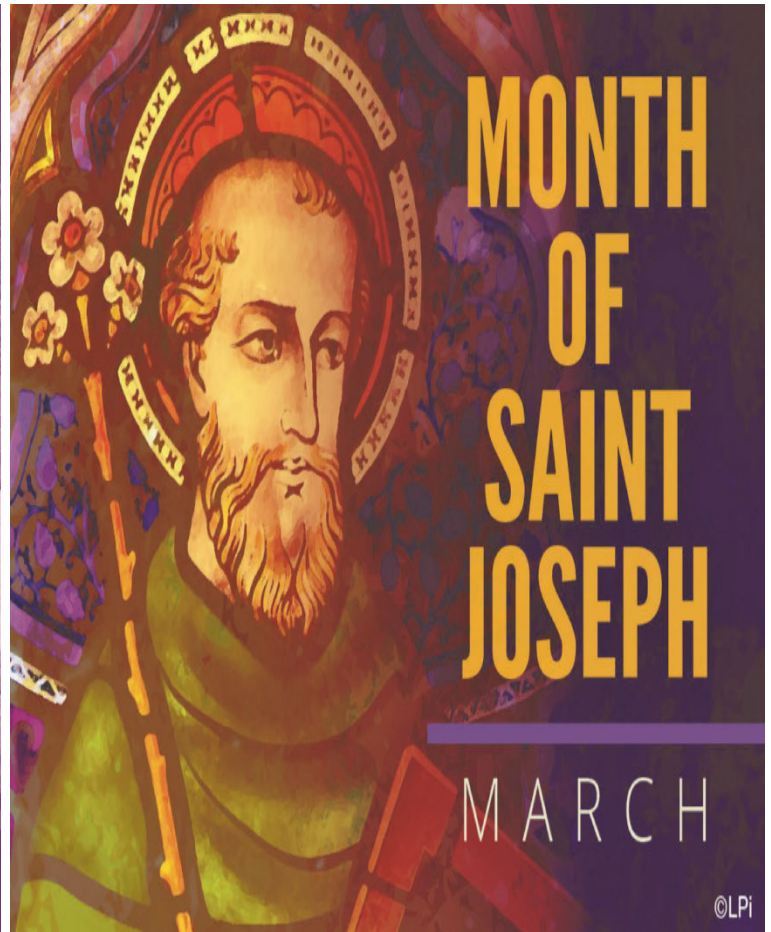
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St. James Church, Medjugorje



October 9-19, 2023
Holy Land Pilgrimage
Information Meeting
For All of Our Pilgrims
From 4:30 - 6PM
Thursday, March 30th
In the Parish Hall

Sadly, Fr. Bill Green is Leaving the Desert.
He can be contacted at: whgreen35@gmail.com
5100 Oak Grove Pkwy, Apt # 206
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

Life In The Spirit Seminar



*We Continue on Wednesday Mornings through
March 29th from 9 –11 AM in the Parish Hall,*

For more information, please call Maureen Kight at (602) 503-5379

Seton Classic



CARPENTERS WANTED

Calling All Carpenters! We need your help! The Seton Classic is preparing for the next show. We have signs, but borrowed the sign boards and now need our own. So, we are looking for carpenters to build some sidewalk type sign holders, Sized 24 in wide by 28 in tall, two sided, with hinges at the top. These units will hold our Name and directions, showing car participant's where to find our show. Preferably made of 1/4 in to 3/8 in particle board, with metal hinges at the top and some framing for structure. We need several, 15 to be exact. If you are willing to donate one-or-more we would be most thankful. Our next show is scheduled for Sept. 16, 2023, and with your help we can make this one equally successful.



For further information please contact Deacon Sal at salster49@gmail.com or leave your contact information for him at the parish office.

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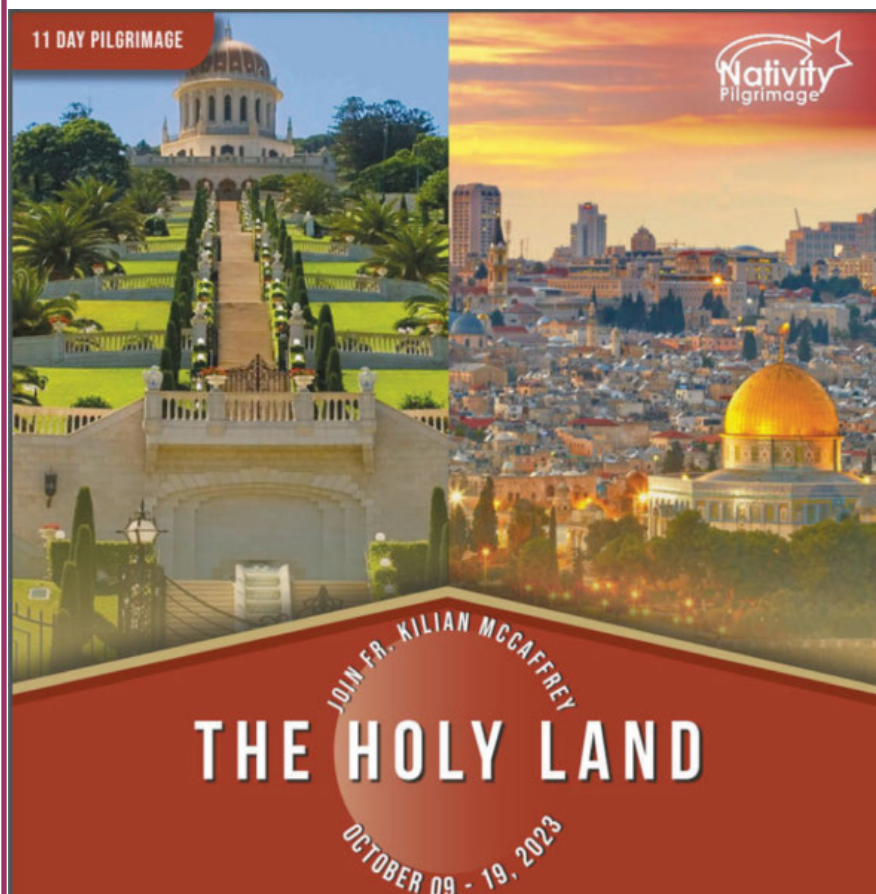
Help us make our future shows a success!

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After each
Mass on
March 25th
and
March 26th



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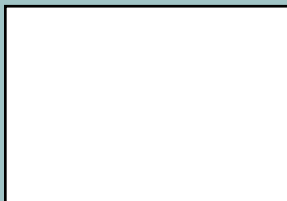
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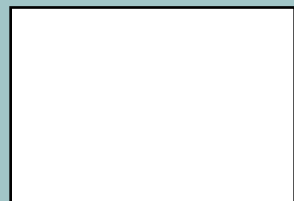
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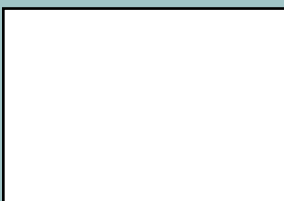
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