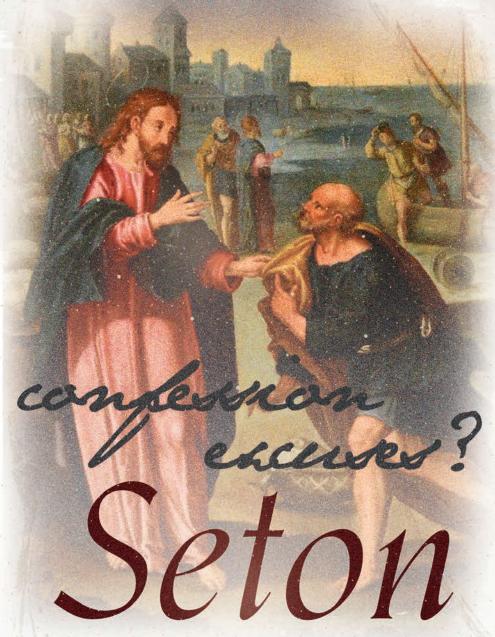


NOW JESUS IS LIFTED UP ON THE CROSS, TO DRAW ALL PEOPLE TO HIMSELF



CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT. Challenge our hearts. Heal our souls.

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March 10, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship, gather with family.

For New Martyrs. Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

-Pope's Prayer Intention for March 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 10th 7:30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 9:00AM LENNY KARPEL - D 11:00AM THOMAS & ALICE DOYLE - D

Monday, March 11th

8:00AM RAMIRO MARTINEZ - D

Tuesday, March 12th

8:00AM ALVIRA & RICHARD MARTIN, SR. - D

Wednesday, March 13th

8:00AM RITA & HENRY OWEN - D

Thursday, March 14th

8:00AM ROSELEENE & BOB ALLEN - L

Friday, March 15th

8:00AM MARY & ED FELTES - D

Saturday, March 16th

8:00AM KATHLEEN BUCKLEY - D

4:30PM MICHAEL DECOSIMO - D

6:30PM JUAN CARLOS YESCAS - D

Sunday, March 17th

7:300AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9:00AM TRAVIS VIAMONTES - D

11:00AM WILLIAM & ROSEMARY DOYLE - D

Monday, March 18th

8:00AM SENOR SAN JOSE (INTERCESSION)

Tuesday, March 19th

8:00AM THEODORE ROBERTS - D

Wednesday, March 20th

8:00AM ALIETTE ZIOLKOWSKI - D

Thursday, March 21st

8:00AM VIRGINIA KINNER - D

Friday, March 22nd

8:00AM JURAJ KOHUTAIR - D

Saturday, March 23rd

8:00AM ISMAEL HERRERA, JR. & ANTONIA - D

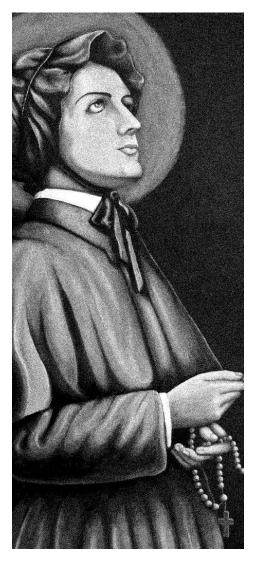
4:30PM DONALD VENTURA - D

6:30PM DIANA CECILIA KLINEDINST - D

PRAYER WALL

Visit Seton's online prayer wall to add your intentions and pray for the intentions of others. www.StElizabethSeton.org/ Prayer-Wall Through praying for one another, we build up the

Church, the Body of Christ.



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Top Excuses for not going to Confession...

he rose (NOT PINK...ok they're pink) vestments of Laetare Sunday tell us that we have entered the homestretch of the Season of Lent. If you have not already, even (and especially) if it has been a long time, I invite you to please come and receive the graces of this sacrament. Many Catholics still deprive themselves of the benefits of this sacrament. I would like to share some answers to common objections to going confession:

I don't have any sins: This one still shocks me. But nonetheless, it is common. I treated this rather thoroughly in an article a couple of weeks ago and even included an examination of conscience for seniors. I will just mention here some questions to ask if you have difficulty recalling sins:

- Have I spent every moment of the day that I possibly could in prayer?
- Have I been as charitable as humanly possible in every single interaction?
- Have I shared my faith with others explicitly?
- Have I always been a perfect witness to Christian virtue in every circumstance?
- Have I always fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and visited the sick and imprisoned with as much time or resources as I can spare?
- Have I taken every opportunity possible to instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, forgive offenses, comfort the afflicted, and pray for the living and the dead?
- Have I endured trials, and hardships perfectly and patiently without even the slightest complaint?

The Bible doesn't say I have to confess my sins to a priest. It is interesting how quickly Catholics become both Bible experts and take a protestant position when faced with confronting their own sins. This is human nature. When something causes us to face our own inadequacies, we tend to find any excuse we can. But, yes, yes, yes, there is scriptural foundation and evidence to support the Sacrament of Penance! We can certainly see in the Bible that confessing sins aloud to others is "good for the soul" as the adage goes: "Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects." (James 5:17)

And scripture does go deeper than that by showing that those who participate in the Apostolic ministry have the authority to forgive sins, in the name of Jesus as they minister in His person. Jesus Himself breathes on the Apostles and tells them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23) This gives the apostles (and logically their successors) the ability to forgive sins, as through the Holy Spirt, they participate in the ministry of Jesus. As Paul says in 2 Corinthians 2:10: "If I forgave anything, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ." St. Paul is acknowledging his authority as an apostle to forgive.

Indeed, the early Christian writers whom all serious theologians call the "Early Church Fathers" or "Patristics," also write about the necessity of confessing to the bishop and receiving absolution. St. Paul, again in scripture, tells us that he participates in the ministry of Jesus: "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Cor. 5:18)

Now, full circle, if we return to the passage from James about confessing to one another, we can see its context: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders (Presbyteroi in Greek, from which we get the English word, 'priest') of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another..." (James 5:14-17)

From this evidence we can see that confession in the Church, beyond being a "good thing" is a mandate from the Lord, and was taken seriously by the Spirit-inspired authors of Sacred Scripture, such as Paul and James, and was continued by their successors, the Early Church Fathers as has been sustained by the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christians (and therefore the majority of Christians in the world) today. Why? Firstly, for accountability. It is easy to confess our sins to God in an empty room at night with no corporeal accountability. It is another act of humility to confess to another person. Also, no matter how personal my sin may be, all my sins affect the Body of Christ. As we see reiterated throughout Sacred Scripture, we are the body of Christ, integrally connected, when one suffers all suffer. Christianity is never just about "me and Jesus," it is always about my place in His mystical Body, the Church, the Bride for whom He died and who He champions.

So, sacramental confession is biblical, and logical and has been intrinsic to the lives of the majority of Christians for 2000 years.

I have had a bad experience with a priest in the past (during confession or otherwise), besides, have you read the stories about some of these guys? How can I possibly confess to them?

Firstly, I am sorry that you had a bad experience with a priest. I am doubly sorry if that priest was me. I have had my moments of less-than-perfect charity. I have it daily. If you have been severely wounded by the gross misconduct of abuse committed by a priest, words cannot express my sorrow and empathy. And if you have not experienced priestly "misconduct" (simple mistakes to outright abuse), you have certainly read about it. There is no excuse for it. None. I am not here to excuse or dismiss it.

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

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food Distribution will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 10am in the Portico of the Church. We give because Christ has commanded it. Join us!



CONFESSION TIMES FOR LENT 2024

WEEKLY

Mondays 8:30-9am Tuesdays 6-6:45pm Fridays 6-6:45pm Saturdays 3-3:45pm in English Saturdays 5:30-6:15pm in Spanish

SPECIAL

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6-7pm, Bilingual (with multiple priests available) Friday, March 23, 4-8pm Saturday, March 24, 9-Noon

LAST CHANCE

Tuesday, March 26, 5-6:45pm

EASTER LILY MEMORIAL

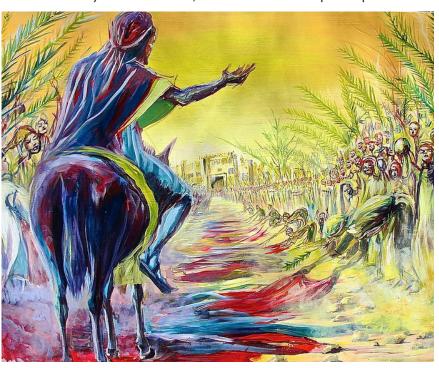
This Easter, memorialize your loved ones with a special dedication insert in our church bulletin. Please help us purchase Easter Lilies and we will list the name of your loved one(s) in our bulletin. Lilies will decorate the church on Easter Sunday and names will be listed in the Divine Mercy Sunday bulletin, the Sunday after Easter, April 5, 2024. A donation of \$15 per name is requested. Thank you for supporting our church!



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Week, March 25-30. Easter Sunday is March 31!

- Palm Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am | Procession at 11AM Mass
- Morning Prayer at 8am on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday
- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm, Bilingual
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross: 3pm Eng |
 7pm Spa
- Living Stations of the Cross at 2pm and 6pm on Good Friday in the church
- The Great Easter Vigil with baptisms and receptions into the Catholic Church Starting Holy Saturday at 8:30PM (three hours and a beautiful liturgy)
- (No 4:30pm or 6:30pm Mass on Holy Saturday)
- Easter Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9am and 11am and 3pm in Spanish



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Life is shared moments.

Saturday, March 9th

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

Monday, March 11th

8:30-9am Confessions (C) 12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)

Tuesday, March 12th

8:30am Mother's Bible Class (SL) 6pm Confessions (C) 7pm Adoration & worship (C)

Wednesday, March 13th

12-3pm Silent Prayer (C) 6pm Romans Bible Study (C)

Thursday, March 14th

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

Friday, March 15th

8:30am-6:45pm Adoration (C) 4:30pm Fish Fry (PC) 6-6:45pm Confessions (C) 7pm Stations of the Cross (C)

Saturday, March 16th

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

Monday, March 18th

8:30-9am Confessions (C) 12-3pm Silent Prayer (C)

Tuesday, March 19th

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

Wednesday, March 20th

10am Food Distribution (PL) 12-3pm Silent Prayer (C) 6pm Romans Bible Study (C)

Thursday, March 21st

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

Friday, March 22nd

8:30am-6:45pm Adoration (C) 4:30pm Fish Fry (PC) 6-6:45pm Confessions (C) 6:45pm Benediction (C) 7pm Stations of the Cross (C)

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. PAUL

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Wednesdays, 6-8pm in the Church beginning February 21

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 Begin each class in the Narthex with discussion and a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread.

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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

Sáb, 9 de marzo

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

Lun, 11 de marzo

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

Mar, 12 de marzo

6pm Confesiones (C) 7pm Adoración (C)

Miercoles, 13 de marzo

12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C)

Jue, 14 de marzo

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

Vier, 15 de marzo

8:30am-5pm Adoración (C) 4:30pm Venta de pescado (PC) 6:45pm Bendición (C) 7pm Via Crucis (C)

Sáb, 16 de marzo

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

Lun, 18 de marzo

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

Mar, 19 de marzo

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

Miér, 20 de marzo

10am Distribucion de comida (PL) 12-3pm Oración en Silencio (C) 7pm Mujeres Emaus (C)

Jue, 21 de marzo

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

Vier, 22 de marzo

8:30am-5pm Adoración (C) 4:30pm Venta de pescado (PC) 6:45pm Bendición (C) 7pm Via Crucis (C) 7pm Parejas en Cristo (PC)

MEMORIAL DEL LIRIO DE PASCUA

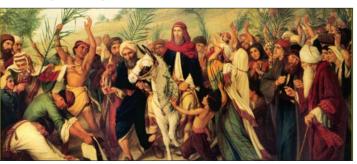
Esta Pascua, recuerde a sus seres queridos con una dedicatoria especial en el boletín de nuestra iglesia. Ayúdenos a comprar lirios de Pascua y publicaremos el nombre de sus seres queridos en nuestro boletín. Los lirios decorarán la iglesia el Domingo de Pascua y los nombres aparecerán en el boletín del Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, esto es el domingo después de Pascua de resurrección, Se solicita una donación de \$15 por nombre. iGracias por apoyar a nuestra iglesia



SEMANA SANTA

Semana Santa 25 – 30 de marzo Pascua de Resurrección el 31 de marzo

- Misas de Domingo de Ramos sábado 23 de marzo a las
- Misa del Jueves Santo, la última Cena del Señor a las 7pm
- Liturgia del Viernes Santo, La Pasión del Señor & veneración de la cruz a las 3pm en inglés y a las 7pm en español
- Obra de la Pasión del Señor a las 2pm y 6pm el Viernes Santo en la iglesia
- La gran vigilia Pascual con bautismos y bienvenidas a la Iglesia
- Católica que comienza el Sábado Santo a las 8:30 pm (con una hermosa liturgia que durara más de 3 horas)
- Misas del Domingo de Resurrección 7:30am, 9 am y 11am y a las 5pm en español.



CODIGOS DE LOS EDIFICIOS

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INTENCIÓN DE ORACIÓN DEL **PAPA DE 2024**

Por el Don de la Diversidad en la Iglesia. Oremos al Espíritu Santo para que nos ayude a reconocer el don de los diferentes carismas dentro de las comunidades cristianas y a descubrir la riqueza de las diferentes tradiciones rituales dentro de la Iglesia Católica.

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

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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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10 DE MARZO DE 2024 - 4º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Ya estamos muy cerca de la Semana Santa y la Iglesia, en su sabiduría, sigue invitándonos a caminar en la luz de Cristo. Nos sigue animando a creer en Jesús en estos tiempos tan difíciles que estamos viviendo, sin embargo, esto exige de nosotros una conversión continua. El signo de la cruz distingue al seguidor de Cristo. Para honrar la cruz, debemos de dar honor y gloria a Dios por ella: "Recuerden la serpiente que Moisés hizo levantar en el desierto; así también tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del Hombre, y entonces todo el que crea en el tendrá por él vida eterna" (Juan 3,14-15).

Siempre debemos de tener presente que el camino de la resurrección pasa primero por el sufrimiento por la cruz. Nuestra esperanza de cristianos debe ser el cielo. Con confianza, demos gracias a Dios por habernos dado a su Hijo: "iAsí amó Dios al mundo! Le dio su Hijo Único, para que quien cree en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna" (Juan 3,16). Tomemos en serio estas palabras del Evangelio, palabras del mismo Jesús especiales para nosotros. Para vivir con entusiasmo y alegría este Tiempo Santo



de Cuaresma se necesita tener fe. Y una fe activa que dé fuerza desde el fondo del corazón. Pero, cómo medirla, cómo darme cuenta que voy por ese camino. Muy sencillo, haz la prueba y reflexiona. ¿Ha cambiado mi forma de vivir en este tiempo? ¿Soy más tolerable y generoso con los que me rodean? ¿Mi ayuno, oración y caridad han aumentado? ¿Es Dios mi recuerdo durante el día? Si es así, vas por la senda correcta.



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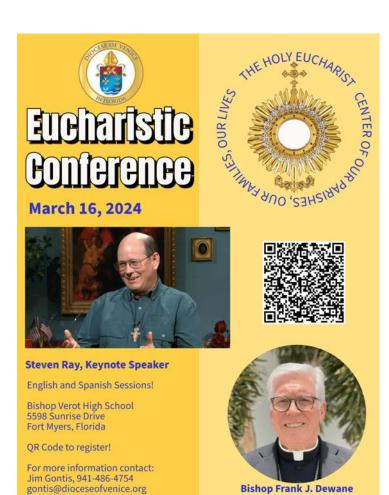
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CONFESSION EXCUSES (CONTINUED FROM PG 3)

But I will say this: last year in the state of Florida, there were over 4,000 reports of medical malpractice. According to Forbes, medical errors cause 251,000 fatalities annually, and medical errors account for 9.5% of all deaths in the USA each year, making medical malpractice the third most common cause of death in our country. Despite all of this, I still see doctors. Not only because the majority of physicians I know are competent, hard-working, compassionate people who generally desire what is best for their patients, but because if I need medical help, that is my only option. Even if I had to go to a less-than-perfect doctor, I would, if the other option was to let myself die. God operates through broken vessels. Please do not allow the faults of sinful men, like me, keep you from experiencing God's mercy in its fullness. Get the grace you need.

I am too ashamed...God won't forgive me. I think this is more common than we realize. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost," says St. Paul (1 Timothy 1:15) and he was not far off. Paul had literally helped to murder Christians (Acts 7:58), and he is now one of the greatest Saints in the history of the Church. Jesus tells us, "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." (Luke 15:7) Nothing is too big. Nothing is beyond mercy. And if you are concerned about how the priest may react, I can tell you after having heard 11 years' worth of confessions (some of them at prisons, at college campuses, and at death beds), I assure you, you will not shock us. Every saint has a past. Every sinner has a future.

Please, please, come and receive God's grace. Not only will you feel better, but more importantly, your soul WILL BE better.

Fr. Casey

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It is important that you are well-informed about the funeral liturgy of the Catholic Church, and that you have all options available to you. St Elizabeth Seton has information available online to answers questions you may have about Catholic Funerals and Memorial Masses. Please visit our website: stelizabethseton.org/funeral-and-memorial-masses. Please review this in advance to make the right decisions.

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