



AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH,
AND DWELT AMONG US...



Seton

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT.

Challenge our hearts. Heal our souls.

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December 24, 2023 | 4th Sunday of Advent

Worship, gather with family.

For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

-Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve
FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day
FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Tuesday, December 26th
8:00AM MADISON YOUNG - D

Wednesday, December 27th
8:00AM MARY FRANCES FITZPATRICK - D

Thursday, December 28th
8:00AM JOSEPH FINN - D

Friday, December 29th
8:00AM NICOLAS MAHONEY - L

Saturday, December 30th
8:00AM JOSEPH GRAZIANO - D
4:30PM PETER PASSALACQUA - D
6:30PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, December 31st
7:30AM THEODORE & LEONOR GAGE - D
9:00AM CARTER MCKAIG - D
11:00AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, January 1st New Year's Day
FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Tuesday, January 2nd
8:00AM MARY VERONICA DIGGINS - D

Wednesday, January 3rd
8:00AM MARY AMBEAU - D

Thursday, January 4th
8:00AM JOSEPH PUGLIESE - D

Friday, January 5th
8:00AM LEONEL ARAUJO - D

Saturday, January 6th
8:00AM ANTHONY TALVACCHIO - D
4:30PM JOHN & MARY JANE HOLECKO & JOHN, JR. - D
6:30PM MARCELO MACHUCA - L

WELCOME!

Challenge our Heart, Heal our Souls

Welcome to St Elizabeth Seton Parish
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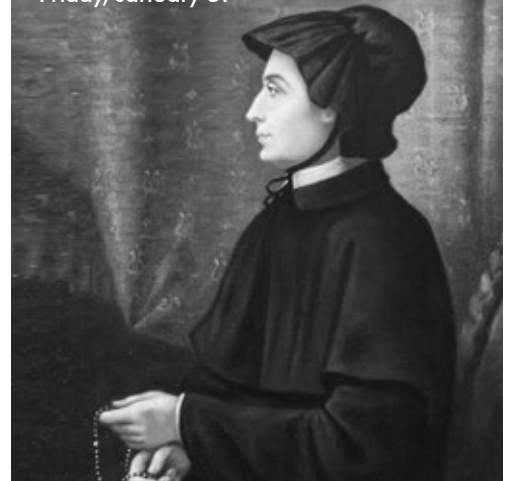
To receive our weekly email/text, please
sign-up by texting **SETON7** to **84576**

BE WITH OUR LORD!

Adoration with Praise & Worship

every Tuesday, beginning Tuesday
January 2, from 7-8pm

All Day Adoration every Friday,
8:30am to 5pm Benediction, beginning
Friday, January 5.



The Word became flesh...

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). In this blessed season of Christmas (which begins, not ends, on Christmas day), we celebrate that God has come to dwell among us. Our God is not distant, but near. Notice the intentionality of the tense I use here: "God IS with us!" Rather than "God WAS with us."



Yet when we look at the world, it does not seem that God is with us. In this age, even the Christmas song, O Little Town of Bethlehem, seems ironic:

*O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.*

The light we see over the Bethlehem region now is the fire of weapons and the cries of the suffering innocents; this over the very place Our Lord was born. So much for peace on Earth.

Why did Jesus come? Was it to solve our medical problems? Was it to solve our economic problems? Was it to solve our political problems? If so, then Jesus was a fake and a failure. We still get sick and die. We still have grinding poverty. We still have politics that are corrupt and divisive and radically imperfect everywhere in the world. What did Jesus give the world that it did not have before?

The answer is clear, as Pope Benedict XVI tells us, in Jesus of Nazareth:

What did Jesus actually bring, if not world peace, universal prosperity, and a better world? What has he brought? The answer is very simple: God. He has brought God. He has brought the God who formerly unveiled his countenance gradually, first to Abraham, then to Moses and the Prophets, and then in the Wisdom Literature—the God who revealed his face only in Israel, even though he was also honored among the pagans in various shadowy guises. It is this God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the true God, whom he has brought to the nations of the earth. He has brought God, and now we know his face, now we can call upon him. Now we know the path that we human beings have to take in this world. Jesus has brought God and with God the truth about our origin and destiny: faith, hope, and love. It is only because of our hardness of heart that we think this is too little. Yes indeed, God's power works quietly in this world, but it is the true and lasting power. Again

Prayer for Peace in Israel

Lord, you are the God who heals. Please bring your comfort and healing to those who are hurting. Lord, you are the God who provides. We pray that timely help and support will reach all who are in need.

Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. We pray for an end to the violence and bloodshed, and ask you to bring a new dawn of peace across the Middle East.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Liturgy (Mon-Sat) 8am

Winter Schedule

(Advent through Easter Sunday)

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm

Saturday Spanish Mass 6:30pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9am and 11am

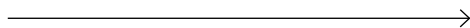
Reconciliation

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



DECLINE TO SIGN

Know the facts!

2024 Florida ballot proposal:
"Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion"

FACT #6

This proposed amendment uses the term "**patient's health**" which is extremely broad and would allow abortion for **practically any reason**.

A woman's health should be more carefully considered!

DECLINE TO SIGN the petition for this dangerous pro-abortion amendment!

Questions? Go to dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.

Decline to Sign Petition!

Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment, titled Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion, on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women. Floridians should not sign the petition. Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn. For more information, go here: <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/decline-to-sign/>



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FEATURING A CHRISTIAN GUIDE FROM NAZARETH

Hani Awwad was the guide for Seton's pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022. Join him and Fr. Casey and Jon Niven to experience Israel in the time of Jesus and now! Taste Israel, too, with a Middle Eastern-themed light supper and drinks before the talks. This is a two part event with different topics each evening. Come to one or both, Thursday and Friday, February 1 and 2. (exact time is TBD)



MEET YOUR GUIDE: HANI AWWAD

My name is Hani Awwad. I'm from Nazareth. I am a Tour Guide and I've been guiding Christians in the Holy Land for 10 years. I help pilgrims to understand life in the first century, and give them a new understanding of the holy scriptures, as well as connecting the old testament with its fulfillment in Jesus and the New Testament.



Life is shared moments.

Monday, December 25th

8am Mass in English (C)
10am Mass in English (C)
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26th

NO Confessions
NO Adoration
Parish Office Closed
Parish Center Closed

Wednesday, December 27th

Parish Office Closed
Parish Center Closed

Thursday, December 28th

Parish Office Closed
Parish Center Closed

Friday, December 29th

Parish Office Closed
Parish Center Closed

Saturday, December 30th

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

Sunday, December 31st

7:30, 9, 11am Masses in English
6-8pm Family New Years Eve Party (SG)
8pm-12:30am New Years Eve Party (SG)
For Big Kids - Adults

Monday, January 1st

12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)
7pm Prayer group (CC)

Tuesday, January 2nd

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

Wednesday, January 3rd

12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)

Thursday, January 4th

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

Friday, January 5th

8:30am -5pm Adoration (C)
5pm Benediction (C)

Saturday, January 6th

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

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INTERESTED IN CATHOLIC STREET EVANGELIZATION?

If so, register now for the January 27 Saint Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) training at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108. Registration deadline is January 23 at 11:59 pm. This is a response to the mandate of Jesus Christ to "preach the Gospel to all nations..." taking the Catholic Faith to the streets. The organization seeks to train others to witness effectively to the truth, beauty, and goodness of Jesus and His Church in the public square. Saint Paul Street Evangelization is supported and encouraged by Bishop Frank Dewane. All Catholics who are 18 years of age and older are cordially invited to register. The cost is \$15 per person and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please visit dioceseofvenice.org to register. For other questions, please contact Jim Gontis at gontis@dioceseofvenice.org.

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.

OFFERTORY | WEEK 12/2 & 12/3 - 2023

Offertory: \$19,196

Attendance: Eng. 1025 & Sp. 870

2nd Collection this week: **Retirement Fund for Religious**

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)

Unidos en Cristo

¡BIENVENIDO!

Desafía nuestro corazón, sana nuestras almas.

Bienvenidos a la parroquia de Santa Elizabeth Seton
Para registrarse en Seton, conéctese en línea aquí: <https://steliza-bethseton.org/join-us/> Para recibir nuestro correo electrónico/texto semanal en español, envíe SETON7ESP al 84576

La Solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María, la Madre de Dios, es el lunes 1 de enero. Este NO es un Día Santo de Obligación este año. Este día se celebrará la misa diaria habitual a las 8:00 AM.

Reserve la fecha para la **Conferencia Eucarística de la Diócesis de Venice en 2024**: sábado 16 de marzo en la escuela secundaria Bishop Verot en Ft. Myers - Pistas en inglés y español, Misa, Adoración y Confesión - La inscripción se ha abierto aquí...

Lun, 25 de diciembre

8am y 10am Misa en Ingles
12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)

Mar, 26 de diciembre

No hay Confesiones hoy
No hay Adoración hoy
Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
Centro Parroquial Cerrado

Miér, 27 de diciembre

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
Centro Parroquial Cerrado

Jue, 28 de diciembre

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
Centro Parroquial Cerrado

Vier, 29 de diciembre

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
Centro Parroquial Cerrado

Sáb, 30 de diciembre

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

Dom, 31 de diciembre

6-8pm Fiesta familiar de Nochevieja (SG)
8-12:30pm Fiesta de Nochevieja
Por Niños grandes - adultos

Lun, 1 de enero

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

Mar, 2 de enero

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

Miér, 3 de enero

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)

Jue, 4 de enero

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)

Vier, 5 de enero

8:30am -5pm Adoracion (C)
5pm Bendición (C)

Sáb, 6 de enero

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)

THE NOTRE DAME CHORALE'S

FLORIDA

WINTER TOUR



JOIN US FOR OUR CONCERTS!

NAPLES

JANUARY 12TH

FRIDAY 7:00PM

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH
5260 28TH AVE, SW, NAPLES, FL 34116
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

INTENCIÓN DE ORACIÓN DEL PAPA DE 2023

Por el Papa. Oramos por el Santo Padre; que al cumplir su misión, pueda Continúe acompañando al rebaño que le ha sido confiado, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo.
-Intención de oración del Papa para noviembre de 2023

MISA DIARIA LUNES A SÁBADO 8AM (ING)
SABADO 4:30PM (ING) & 6:30PM (ESP)
DOMINGO 7:30AM, 9AM & 11AM (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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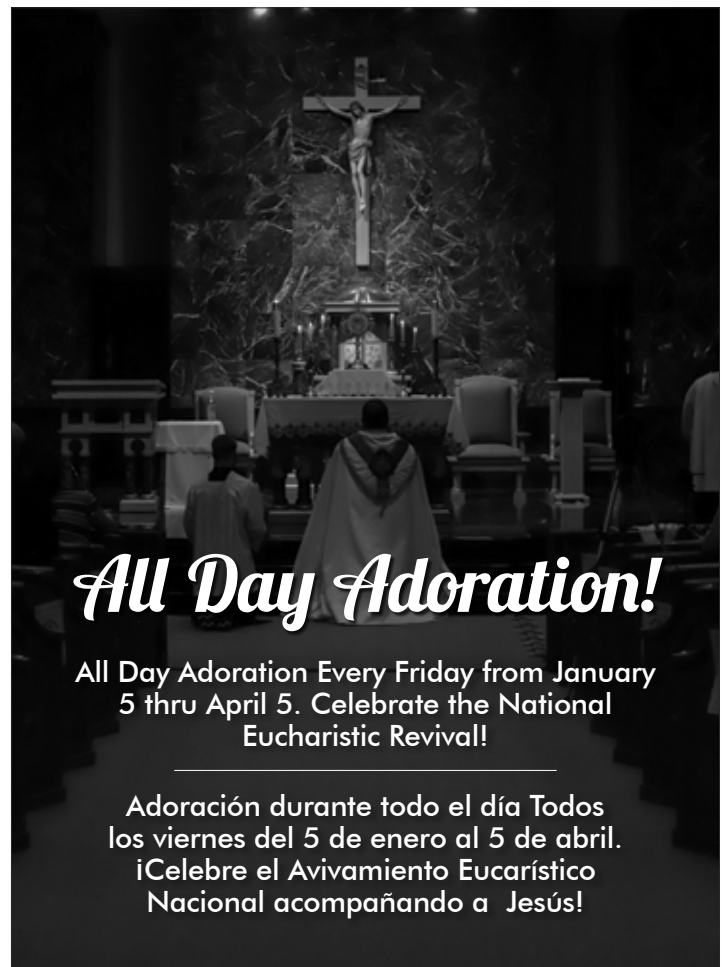
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All Day Adoration!

All Day Adoration Every Friday from January 5 thru April 5. Celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival!

Adoración durante todo el día Todos los viernes del 5 de enero al 5 de abril.
¡Celebre el Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional acompañando a Jesús!

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

25 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023 - LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

La Navidad, además de ser una celebración solemne y de mucho gozo, da comienzo el 25 de diciembre y termina con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor. Su color litúrgico es el blanco. La invitación, en este tiempo, es comprometernos a vivir en armonía y generosidad familiar, imitando a José, María y Jesús. Celebramos acontecimientos muy importantes para nuestra vida de fe. La Encarnación del Hijo de Dios, su Nacimiento, junto con la Resurrección en la Pascua, nos llevan a manifestar la epifanía de Dios como gozo definitivo a los demás.

"No tengan miedo, pues yo vengo a comunicarles una buena noticia, que será motivo de mucha alegría para todo el pueblo: hoy, en la ciudad de David, ha nacido un Salvador, que es el Mesías y el Señor" (Lucas 2:10-11). Señor, queremos agradecerle todo lo vivido en este año 2023. Tuvimos alegrías y sufrimientos, muerte de seres queridos y nacimientos de seres amados que serán alegría y esperanza en nuestra vida. Todo lo ponemos humildemente ante el pesebre en este tiempo santo de la Navidad. Quédate con nosotros. "Gracias a este Niño, todos podemos llamarnos y ser verdaderamente hermanos: de todos los continentes, de todas las lenguas y culturas, con nuestras identidades y diferencias, sin embargo, todos hermanos y hermanas" (Papa Francisco 12/25/2020). Jesús es buena noticia para todos, vayamos a compartirla. ¡Feliz Navidad 2023!



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
Tabernacle/Sanctuary Candles	\$50
Recommended donation for a Mass Intention	\$10

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SES School Information

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas is on a Monday this year which means Christmas Eve Vigil Masses are on Sunday evening. Sunday, December 24 is also the 4th Sunday of Advent. So, the Sunday morning Masses (7:30am, 9am and 11am) count for the Sunday Obligation and the Sunday evening Masses (5pm, 7pm and Midnight) count for the Christmas obligation. Both Sunday, Dec. 24 (and all Sundays) and Christmas are Holy Days of Obligation.

1ST OBLIGATION (Sunday Obligation)

PICK ONE FROM THE RIGHT

Saturday Vigil - Dec 23rd

4:30pm (ENG) | 6:30pm (ESP)

Sunday Masses - Dec 24th

7:30am | 9am | 11am (All ENG)

2ND OBLIGATION (Christmas Obligation)

PICK ONE FROM THE RIGHT

Sunday Evening - Dec 24th

Christmas Vigil (Christmas Obligation only)

5pm | 7pm (SPA) | Midnight

Christmas Day - Dec 25th

8am | 10am (All Eng)

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and again, God's cause seems to be in its death throes. Yet over and over again it proves to be the thing that truly endures and saves. The earthly kingdoms that Satan was able to put before the Lord at that time have all passed away. Their glory, their doxa, has proven to be a mere semblance. But the glory of Christ, the humble, self-sacrificing glory of his love, has not passed away, nor will it ever do so.

Jesus came to establish God among us, in a way that changed the world forever. Jesus remains with us as he continues to pour into his Church the free gift of salvation. He is with us in the Eucharist, He is with us in His body, the Church, on which we are grafted at the moment of our Baptism.

The peace Jesus gives us is one the world cannot give. It is the peace we receive in knowing that beyond war, violence, political unrest, poverty, sickness, addiction, abuse, hunger, depression, economic hardship, and even death itself, lies the true and everlasting light that promises us salvation and life eternal. GOD IS WITH US!

I would be remiss not to take this moment to thank all of those who worked so hard to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so beautiful. To those who assisted with decor, to those who assisted at our drive-thru Nativity and our Penance service, to our wonderful music ministry, to those who assisted our liturgies at ministry at the Altar and of the Word, to those who help welcome and greet people, and to all of our amazing volunteers, catechists, and our hard-working and committed Parish staff, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And to each and every person reading this message, I thank you for worshiping with us this weekend and wish a very blessed and beautiful Christmas season to you and to your family!

And so as Tiny Tim observed, "God Bless us, Every One!"

Fr. Casey



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
& ST. ELIZABETH SETON
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SUN 31
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NEW YEAR'S EVE! *Party*

IN THE PARISH CENTER

6-8PM KIDS PARTY!!!

CRAFTS, DANCING, MUSIC VIDEOS, ICE CREAM STATION,
WAY OF THE CRUST PIZZA TRUCK, **B**ALLOON DROP!!!

FEATURING

"FLIGHT RISK"

PREVIOUSLY THE SMOKE & SHINE BAND

BIG KIDS' PARTY (ADULTS) 8PM

WAY OF THE CRUST PIZZA TRUCK, DANCING,
FLIGHT RISK BAND, BEER AND WINE, BALLOON DROP
LIVE STREAM NY CITY BALL DROP AT MIDNIGHT

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March 16, 2024 | 6-10pm



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Live music, complimentary cocktail hour, plated
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Eucharistic Conference

March 16, 2024



Steven Ray, Keynote Speaker

English and Spanish Sessions!

Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive
Fort Myers, Florida

QR Code to register!

For more information contact:
Jim Gontis, 941-486-4754
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Bishop Frank J. Dewane

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 16, 2024

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Roaring 20's

G A L A & AUCTION

Vineyards Country Club, Naples

Cocktails, dinner, silent/live auctions, entertainment, dancing and
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