



O WOMAN, GREAT IS  
YOUR FAITH! BE IT DONE  
FOR YOU AS YOU DESIRE.



*a foreigner's faith*

**Seton**

**CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT.**

*Challenge our hearts. Heal our souls.*

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August 20th, 2023 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Worship, gather with family.

World Day for Youth in Lisbon: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

-Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 20th

8:00AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:00AM DAVID RAMOS - D

Monday, August 21st

8:00AM GEORGE MCANDREW - D

Tuesday, August 22nd

8:00AM GEORGE MCANDREW - D

Wednesday, August 23rd

8:00AM STEPHIN JANIS - L

6:30PM CAROL JEAN KRIEBL - D

Thursday, August 24th

8:00AM OMAIRA MONCALEANO - D

Friday, August 25th

8:00AM MICHAEL RYAN - D

Saturday, August 26th

8:00AM SALLY KUBANI - D

4:30PM MARIA LUISA DEAKLE - D

6:30PM LUIS YEPEZ - D

Sunday, August 27th

8:00AM JANIS & ANNETTE JANIS - D

10:00AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, August 28th

8:00AM VERA COSTA - D

Tuesday, August 29th

8:00AM MICHAEL RYAN - D

Wednesday, August 30th

8:00AM CARLENE GROSSI - L

6:30PM JESUS E. GONZALEZ - L

Thursday, August 31st

8:00AM EILEEN O'DONOHUE - D

Friday, September 1st

8:00AM PATRICK DOLAN - D

Saturday, September 2nd

8:00AM MOLLY WEITZEL - D

4:30PM BARBARA ANN MCLEAN - D

6:30PM FR. RUSSELL RUGGIERO - D

## ADORATION & CONFESSION!

Adoration with Praise &  
Worship happens every  
Tuesday at Seton!  
7pm in the Church.

**Confessions weekly,**  
every Tuesday 6-6:45pm  
and Saturday 3-3:45pm,  
English and Spanish.



# A Foreigner's Faith

**M**ost of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesies. Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel. Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites.



Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites (see Matthew 7:6). Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation.

In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in today's Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation (see John 14:6). At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham (see Genesis 12:2). He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom (see Deuteronomy 7:6–8; Isaiah 41:8). In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations (see Romans 4:16–17). Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes; that Jesus is Lord (see Exodus 4:22–23; Romans 5:13–24).

Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel (see Acts 1:6; 13:46). But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in

today's Epistle. In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar (see Hebrews 12:22–24, 28). With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children.

## The Word this Sunday

Isaiah 56:1, 6–7

Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8

Romans 11:13–15, 29–32

Matthew 15:21–28

**"Our response to this crazy world must be to assume charity, pray for all people and know that God's grace is still at work in us."**

REV CASEY JONES, PASTOR

### MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Liturgy (Mon-Sat) 8am

### Summer Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm

Saturday Spanish Mass 6:30pm

Sunday 8am and 10am

### Reconciliation

Saturdays after the 8:00 am Mass

and 3:00 pm in English

5:30 pm in Spanish

Tuesdays from 6:00-6:45 pm



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this week were donated by the Paulich Family in memory of Gretchen Feltes. We are grateful for their generosity and addition of beauty at Mass.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food Distribution at St Elizabeth Seton: Join us on Wednesdays, August 9 and 23. Distribution begins at 10am and continues until food is gone. Thank you to all the families that bring food to Mass to support this ministry!

### FRAUD ALERT!

There have been some fraudulent texts sent to parishioners claiming to be Fr. Casey. Any texts sent from parish staff would be through FlockNote. We will never send a text asking for gift cards or donations.

**ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH**

# OCTOBER FEST

**Saturday, October 14  
Noon to 7pm**

**Bands, Food, Drinks, Games**

Business Sponsorships Available  
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Juneau, Alaska  
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**OCTOBER FEST**  
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Saturday, October 14, Noon-7pm

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*Your logo/name on the back of the tickets*  
*Your logo/name on the wrist bands*
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*Your logo on goodie bags for the children's prizes*  
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*Your logo on the Pretzel booth*
- T-Shirt Sponsor** - \$300 - eight available  
*Your logo on the back of the shirt, shared with all sponsors.*

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-in bulletin,  
-on website and  
-all Seton's social media.

- Sponsorships needed by September 1 for printing of signage, etc.
- Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish.
- Send logo file to [boviles@stelizabethseton.org](mailto:boviles@stelizabethseton.org) (hi-res .jpg)

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# Life is shared moments.

## Monday, August 21st

12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)  
7pm Living Waters Prayer Group (C)

## Tuesday, August 22nd

8:30am Mother's Bible Class (SL)  
1-7pm Silent Prayer (C)  
6pm Confessions (C)  
7pm Adoration w/ Praise & Worship (C)

## Wednesday, August 23rd

10am Food Distribution (PL)  
12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)  
6:30pm Spanish Mass (C)  
7pm Witness.Seton (SG)

## Thursday, August 24th

8:30am Bible Class (CC)  
12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)

## Friday, August 25th

12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)

## Saturday, August 26th

8:30am Confessions (C)  
3pm Confessions (C)  
4:30pm Vigil Mass (C)

## Monday, August 28th

12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)  
6:30pm Bible Study (PC)

## Tuesday, August 29th

8:30am Mother's Bible Class (SL)  
1-7pm Silent Prayer (C)  
6pm Confessions (C)  
7pm Adoration w/ Praise & Worship (C)

## Wednesday, August 30th

12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)  
6:30pm Spanish Mass (C)

## Thursday, August 31st

8:30am Bible Class (CC)  
12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)

## Friday, September 1st

8:30am-5pm Adoration (C)  
5pm Benediction (C)  
12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)

## Saturday, September 2nd

8:30am Confessions (C)  
3pm Confessions (C)  
4:30pm Vigil Mass (C)

### LOCATION CODES

Church (C)  
Children's Chapel (CC)  
Faith Formation (FF)  
Golden Gate Pkwy (GGP)  
Juan Diego Rm (JD)  
Office (O)  
Parish Center (PC)  
Parking Lot (PL)  
School Cafeteria (SC)  
St. Luis Room (SL)  
School (S)  
School Gym (SG)  
St. Joseph's Room (SJ)

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### DO YOU NEED SACRAMENTS?

We are a people of Word (Sacred Scriptures) and Sacraments. Interested? Please contact the Faith Formation office at 239-455-3900, ext. 303, Mondays-Thursdays from 9am-4pm.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus of SES Council 4357 welcome all new parishioners that have settled here from other areas. We would like to invite all KofC members and all Catholic men at St. Elizabeth Seton to our Open Council Meetings the second Monday of every month at 6:30pm at our Council Hall located three minutes from the church, at 3020 62nd St. SW, Naples, FL. You can also reach us by email: [Knights1314@yahoo.com](mailto:Knights1314@yahoo.com).

### THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society serves right here in the Golden Gate Community, to provide those in need with the resources that help educate and empower people to achieve a self-sufficient lifestyle. There are many ways to become a part of this work, from volunteering at the thrift store to helping with clothing distribution, or working with clients one-on-one. To learn more, please contact 239-775-2907 or go online to [www.svdpnnaples.org](http://www.svdpnnaples.org) or email to [info@svdpnnaples.org](mailto:info@svdpnnaples.org).

### OFFERTORY | WEEK 8/5 & 8/6 - 2023

Offertory: \$17,041

Attendance: Eng. 673 & Sp. 670

### CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2023

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest." (Gal 6:9)

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# Unidos en Cristo



## Lun, 21 de agosto

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)  
7pm Hombres de Emaus (C)  
7pm Clase de Costura (SJ)

## Mar, 22 de agosto

1-7pm Oración en Silencio (C)  
6pm Confesiones (C)  
7pm Adoración Eucarística (C)

## Miér, 23 de agosto

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)  
6:30pm Misa (C)  
7pm Witness.Seton (SG)

## Jue, 24 de agosto

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)  
7pm Grupo de Oración en español (PC)

## Vier, 25 de agosto

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)  
7pm Parejas en Cristo (PC)

## Sáb, 26 de agosto

5:30pm Confesiones (C)  
6:30pm Misa (C)

## Lun, 28 de agosto

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)  
7pm Hombres de Emaus (C)  
7pm Clase de Costura (SJ)

## Mar, 29 de agosto

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)  
6pm Confesiones (C)  
7-8pm Adoración Eucarística (C)

## Miér, 30 de agosto

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)  
6:30pm Misa (C)  
7pm Witness.Seton (SG)  
7:30pm Mujeres de Emaús (PC)

## Jue, 31 de agosto

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)  
7pm Grupo de Oración en español (PC)

## Vier, 1 de septiembre

8:30am-5pm Adoración (C)  
5pm Bendición (C)  
12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)

## Sáb, 2 de septiembre

5:30pm Confesiones (C)  
6:30pm Misa (C)

## CODIGOS DE LOS EDIFICIOS

Iglesia (C)  
Formación de Fe (FF)  
Gimnasio (SG)  
Capilla de Niños (CC)  
Juan Diego Room (JD)  
Centro Parroquial (PC)  
Estacionamiento (PL)  
San Jose (SJ)  
San Luis Room (SL)  
Oficina (O)  
Escuela (S)  
Golden Gate Pkwy (GGP)



## EMHC Y CAPACITACIÓN DE LECTORES

Se brindará capacitación para Lectores y ministros de la Santa Comunión nuevos y actuales el sábado 26 de agosto después de la misa diaria. La hospitalidad comenzará a las 8:30 a. m. y la capacitación será de 9 a.m. a 10 a. m. (aproximadamente una hora). La capacitación será tanto en inglés como en español en reconocimiento a nuestra alegría compartida de servir. Se recomienda encarecidamente a los ministros y Lectores Eucarísticos actuales que asistan, ya que siempre hay algo que aprender al revisar las rúbricas. Este es un entrenamiento obligatorio para nuevos ministros y lectores.

## CAPACITACIÓN DE MONAGUILLOS

Invitamos a todos los niños y adolescentes de 3° grado en adelante, que ya hayan recibido su Primera Comunión, a convertirse en monaguillos. Únase a nosotros el domingo 27 de agosto a las 11:00 am, después de la Misa de 10 am, en la iglesia. Se proporcionará el almuerzo y la capacitación se realizará alrededor de las 12:30 p. m. Confirme su asistencia a [altarserversetn@gmail.com](mailto:altarserversetn@gmail.com).

“Nuestra respuesta a este mundo loco debe ser asumir la caridad, orar por todas las personas y saber que la gracia de Dios todavía está obrando en nosotros.”

REV CASEY JONES, PASTOR

## LA ASUNCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA

La Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María es el martes 15 de agosto y este es un Día Santo de Obligación. Las misas serán:

- 4:30 .pm. Vigilia el lunes 8/14 (ingles)
- 8 a.m. del martes 15/8 (ingles)
- Y 7pm Misa Bilingue

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**MISA DIARIA LUNES A SÁBADO 8AM (ING)**  
**MIÉRCOLES 6:30 PM (ESP)**  
**SABADO 4:30PM (ING) & 6:30PM (ESP)**  
**DOMINGO 8AM & 10AM (ING)**

## LLAMADOS A SERVIR

Donde puedas invertir tus dones, hazlo y ganarás un tesoro en el Cielo. Si quieres estar más cerca de Dios, aquí tienes los diferentes ministerios donde puedes invertir tus talentos, tus dones y tu tiempo.

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## SACRAMENTOS

**Bautizos** Para poder bautizar en nuestra comunidad, la familia tiene que estar registrada en la parroquia un mínimo de tres meses antes del Bautismo con asistencia regular a la Santa Misa. Por favor, al registrarse en la parroquia, utilizar los sobres con el número de su familia en la colecta como prueba de participación y de asistencia a la Santa Misa.



**Matrimonios** Se debe hacer una cita con el Padre Carlos para abrir el expediente matrimonial por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de Boda. Hay que estar registrados en la parroquia un mínimo de seis meses antes de abrir el expediente matrimonial con asistencia regular a la Santa Misa. Se necesitan las partidas de bautismo ACTUALIZADAS no más de seis meses y han de ser originales, no copias.

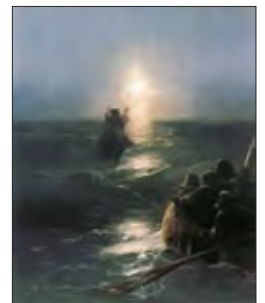
**Quinceañeras** Las quinceañeras tienen que haber hecho la Primera Comunión y necesitan comprobante de haberlo hecho. La familia tiene que estar inscrita en la parroquia un mínimo de seis meses antes de reservar la Iglesia para la quinceañera con asistencia regular a la Santa Misa y ha de estar activa o en la doctrina o en el grupo juvenil o en un grupo parroquial con asistencia regular comprobada.

## MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

**20 DE AGOSTO DE 2023 - 20º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Un domingo más que se nos habla de la fe. Ahora, mostrada en una mujer cananea que suplicaba para que su hija fuera curada. Recordemos que el pueblo cananeo, en tiempos de Jesús, era idólatra y primitivo. De ahí surge la mujer que, con gran insistencia, suplicaba a Jesús por su hija. Esta mujer era valiente, con una fe segura, y fue así que decidida se postra ante Jesús para seguir pidiendo: "¡Señor, ayúdame! Jesús le dijo: No se debe echar a los perros el pan de los hijos. La mujer contestó: Es verdad Señor, pero también los perritos comen las migajas que caen de la mesa de sus amos. Entonces Jesús le dijo: Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! Que se cumpla tu deseo" (Mateo 15:25-28).

La mujer fue felicitada por Jesús, y es puesta como ejemplo para sus discípulos entonces, y para nosotros actualmente. "Cristo se mostraba indiferente hacia ella, no por rechazarle la misericordia, sino para inflamar su deseo" (San Agustín). ¿Qué haces tú cuándo estás en una necesidad? Gritas, suplicas de rodillas al Señor para que te escuche. Acuérdate que la oración viene según la fe. ¿Cómo mides tu fe? ¿Es débil, es fuerte, es constante? Buscas a Jesús en todo momento o solo en tiempos difíciles. El domingo pasado, Pedro al hundirse en el agua exclamó: "Señor, sálvame". Hoy, la mujer cananea grita: "Señor, ayúdame". El Señor, escucha y atiende al que persevera constantemente con fe y esperanza en la oración. Qué hermoso es escuchar: "Que se cumpla tu deseo".



## DONATIONS & INTENTIONS

All donors will receive recognition in subsequent bulletin and a prayer & blessing will be said in their name.

Altar Flowers	\$100
Hosts & Wine	\$25
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Recommended donation for a Mass Intention	\$10

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Weekly email: text SETON7 to 84576

Fr. Casey's homilies: on our YouTube channel

Join Our Parish: [www.stelizabethseton.org/join-us](http://www.stelizabethseton.org/join-us)

### SES School Information

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- Catechism
- Events Team
- Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound
- Food Distribution Ministry
- Funeral Bereavement
- Sewing Ministry

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministry
- Lectors & Choir
- Music Ministry
- Sacristan Ministry
- Ushers & Greeters

**SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!**

St Elizabeth Seton PreK-8 School is off to a great start to the 2023-24 school year! Please join us for the annual school golf tournament on Saturday, October 7. Information is on the school website: [www.saintelizabethseton.com/golf](http://www.saintelizabethseton.com/golf)



**YOU ARE NEEDED AT MASS...**

**Altar Server Training**

We invite all children and teens 3rd grade or older, who have already received their First Communion, to become altar servers. Join us Sunday August 27th 11:00am, following the 10am Mass, in the church. Lunch will be provided, and training will be done about 12:30pm. Please RSVP to [altarserverseton@gmail.com](mailto:altarserverseton@gmail.com).

**Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

Did you know that EMHC stands for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion? If you are looking for a way to serve God and His church, please consider this vital ministry. Being a EMHC means serving at the Mass time of your choosing and coming to a Mass a few minutes early to sign-in so the Sacristan knows you are there. There is a one-hour training. EMHC must be in full communion with the church and dress modestly when serving (shoulders covered, no shorts, no crocs).

*Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Ps 40*

Just sign-up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex of the church or speak to another EMHC or sacristan after Mass. During the week, you can call the Parish Office at 239-455-3900.

**EMHC & Lector Training**

Training will be provided for NEW and CURRENT EMHC and Lectors on Saturday, August 26 following the Daily Mass. Hospitality will begin at 8:30am and training will be 9-10am, about one hour. Training will be in both English and Spanish in recognition of our shared joy in serving. CURRENT Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are highly encouraged to attend as there is always something to learn by reviewing the rubrics and being with each other. This is required training for NEW ministers and lectors.



# Regarding Christian Marriage

It has come to my attention that there has been confusion among some members of the faithful at our parish regarding marriage in the Catholic Church. Sadly, it seems some of this confusion has been sown by priests with past association to our parish. The following applies to Catholics and those who marry Catholics: A wedding witnessed by a priest or deacon who does not have proper delegation from the local bishop and pastor is INVALID. By invalid, it is meant that this is not a valid marriage in the Catholic Church. Also, one previously married, without a declaration of nullity (annulment) from a diocese tribunal, cannot contract a marriage validly in the Catholic Church, no matter who the priest or deacon is who attempts to witness the marriage or where the wedding takes place. Attempts at marriages in these cases, such as those taking place on a cruise ship, in a private home, or a facility apart from the parish Church, are invalid, even though the priest or deacon who attempts them is validly ordained and in good standing. Clergy in the Church are not free to make up their own laws regarding the sacraments. Such abuses as attempting to perform a marriage ceremony (properly called in the Church "witnessing a marriage") without delegation, or of persons who are not free to marry due to having been previously married with no declaration of nullity, render such attempts at marriage as invalid. This means the couple IS NOT MARRIED ACCORDING TO THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. This is not a mere opinion, this is the law of the Church, a law that an individual priest is not at liberty to overlook, and if he does, he fails to witness the couple enter into a valid marriage.

Further, to quote directly from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The Church maintains that a new union cannot be recognized as valid if the first marriage was.

If the divorced are remarried civilly, they find themselves in a situation that objectively contravenes God's law. Consequently, they cannot receive Eucharistic communion as long as this situation persists. For the same reason, they cannot exercise certain ecclesial responsibilities. Reconciliation through the sacrament of Penance can be granted only to those who have repented for having violated the sign of the covenant and of fidelity to Christ, and who are committed to living in complete continence." (CCC 1650) Regauging the sacraments, the same would apply to those living in a union simulating marriage (living as husband and wife) apart from a marriage that is VALID in the Catholic Church. Persons in this situation also cannot receive holy communion or hold certain responsibilities in the parish. They also cannot validly receive sacramental absolution unless they resolve to cease the irregular union. This teaching/discipline

has not changed. If you are in such a situation, please see me immediately so we can attempt to fix this situation. I long for you to be in full communion with the Church and to be properly disposed to receive Our Lord. Again, what has been explained here is the teaching of the Church, not my personal opinion. As to why another priest would believe differently, I cannot speak. But I can give the same warning St. Paul gives in Sacred Scripture: "For the time is coming when people will



not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." 2 Timothy 4:3)

Please understand that I am writing this because I have care and concern for each of you. If you are in this situation, you are no less loved by the Lord Jesus, or by me as your pastor. I am writing this as an invitation to correct. I desire to see all in full communion with our Lord Jesus Christ and his Church.

In Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Casey