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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26th, 2023

CDA 2023: Be Salt and Light



CHARITY AND
DEVELOPMENT
APPEAL

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

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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Monday-Thursday: 8AM—4PM

Friday: 8AM—12PM



Parish Newsletter
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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 26th

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

Monday, March 27th:

8AM Doan Ngo ♥ Fr. Tom
Noon Bill Faulwetter † Fr. John

Tuesday, March 28st:

8AM Family M. Hartmann †& ♥ Fr. John
Noon Joseph Basta † Fr. Tom

Wednesday, March 29th

8AM Ed Carafello † Fr. Kilian
Noon Fred & Nancy Ornelas † Fr. John

Thursday, March 30th

8AM Don Gallie † Fr. John
Noon Joseph & Grace Soeder † Fr. Kilian

Friday, March 31th

8AM Robert & Santos Morales † Fr. Kilian
Noon Antonio Se. & Sotera Sabater † Fr. John

Saturday, April 1st:

8AM Barbara Ponzini † Fr. Kilian
4PM Halpin & Trueson Family †&♥ Fr. John
6PM Mike O'Neill † Fr. Kilian

Sunday, April 2nd

7AM Dolores Pietrzak † Fr. Kilian
9AM Gina Marie DiGiovine ♥ Fr. John
11AM Parishioners ♥ Fr. Kilian

Readings for the Week

Sunday **5th Sunday of Lent** 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

Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Votive Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle:

Valeria Murillo

Requested by: Sylvia Cabral

Tabernacle Candle:

Shawn Chakravarty

Requested by: Bernadette Labat

Saint Joseph Candle:

Solomon Handy

Requested by: Judy & Herman Harold

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



Stewardship

Your Financial Stewardship

March 19 th, 2023

Plate: \$12,169.00

Online: \$4,592.75

Weekly Goal: \$18,780.75





Pastor's Letter:

March 26, 2023

Lazarus, Come Out!

Martha said to Jesus:

“Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

We are building up throughout this holy season of Lent to the Glory of Easter, to the Resurrection of Jesus.

On our Lenten journey to the Holy City of Jerusalem this year we have:

- Been **tempted in the desert** by Satan.
- Seen the Glory of the Lord on Mount Tabor at the Transfiguration of the Lord

Water, Light & Life:

Just as all plant and animal life need water and light to live, grow and thrive, so we received the **Water of Life** at **Samaritan Woman's Well** on the Third Sunday of Lent.

We received the **Light of the World** last week with the **Healing of the Man Born Blind**.

Finally, we are now being called to Life, to the fullness of Life... living in God.

This is the last of the three Lenten themes from St. John's Gospel: this **5th Sunday of Lent** finally reveals Jesus as **The Life**.

I AM the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.



I don't know about you, but during the first days of the pandemic I could relate to Lazarus. We were fearful, hidden behind closed doors, in our little caves and tombs.

That quiet time helped me to seriously reflect, and, coupled with the lack of distractions — our many “false gods” — certainly gave me more time to think about what really matters:

There is great hope for the world in all of this.

What then shall we say to this?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Our 2nd reading from the Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent comes from the powerful **8th Chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans**.

Take time to read it through during this week. Now, we have so much more hope, as do those who preparing to be received into the Church

For those who attend the 11 AM Sunday Mass and those elect, our candidates and catechumens taking part in the RCIA, the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**, we will test them with last of the **Three “Scrutinies”** and we prepare those chosen ones to this light of life at the **great Easter Vigil Mass on April 8th**. Then they will **join us as Children of the Life**.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.

Please wear RED if possible.

Fr. Kilian and All of Our Staff



On this first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that Lent is a call to “give alms for the poor”. Many give up something they enjoy during Lent as an offering to Jesus for what he endured for us. When you give your gifts to the Society you are offering those in poverty an opportunity to give up a life of despair.

This weekend after all Masses, members will be handing out bags with a list attached for suggested items for our semi-annual Food & Non-Food Drive we are conducting NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 4/5. If unable to get a bag, suggested Non-Food items are laundry detergent, dish soap, all-purpose cleaner, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex. Food items include mayonnaise, ketchup, jelly, peanut butter, cookies, pancake mix, cereal, spaghetti sauce and canned pasta. We thank you for your participation in keeping our pantry well stocked. Drop-off stations will be in both parking lots and volunteers will assist with unloading your bags.

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.

Congratulations to the following winners of our chili cook-off -1st Place Shirley Kuchar; 2nd Place Veronica French and 3rd place Pete Dettlaff.

Thank you for your on-going support to our shoebox collection last weekend and a **Special Thank You** for the “**you are loved**” hygiene kits given to those we serve at the Santa Teresita food kitchen.



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**

Holy Week Schedule 2023

Next Sunday, April 1 & 2 is Palm Sunday

Tenebrae Service:

Wednesday, April 5th At 7:00 PM

Tenebrae is Latin for *Shadows*.

The purpose of the Tenebrae Service is to recreate with music and Scripture the emotional aspects of the Passion Story as we begin the Sacred Triduum.

A Friendly Reminder:

There will be no daily Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday, April 6th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Followed by adoration until 10:00 PM

NB: Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting is done by those who are 18 to 59 years old.

Everyone over the age of 14 should abstain from eating meat on Good Friday.

Good Friday, April 7th

Stations of the Cross: 12PM (Noon)

The Passion 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 8th

Blessing of the Food Baskets: 12PM (Noon)

Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM (Sunset)

Easter Sunday, April 9th

7:00. 9:00 & 11:00 am in the Church;

Livestream Masses 9 & 11AM in the Hall



(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:

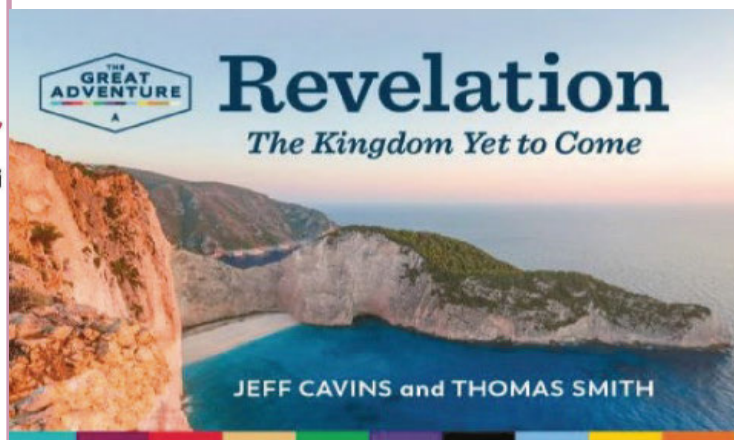
Philip Boynton, Maria Campos, Julian Rosales Lopez, Dazy Sanchez, David Sanchez, Joseph Zamora Torres, Jennifer Henderson, Mason Henderson, Jimmy Nquyen, James Smith & Israel Valadez.

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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St. James Church, Medjugorje

HAVE YOU LOST A SPOUSE OR LOVED ONE?

The **SOLO SPOUSE** Group meets Tuesday April 4, at 1PM
at the Palmbrook Country Club on Greenway Dr. in Sun City, AZ

Do you feel alone and not have anyone to share your time? The Solo Group may be for you.
We are all single due to the loss of a spouse, divorce, or are single by choice.

We join together for social activities like lunches. Breakfasts, dinner meetings,
movies and the theater. We have game instruction cards, trips, and social times where we
join together. You do not have to be alone.

We are **NOT** a singles club, we are a faith based social group that brings our lives together when
you want to have someone in your life. And we are not intrusive when you wish to be alone. Each
month we have a meeting to outline all the plans for that month. We provide a calendar for all the
8 to 10 activities for that month. You chose which activities that you prefer. There are no dues. We
are open to all faiths. Our only goal is to provide activities and so we can find new friendships with
others who have lost a spouse.

Come join us for the Tuesday monthly meeting and see if this is for you.
The meeting will be followed by lunch . Call John at 623 977 7073 For information.



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

**Our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday Devotion at
St. Elizabeth Seton is right after the 8:00 am mass
April 7, 2022**

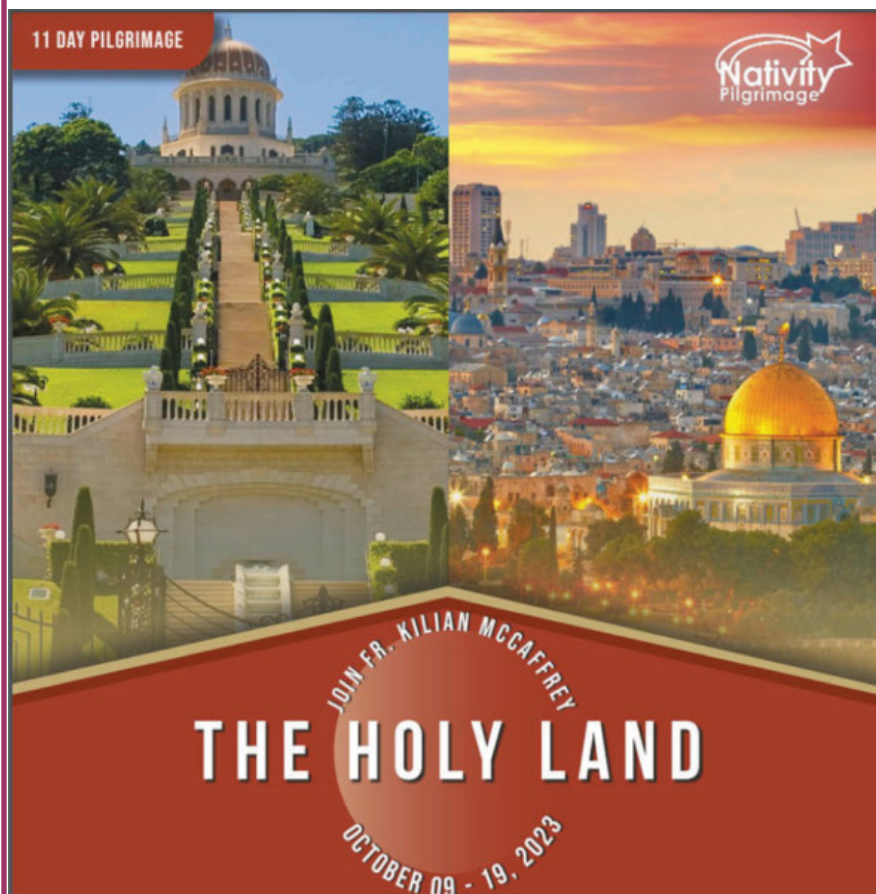


Three significant appearances of the Angel of Peace at Fatima took place in the spring, summer and fall of 1916; a year before the more famous apparitions of Mary. Through these three apparitions, the Angel taught the humble shepherd children how to pray and offer their sacrifices. The Angel also prepared them for what was to come. Sometimes we get too busy doing other things and avoid the things that are most important for us. In fact, the message of the Angel brought to the children applies to us all.

***Please join us after the 8:00 am mass this coming 1st
Saturday for Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima***



Tickets will
be available
to purchase
at Parish
Front Office
&
After each
Mass on
March 25th
and
March 26th



Join Us For The First
St. Elizabeth Seton
Parish Pilgrimage
Information Meeting

to prepare for our
October Pilgrimage
4:30PM on Thursday
March 30th, 2023
in the Parish



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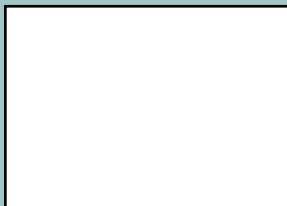
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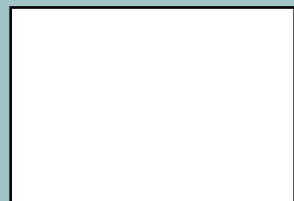
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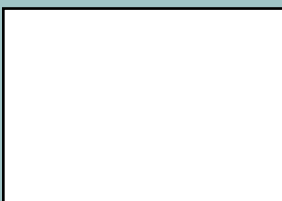
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