# St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

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Email: office@sescc.org Website: www.sescc.org Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023: <u>MOTHERS' DAY</u>

**SUNDAYOF EASTER** "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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# <u>Our Mass Times:</u>

## Monday - Friday: 8AM Saturday: 8AM & 4PM Vigil 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** 

Mass Readings

# **Ministries and Groups:**

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

1st Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room 3rd Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room Tina Prosenick, 623-583-7303

<u>Knights of Columbus</u> 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Parish Hall Mike Wooldridge, 602-717-6700

Holy Spirit Prayer Group Every Wednesday at 9am-10:30am Parish Hall Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

**Faith Sharing—Weekly Gospel Discussion** Every Thursday at 9AM, Deacon Tone Room Parish Office, 623-972-2129

<u>Women's Seton Society</u> Every Thursday at 9AM, Parish Hall Margie O'Boyle, 623-738-8800/pmo99@cox.net

<u>Healing Ministry</u> Every Wednesday10:45am-12Noon in the Library, Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions 1st Saturday at 8AM, Church Jack Limberg, 574-286-1562

<u>Solo Group</u> 1st Tuesday at 1PM, Palmbrook Country Club John Battoe, 623-977-7073

<u>Evening Prayer Group</u> Monday—Friday 3:50PM, Chapel Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Chalice Apostolate Ministry Rachel Ruby, 623-972-1051

Mass Intentions		Votive Candles
Living ♥   Deceased †		Blessed Virgin : Robert Delany
<u>Sunday, May 14th</u> 7AM Paulette Girgga †	Fr. Kilian	Requested by: Marylynn McCord
9AM Parishioners ♥ 11AM Jason Yrrizarry †	Fr. John Fr. Kilian	Tabernacle Candle: Irma M. Gonzales
<u>Monday, May 15th</u> 8AM Rosa Gonzalez †	Fr. John	Requested by: Family Gonzales
<u>Tuesday, May 16th</u> 8AM Sharon Miehe †	Fr. Kilian	Saint Joseph Candle: Millie Bolbizer
<u>Wednesday, May 17th</u> 8AM Robert Edwards †	Fr. Kilian	Requested by: Elinore Boltz
Thursday, May 18th	En labr	To kindly and generously request a
8AM Tom Wilson †	Fr. John	Mass Intention or Votive Candle,
<u>Friday, May 19th</u> 8AM Toni Grace Cherney †	Fr. Kilian	please contact Sylvia at the
<u>Saturday, May 20th</u> 8AM Wilson Family † & ♥ 4PM Jean G. Hosek †	Fr. John Fr. Bill	Parish Office 623-972-2129.
<u>Sunday, May 21st</u> 7AM Meronek & McDonald Family † & ♥ 9AM Les Keeley † 11AM Parishioners ♥	Fr. John Fr. Bill Fr. John	

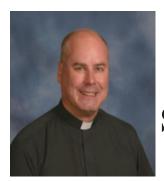
## **Readings for the Week**

Sunday May 14th	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday May 15th	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday May 16th	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday May 17th	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday May 18th	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday May 19th	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday May 20th	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday May 21st	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/ Jn 17:1-11a

# **Stewardship**

Your Financial Stewardship May 7th, 2023 Plate: Unavailable Online:\$4,573.25 Weekly Goal: <u>\$18,780.75</u>





# **Pastor's Letter:** <u>May 14, 2023</u> Sixth Sunday of Easter:

"In My Father's House there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?"

# The Mass is The Wedding Feast

You will recall from last week, we considered is different. Following the Law blindly is not the Groom's Promise. Just before leaving the house of the bride's father at the engagement ritual, the groom would speak these words to his beloved:

"I go to prepare a place for you in my father's house that where I am you also may be."

We are now building up to the great Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost and today we hear some key information as we continue to read from the Last Supper Discourse from John, Chapter 14. This was Jesus' farewell, but it was just for three days-and the three days that changed the world forever.

This last Sunday before the Ascension, send us the Spirit of truth from the Father. when Jesus left our world, the House of the Leading on from this study of the law we now Bride, this Spirit of God's Love in faithfulness have the Promise of the Spirit. We see the to His commandments are His last words to promised gift of His Spirit being conferred on us.

When a friend departs we tell them how much Jesus asks the Father to give us His Spirit, a we love them, we recall together with them Love to dwell with us and keep us united in our experiences, and we make promises to the life He shares with the Father. keep in contact. As the Words of Institution of the Mass are new, this promise is the new language of the spirit of love. As Jesus prepares for His Passion, he speaks theses words for all people, for all eternity.

## "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

You would never tell a loved one: "If you love me, you will do what I say."



But Jesus is much more that our friend: he is our God and Creator. So by keeping the Ten Commandments, we show our love for Christ and for God in a very real and practical way.

The Last Supper was celebrated in a different way to the normal Passover. God is calling us to take notice and to listen up. This is new, this what Jesus is calling his disciples to do.

Jesus is calling his disciples to keep his commandments out of love for him, because they are his gift to us.

They are a gift that will lead us down the path, not just to eternal life, but they will also help us to have a life of happiness, to have a life of joy in the Holy Spirit and in the Lord.

#### The Language of the Love of God

Just as Jesus promised to go and prepare a place for those who love him (the Ascension) and come back again but before that he will the Samaritans in today's First Reading.

#### This love is reflected in a Mother's Love.

Today We Wish All Of Our Mothers A Really Beautiful Mothers' Day Fr. Kilian, Sr. Mary Beverly & Our Staff



#### Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2023

In the Gospel today, Jesus says: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Whoever loves Me will be loved by my father and

I will love him and reveal myself to him. By doing this we express our love for our Lord and acceptance of our relationship with him. We are also called to keep his two Great Commandments, i.e., to love God with our whole heart ...and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

When we show our love for our neighbors who call on us, we are indeed keeping these commandments. When we help the poor with **your** gifts, we represent **you.** 

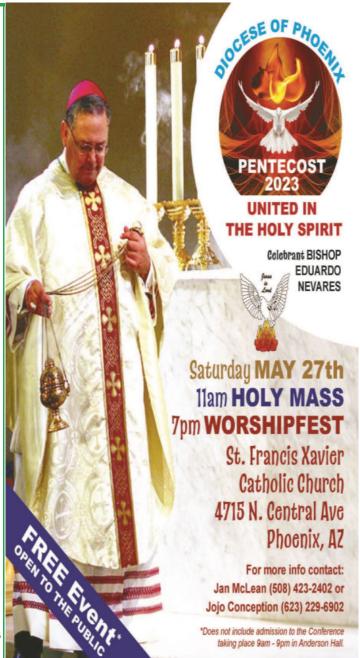
God indeed pours out his love and joy in your hearts and ours and the hearts of those we serve.

With the continually rising rents, we are finding that even those who are doing well can be severely impacted by the loss of one or two paychecks. They may not be able to pay their rent when due and they then risk eviction. We are most grateful for your continued generosity but also ask for your prayers to solve the affordable housing crisis in our community and for our leaders to prioritize efforts to address this challenge.

Remember to **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our **June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Jeans and T-shirt Drive**. All donations will go to the homeless. See next week's bulletin for more details.

"Charity, by which God and Neighbor are loved, is the most perfect friendship." –

St. Thomas Aquinas



# The Catholic Daughters Of the Americas



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



# (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@sescc.org for an appointment.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MARY IS THE MOTHER WHO WATCHES OVER US, HER CHILDREN, ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE, OFTEN WEARY AND IN NEED, ANXIOUS THAT THE LIGHT OF HOPE NOT FAIL.

CHRISTUS VIVIT, NO. 48



Grieving with **Great HOPE is a SIX-WEEK grief support workshop** using a video-on-demand format. It offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member, or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include, two priests, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good

Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. Contact Dcn. Jeff Arner for registration information. We will begin this <u>6-week course on each Wednesday beginning on April 26 through</u> <u>May 31 from 2 to 4 pm in the Guadalupe meeting room.</u>

#### Order of Christian Initiation of Adult's (O.C.I.C)

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<u>Get Ready for VBS (Vacation Bible School) "Cool Kingdom Party"</u> **Cool Kingdom Party!** Our children going into Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are officially invited to spend a royal week with the King and Queen of Heaven and Earth. Enter through the gates of the Cool Kingdom and learn all about Mary, our Blessed Mother, and how

she leads us closer to her Son, the King of Kings. **This is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8:30 pm.** 

We are looking for a number of volunteers to help out from planning, decorating, hospitality, leading the children to and from their sessions, games, skits, etc... <u>We will have our</u> second planning meeting on Thursday, May 11th in Seton Hall beginning at

**<u>5:30 pm.</u>** If you want more information please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner, Director of Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at <u>jarner@sescc.org</u>.

#### **Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion Celebration**

<u>Please pray for our youth and adults who will be receiving the Sacraments</u> <u>of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.</u> This is a very special time for these families and our community of faith. They will be on retreat Saturday, April 29th and are very excited to be completing their Sacraments of Initiation.

If you have children who will be entering Kindergarten through High School and would like to have them in our Faith Formation Program please contact Ms. Linda Watkins at 623-866-5229 or lwatkins@sescc.org for more information.



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." - Jn 14:15-17

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# FIRST WAY PREGNANCY CENTER

# Thank- you to all the Paríshíoners

at St. Elizabeth Seton for your generous donations at this year's baby bottle drive. You blessed the mission of First Way with over <u>\$8,000</u> in financial support! We could not do this work without you

*Together we will continue to fight for LIFE* !!

# St. Vincent de Paul Society

#### A YEAR OF GROWTH IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY NEED

Your love and support made this possible. Thank you!

#### 154,700

food box deliveries completed by local volunteers in communities across central and northern Arizona



**6.2 million** pounds of food received and distributed through our Central Food Bank



\$7 million in rent and utility assistance helped families avoid eviction and homelessness





wellness visits provided through our charity clinic and wellness center



**30,200** pounds of fresh produce harvested from our Urban Farms to complement meals and food boxes

**CLP** 



45,208 shelter nights provided to people working to permanently end their homelessness

464



102,200 touch points of service, including hot showers,

2022

including hot showers, clean clothing and hygiene products

208,000 service hours completed by 14,000 committed and compassionate volunteers



Registration \$18.00

Where: St. Eizabeth Seton Catholic Church 9728 W. Palmeras Dr. Sun City, AZ 85373 Time: 11:15-2:30

Registration through Eventbrite—search for <u>Magnificat Meal</u> <u>Speaker: Esther Ramirez - June 17, 2023</u> Registration ends June 14, 2023

Magnificat is a Ministry to Catholic Women in the Diocese. Women sharing in testimony of how God has worked in their lives.

Contact information for registration Esther Ramirez, 623-565-0304, mrs.estherramirez@gmail.com make checks payable to Phoenix Magnificat; <u>include your email address</u> and mail to: Esther Ramirez, 10604 N. 53rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85304

Link can be found on our facebook page Phoenix Magnificat

# MONTH OF THE Blessed Virgin Mary

## **Faith Formation Opportunity**

Please join us for a 10 week study to help us grow in our faith called "**Metanoia**". *METANOIA* – and believe in the Gospel. In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted.

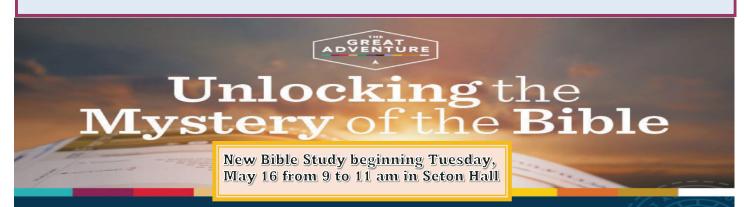


Every Catholic, no matter where we are in our faith journey, is invited to a deeper conversion. Metanoia is not a one-time event; rather, it is a continual process of turning away from the things of the world, from lies and sin and discovering a deeper union with Christ.

*Metanoia* is a production of The Ministry of The Wild Goose and 4PM Media in association with Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Franciscan Friars TOR of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem. This 10-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University and founder of The Ministry of the Wild Goose, leads us on a journey with Christ into conversion. Each of the episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. With preaching from Fr. Dave as well as personal testimonies from men and women, young and old, religious and lay, their stories will inspire you to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life he is constantly inviting us to.

<u>This new 10 week study will be held on Monday's beginning June 12 in the Dcn. Tone Room.</u> <u>The cost is \$5 to cover the cost of materials.</u>

For more information and registration please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner at 623-866-5221.



#### JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. Aided by the unique color-coded *Bible Timeline*® Chart, which arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order, **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan. This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of **The Bible Timeline Chart**.

*The fee is <u>\$30 per person</u>* that includes <u>tax and shipping, workbook, Bible Timeline Chart, Bible</u> <u>Timeline Bookmark, and Online Video Access for 1 year.</u> For registration and more information please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner at <u>arner@sescc.org</u> or 632-866-5221



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