Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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Weekday Mass Readings

December 12: Zechariah 2:14-17;
Revelation 12:1-10;
Luke 1:26-38

December 13: Zephaniah 3:1-13;
Psalm 34;
Matthew 21:28-32

December 14: Isaiah 45:6-25; Psalm 85;
Luke 7:18-23

December 15: Isaiah 54:1-10; Psalm 30;
Luke 7:24-30

December 16: Isaiah 56:1-8; Psalm 67;
John 5:33-36

December 17: Genesis 49:2-10;
Psalm 72;
Matthew 1:1-17

On the Cover: *Polyptych of the Apocalypse (detail)*. Jacobello Alberegno, 1360-1390. Galleria dell"Accademia, Venice.

Pancakes with Saint Nicholas

Today December 11, in the Community Life Center
7:30 a.m.—Noon

Featuring: pancakes, sausage, juices, milk,
coffee, hot chocolate,
and special Christmas toppings at the pancake topping bar!

Visit with St. Nicholas and enjoy the sounds
of the Advent season.
Have fun in the Elves Workshop and more!

Bring your camera!

$3.00 Kids
$5.00 Adults
$6.00 All the pancakes you can eat!

100% of the proceeds go to help fund
our 2017 youth summer programs.

Panqueques con Papá Noel

Hoy, 11 de diciembre, en el Centro Comunitario
7:30 a.m.—Mediodía

Ofrendando panqueques, salchichas, jugos, leche,
café, chocolate caliente
Aderezos y coberturas de Navidad para los panqueques!

Visiten a Papa Noel y disfruten los sonidos
de la temporada de adviento.
Diviértanse en el Taller de los Duendes y mas!

$3.00 Niños
$5.00 Adultos

¡Traigan su cámera!

$6.00 Todo los panqueques que pueden comer!

100% de los ingresos se usan para ayudar a financiar
Programas juveniles de verano, 2017.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The Entrance Antiphon (Introit) for today begins, "Gaudete in Domino Semper," which means, "Rejoice in the Lord always." So today is a day of rejoicing, since the commemoration of the Lord's birth is near.

One of the distinguishing liturgical signs of Gaudete Sunday is the rose-colored vestment that the priest wears for the celebration of the Holy Mass. This color is used only twice during the liturgical year: today, and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. In both instances, the rose vestments indicate the approaching conclusion of the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. They are meant to be an encouragement to continue our sacrifice and self-restraint in light of the coming feasts of Christmas and Easter.

If you haven't yet adopted a spiritual plan for Advent, it's not too late to set foot upon that path. Some time of daily prayer, regular reading of the New Testament, generous service to others, cheerfulness and kindness, and a joyful dedication to one's work at home, in the office or at school are all paths that can lead us closer to God. In the days ahead, we can offer our cooking, cleaning, shopping, gift-wrapping, and decorating as a sacrifice of praise, offered to God with a cheerful and generous spirit.

The Christmas Novena will begin on December 17, nine days inclusive before Christmas. On that date, we notice shift in the readings for the Mass, moving from the person and prophecy of John the Baptist to the accounts of the Lord's Incarnation and Birth. In many Catholic countries, it remains the tradition to erect a tree and decorate the home on December 17, as the preparatory nature of Advent gives way to the anticipated celebration of Christmas.

Modeling our own family traditions on the long-standing devotional practices of the Church can help us to live the remaining days of this holy season as a time of spiritual transformation.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds

Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds, Pastor

My Sunday homilies are on line at our parish website: www.SeasCatholic.org.

In response to a number of questions I have received about clergy stipends for the celebration of the sacraments, I have included a clarification on page 11.

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Mass Schedule

Monday—Friday
- 6:30 a.m. English
- 9:00 a.m. English
- 7:00 p.m. English

*On Friday, the evening Mass is in Vietnamese (**Tiếng Việt**)*

- 7:30 p.m. Miércoles en Español

Saturday
- 9:00 a.m. English

Anticipated Masses
- 5:00 p.m. English
- 6:30 p.m. Español
- 8:00 p.m. Tiếng Việt

Sunday Masses
- 7:00 a.m. English
- 8:30 a.m. English
- 10:30 a.m. English
- 12:15 p.m. English
- 2:00 p.m. Español
- 5:30 p.m. English
- 7:30 p.m. Español

Confession

Tuesday—Thursday
- 7:00 a.m. **New!**

Wednesday
- 5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Friday
- 5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Saturday
- 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

First Friday
- 8:00 a.m.—8:45 a.m.
- 5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group December Schedule

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." (Mt 3:3)

The December Mass readings, contain messages of preparation through repentance and that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Even His name, *Emanuel*, is the reason we celebrate. God Is with us! If you are looking for more ways to connect your life with your faith, please join us on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center Prayer Room for lively praise music, prayer, worship, and sharing God's Word. Fellowship and light refreshments follow.

December 16 "And they shall name Him Emanuel - God is with us"

December 23 No Meeting (Have A Blessed Christmas)

December 30 No Meeting (Happy New Year)

Discussion topics at our December gatherings are from the Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12, 11:2-11, 1:18-24

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, November 27, 2016

• Regular Offertory	$ 30,920
• Campaign for Human Dev.	7,289

Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)

• Parish Goal	$270,000
• Pledged-to-date	$195,304
• Paid-to-date	$187,615
• Number of participants	629

Parish Apostolates

Respect Life Committee

For information about upcoming pro-life activities, you are invited to call Lia Mclean at 832-766-2634, or contact her by e-mail: liapmc@gmail.com.

St. Joseph's Freedom Men's Group

We are a confidential support group for men and their families. Our goal is to help develop skills to win the battle against alcohol, chemical, and porn/sexual addiction. Meetings are Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Wife and family member meetings are held upon request on the last Saturdays of March, June, September, and December. More information is available at : HTTP://saintjosephfreedomgroup.blogspot.com/ and st.longinusrr0315@gmail.com

Northwest Ultreya

Deepen your relationship with Christ. Ultreya is part of Cursillo, a Catholic lay movement that offers an opportunity to meet Christ in a more complete way. "Cursillo" means "little course" and provides a lifetime plan for following Christ through prayer, study and action, in friendship with others. We meet at 9:45 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month in the FLC. Contact Duane King 281-615-8942.

Helping Hands Ministry

We assist families in pre-planning for funerals. To schedule an appointment, please call Beth Wood at 281-413-9682. We also sponsor a bereavement support group on the first and third Thursdays, in room eleven of the FLC, from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. You may contact Deborah Jackson at 281 -550-3027 or Gini Buehler at 281-861-6306.

R.C.I.A

Inquiry classes for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church will take place every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC. Contact Nadia Jara at 281-463-7878, ext. 337, or at njara@seascatholic.org.

Faith Direct: Secure Giving

Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. It is secure, convenient and Faith Direct will provide you an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net, our parish code is TX417.

Parish Apostolates

Commuter Mass

For several years now, the priests of Regina Caeli Parish have offered a weekday morning Mass in Latin at 6:30 a.m. From now on, the 6:30 a.m. Mass will be in English and will be offered by the priests of our parish. Why not start your day by meeting the Lord in His holy Word and in the Holy Eucharist? Mass will end by 7:00 a.m.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for people who are thinking about the possibility of becoming Catholic. It is for people who have not been baptized, people of other faiths or people who have been baptized Catholic but did not complete the sacraments of Initiation.

This is a beautiful process, with no pressure to commit to our faith community, in which interested persons slowly explore the beliefs of the Catholic Church and discern, over a period of many months, if they desire to become Catholic.

If you are interested, or have a relative, friend or co-worker who has expressed this interest, please call: Nadia Jara: 281- 463-7878 ext. 337 or at njara@seascatholic.org

Offertory Counters

Do you want to share your time and talents? We are searching for individuals who would like to count money for two hours once a month on Sunday. You may choose from three different time slots on Sunday mornings or perhaps you can help on Monday or Thursday mornings.

If you are able to volunteer, please call Marie Sharp at 281 -463-7878 ext. 380 for more details.

Parish Nursing Ministry

The Seas Parish Nursing ministry is comprised of health care professionals and others who have the health of our parishioners at heart. They are nurses, therapists, educators, and experts in the fields of health promotion. Some work in home health, elderly assistance, aging, hospice, general medicine, surgery, oncology, obstetrics, domestic violence and intensive care. They work to coordinate care for parishioners in their time of need. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month. Please feel free to call Wyona (281 -433-5365 or wyonaf@comcast.net) or Kim (832-746-1135 or Ktweedel@advocatesfortheindependent.com) if you have health questions or would like to join this growing ministry.

Christmas Magnet Fundraiser

The ACTS Apostolate invites you to help remind everyone about the meaning of Christmas.

After every Mass this weekend, members will be at the flagpoles selling magnets that can be displayed on your cars or in your home.

This is a great stocking stuffer!

Choose one or both designs. Only $5.00 each.

Knights of Columbus 2016 Holiday Nut Sale

Saturday Dec 10 after 5:00 and 6:30 Masses.
Sunday, Dec 11
after 7:00, 8:30, 10:30, 12:15 Mass, and 2:00 Masses

Jumbo Pecan Halves	$13.00/lb.
Honey Roasted Pecans	$11.00/lb.
Praline Pecans	$11.00/lb.
Mixed Nuts	$10.00/lb.
Cashews	$10.00/lb.
English Walnuts	$ 9.00/b.
Whole Natural Almonds	$ 9.00/lb.
Honey Roasted Peanuts	$ 6.00/lb.

More information:
Chuck Blumentritt 713-205-8819 or cblumtritt@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council #8096. If you are a Catholic man and are not a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are missing a wonderful opportunity. Please consider joining! The Knights meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30pm, with a meal served at 7pm, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. Visit us at KofC8096.org.

El Horario de las Posadas
14 al 22 de Diciembre

Fecha	Lugar	Patrocinado por
Miércoles **14 Diciembre**	CLC **7—9 PM**	Coro, monaguillos , estudio de Biblia
Jueves **15 Diciembre**	Escolar Commons **7—9 PM**	Grupo Apóstoles Divina Misericordia y Proclamadores
Viernes **16 Diciembre**	Salones A y B (FLC) **7—9 PM**	Grupo de Oración Carismático
Sábado **17 Diciembre**	FLC A & B **Después de la Misa de 6:30PM**	Encuentro Matrimonial
Domingo **18 Diciembre**	CLC **Después de la Misa de 2:00PM**	Movimiento Familiar Cristiano
Lunes **19 Diciembre**	CLC **7—9 PM**	Grupo de Jóvenes
Martes **20 Diciembre**	CLC **7—9 PM**	Ministerio de Hospitalidad y Matachines
Miércoles **21 Diciembre**	CLC **7—9 PM**	Legión de María y cursillo
Jueves **22 Diciembre**	CLC **7—9 PM**	Ministros Extraordinarios de Comunión

Legion de Maria Formacion de Adultos
Lunes FLC 9 7:30 pm: Getulia 832-755-1931
Martes FLC 9 7:30 pm; Liliana 281-723-2328
Viernes FLC 9 6:15pm; Marlene 832-410-5273

Formacion de Jovenes 10-18 Anos de Edad
Viernes FLC 9 7:45 pm; Marlene 832-410-5273

Sociedad San Vicente de Paul de SEAS

En el Evangelio vemos como Jesús envía a sus Apóstoles de dos en dos. Con ese mismo espíritu, los voluntarios de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul "van de dos en dos" a las casas de quienes solicitan asistencia. Es allí, en el ambiente familiar, que los Vicentinos escuchan, dan humilde concejo, y proporcionan ayuda. Pueden confiar que los Vicentinos darán su ayuda a los pobres y necesitados. En oración, consideren un generoso donativo a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul. Gracias, a todos los parroquianos de SEAS por su continuo apoyo a nuestro ministerio!

Tel. Oficina de SVDP-SEAS: **281-463-4560**. Horas Oficina SVDP: 9 am-Mediodía: Lunes, Mierc &Vier.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

Proceso de preparación para la celebración de los sacramentos del Bautismo, Primera Eucaristía y Confirmación para Adultos. ¿Está pensando en la preparación sacramental de Adultos?

RICA, Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, es un proceso de discernimiento y preparación para las personas interesadas en aprender más sobre la Iglesia Católica,

Para aquellos que nunca han sido bautizados, o han sido bautizados en otras denominaciones, o que han sido bautizados en la Iglesia Católica pero no han recibido los sacramentos de iniciación (Eucaristía y Confirmación).

Este es un bellísimo proceso sin ningún compromiso a través del cual se explora lentamente las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica y se discierne por varios meses el deseo de hacerse católico.

Si usted está interesado, o un pariente, amigo o compañero que le ha manifestado interés anímelo a comunicarse con: Nadia Jara al 281- 463-7878 ext. 337 njara@seascatholic.org

Grupo de estudio Bíblico

Les invitamos a ser parte de nuestro grupo, que se reúne todos los martes de 12:30-2:30pm en el FLC. Necesita solo el deseo de conocer más nuestra Fe Católica. Favor de mandar mensaje por texto con cualquier pregunta al 281-620-8308 atn: Guadalupe Ortiz.

Grupo de Oración Carismático

Misión: Dar testimonio del papel determinante de los carismas en la predicación del Evangelio y en la construcción de la comunidad cristiana. Facilitar la Educación en la Fe y la Experiencia de Comunidad Cristiana entre Adultos. Asambleas: Todos los Viernes de 7:30 a 9:45 pm., en los salones A&B del Edificio de Vida Familiar (FLC). Todos son Bienvenidos, Contamos con Servicio de Guardería.

Festival de Pastorelas 2016

Viernes, 23 de diciembre
Los invitamos a que vengan con nosotros a celebrar la víspera de la Navidad con estas tres divertidas pastorelas en español:

A las 2:00 de la tarde.
Movimiento Familiar Cristiano presenta:
" ¿QUIÉN ES EL ANGEL
Y QUIÉN ES EL DIABLO?"
Pastorela Popular en un acto y siete cuadros.

A las 5:00 de la tarde.
Grupo Teatral Moustache presenta:
"NAVIDAD EN NUEVA YORK" Pieza navideña en un solo acto y dos cuadros escrita por Juan Jesús Peña

A las 7:00 de la noche.
"Grupo Teatral Moustache presenta:" EL REVENTÓN
Pastorela en dos actos original de Juan Jesús Peña.

LUGAR: Family Life Center (FLC) St Elizabeth Ann Seton

ENTRADA: Gratis.

Trabajo en Guardería

Si, necesitas un trabajo de medio tiempo y te gusta trabajar con niños, entonces ¡este trabajo es para ti!

La guardería Infantil de la iglesia de Sta. Cecilia está buscando 3 proveedoras de cuidado infantil que sean cariñosas, dedicadas a los niños, y responsables. Las horas varían pero incluyen las misas del domingo y eventos que ofrece la iglesia entre semana. Requisitos: experiencia con niños es preferible, hablar un poco de inglés y ser mayor de 18 años. Si están interesada y quieren más detalles, por favor contacten a Martina Razo por email: mrazo@saintcecilia.org

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en el Señor:

El tercer Domingo de Adviento se conoce como el Domingo de Gaudete. La antífona de entrada (Introit) para hoy comienza, "Gaudete in Domino Siempre", que significa: "Regocijarnos en el Señor siempre." Así que hoy es un día de regocijo, ya que la conmemoración del nacimiento del Señor está cerca.

Uno de los signos litúrgicos distintivos del Domingo de Gaudete es la vestimenta de color rosa que el sacerdote usa para la celebración de la Santa Misa. Este color se usa sólo dos veces durante el año litúrgico: hoy y el cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma. En ambos casos, las vestimentas de rosas indican la próxima conclusión de las temporadas penitenciales de Adviento y Cuaresma. Están destinados a ser un estímulo para continuar nuestro sacrificio y autocontrol a la luz de las próximas fiestas de Navidad y Pascua.

Si aún no han adoptado un plan espiritual para el Adviento, no es demasiado tarde para poner un pie en ese camino. Un tiempo de oración diaria, lectura regular del Nuevo Testamento, servicio generoso a los demás, alegría y bondad, y una dedicación gozosa al trabajo en casa, en la oficina o en la escuela son caminos que nos pueden acercar a Dios. En los próximos días, podemos ofrecer nuestra cocina, limpieza, compras, envoltura de regalos y decoración como un sacrificio de alabanza, ofrecido a Dios con un espíritu alegre y generoso.

La Novena de Navidad comenzará el 17 de Diciembre, nueve días antes de Navidad. En esa fecha, observamos cambios en las lecturas de la Misa, pasando de la persona y profecía de Juan el Bautista a los relatos de la Encarnación y Nacimiento del Señor. En muchos países católicos sigue siendo la tradición erigir un árbol y decorar la casa el 17 de Diciembre, ya que la naturaleza preparatoria de Adviento da lugar a la celebración anticipada de la Navidad.

Modelar nuestras propias tradiciones familiares en las prácticas devocionales de larga tradición de la Iglesia puede ayudarnos a vivir los días restantes de esta estación santa como un tiempo de transformación espiritual.

Atentamente en Cristo,

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds, Párroco

P.S. Mis homilías de los Domingos y días santos están publicadas en nuestra página web, www.SeasCatholic.org.

Para clarificar una confusión de los estipendios por los sacerdotes y diáconos, hay una explicación en pagina 11.

Anh chị em thân mến trong Chúa:

Chúa Nhật thứ ba Mùa Vọng được gọi là Chúa Nhật Mừng Vui. Ca Nhập Lễ (Introit) cho ngày hôm nay bắt đầu, "Gaudete in Domino Semper", có nghĩa là, "Hãy vui mừng trong Chúa luôn luôn." Vì vậy, hôm nay là một ngày vui mừng, vì việc mừng kỷ niệm giáng sinh của Chúa đã gần kề.

Một trong những dấu hiệu rõ ràng của phụng vụ Chúa Nhật Mừng Vui là lễ phục màu hồng mà các linh mục mặc để cử hành Thánh Lễ. Màu này chỉ được sử dụng hai lần trong năm phụng vụ:. Ngày hôm nay, và vào ngày Chủ Nhật thứ tư của Mùa Chay. Trong cả hai trường hợp, các lễ phục hồng nêu ra sự kết thúc tiếp cận trong các mùa sám hối của Mùa Vọng và Mùa Chay. Điều này có ý nghĩa một sự khích lệ chúng ta tiếp tục hy sinh và hãm mình trong ánh sáng của các ngày lễ sắp tới Giáng Sinh và Phục Sinh.

Nếu bạn vẫn chưa có một dự tính tinh thần cho Mùa Vọng, không bao giờ là quá muộn để bắt đầu trên con đường đó. Dành thời gian cầu nguyện hàng ngày, thường xuyên đọc Kinh Thánh Tân Ước, quảng đại phục vụ tha nhân, vui tươi và lịch sự, và hăng say trong công việc ở nhà, ở sở làm hay ở trường học là những con đường có thể dẫn chúng ta đến gần Chúa hơn. Trong những ngày tới, chúng tôi có thể đưa ra những công việc như nấu ăn, dọn dẹp, mua sắm, gói qùa và trang trí như hy lễ ngợi khen, dâng lên Thiên Chúa với một tinh thần vui vẻ và rộng lượng.

Tuần cửu nhật mừng Chúa Giáng Sinh sẽ bắt đầu vào ngày 17 Tháng 12, gồm chín ngày trước Giáng Sinh. Vào ngày đó, chúng ta nhận thấy sự thay đổi của các bài đọc trong Thánh Lễ, chuyển từ con người và lời tiên tri của Thánh Gioan Tẩy Giả sang mầu nhiệm Nhập Thể và Sinh của Chúa. Ở nhiều quốc gia Công giáo, đây vẫn là truyền thống để dựng một cây noel và trang trí nhà vào ngày 17 tháng 12, giống như bản chất chuẩn bị của Mùa Vọng sẽ mở đường cho việc mừng Giáng Sinh.

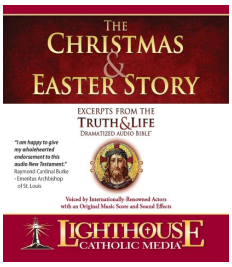
Mô hình hóa truyền thống gia đình riêng của chúng ta theo cách thực hành đạo đức lâu đời của Giáo Hội có thể giúp chúng ta sống những ngày còn lại của mùa thánh này như là một thời gian hoán cải tâm hồn.

Thân ái trong Chúa Kitô .

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds

Lighthouse CD of the Week

The Christmas and Easter Story by Truth and Life



Experience these beautiful excerpts from the Truth & Life Dramatized Audio Bible New Testament. Endorsed with an Imprimatur and voiced by internationally-renowned actors, this dramatized audio content is enhanced with sound effects and music that make the Christmas and Easter narratives come alive.

Parishioner Comments: "The actors added such emotion to the words and made listening very moving for me spiritually." "I haven't been able to attend Mass lately, so getting this was indeed a very special blessing, and a faith booster as well." Your generous donations to cover our cost assure continued availability of these great resources!

Wednesdays 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. in the CLC

Invest a little time in yourself to become a better husband, father and spiritual leader in your family! Coffee, juice, donuts & kolaches are served to jump start your morning.

No cost, preparation or outside commitments! Experience one session! Come, listen and learn!

This week's program: The Journey to Nazareth

- Spiritual Life, Spiritual Warfare
- Spiritual Sustenance: The Eucharist
- What Is Lectio Divina?
- Sanctification: God's Will in Our Lives
- Traveling the Spiritual Journey Together
- The Importance of Spiritual Mentors
- Being Open to the Call

Visit our website at www.paradisusdei.org and click on "Learn More" in the THAT MAN IS YOU section or contact Leon Fontana - 713-291-3581 or lvflsu@yahoo.com.

Wherever you are in your spiritual life, Jesus Christ wants to meet you right there and take you further!

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Ticket Donation $20/Person

In the Community Life Center at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
6646 Addicks-Satsuma Rd. Houston, TX 77084

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR
(All proceeds to benefit local Knights of Columbus charities)

SNACKS, DRINKS & $50,000 PLAY MONEY ARE INCLUDED

(Donations Appreciated)

Must be 21 or older to enter.

Penny Raffle

Grand Prize Drawings:
Includes $1,000 Gift Card

Bag Drawings

January 28, 2017
doors open at 6:30pm

For Tickets or Information Contact:
Tom: 918-633-3806 ~ tdescioli@aol.com or Scott: 713-898-3560

Come join us for fun & great prizes!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #8096

STEPS FOR STUDENTS
5K RUN/WALK

Help Raise Funds and Awareness for Catholic Education!

Steps for Students 5K is an annual Archdiocesan-wide event that raises awareness of Catholic education and provides much needed funds for our Catholic Schools.

All runners/walkers can register to be on the school team of their choice, or can walk independently for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program. Steps for Students is an opportunity for all members of the Faith community to work together to support education of mind, heart, and spirit in the many Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Race Day - Saturday, February 18, 2017
8:00am CST | Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway

Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk welcomes runners and walkers of all ages across the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to enjoy a USATF sanctioned 5K race and day of family fun in support of our Catholic schools!

Race Day Schedule:

6:30 am	Sunrise Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
6:30 am	Catholic School Village Opens
7:45 am	Presentation of the Spirit Award
8:00 am	Chip-timed 5K Start
9:00 am	Post-race Party

If you need assistance with registration, email: steps4students@archgh.org.

Sponsor Fr. Preston!

Scan the QR code to go to Fr. Preston's Step for Students page.

Steps for Students is a 5k USA Track and Field Association sanctioned race which benefits Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Race Day begins with a sunrise Mass at the Co-Cathedral followed by the race itself. In 2017, the race will take a new, East-West direction under I-69, but it will still begin and end at the Co-Cathedral. Afterward, you can enjoy the Post Race Party in the nearby Race Day Village.

All donations and registration fees (minus a $3 fee) go directly to our school, where they can be used to help fund scholarships, improve the campus, add to the educational experience of the students, or whatever is needed or desired.

If running and getting up early is not your thing, there is even a Snooze option. You can also sponsor your favorite runner or school.

Registration is underway at the low price of $15 (includes a t-shirt) until February 1, 2017. After that, registration increases to $25, so register early.

To register directly for the race, scan the QR code below, or go to:

http://steps4students.racepartner.com/Fundraising16/StElizabethAnnSetonSchool

Schedule of Clergy Stipends

From time to time, the faithful inquire as to the proper stipend to offer a priest or deacon for the celebration of a sacrament, a blessing, or other service. A stipend is a monetary gift given to the cleric to assist with living expenses and as a sacrifice on the part of the donor.

In many poor countries, priests rely upon stipends as an essential part of their material support. That is not the case in the United States. In our country, priests receive a salary from the parish that is sufficient to cover their basic needs.

When requesting the celebration of a sacrament, a blessing, or other service the faithful may offer a modest stipend to the priest or deacon, but it is never required.

The church never imposes a required fee for spiritual goods, and the priest or deacon may never insist upon one.

In the state of Texas, the standard offering for a Mass intention is five dollars ($5.00). Mass intentions may be requested at the office. In the case of poverty, the faithful may offer a Mass stipend of any size.

While it is customary to offer a clergy stipend on the occasion of baptisms, quinceañeras, weddings, funerals, house blessings, car blessings, and other services, it is **never** required, and neither the priest nor deacon ought to ask for one.

As a point of clarification, this chart illustrates the required stipends for various services, although one may always offer more:

Baptisms	$0.00
Quinceañeras	$0.00
Weddings	$0.00
Funerals	$0.00
House Blessings	$0.00
Car Blessings	$0.00
Everything else	$0.00

Programación de Estipendios de Cleros

De vez en cuando, los fieles preguntan cuál es el estipendio apropiado al sacerdote o diácono para la celebración de un sacramento u otro servicio. Un estipendio es un regalo monetario dado para ayudar con los gastos de vida y como un sacrificio por parte del donante.

En muchos países pobres, los sacerdotes dependen de los estipendios por su apoyo material. Ese no es el caso en los Estados Unidos. Aquí, los sacerdotes reciben un salario que es suficiente para cubrir sus necesidades básicas.

Cuando se solicita la celebración de un sacramento, una bendición u otro servicio, se puede ofrecer un estipendio al sacerdote o al diácono, pero nunca se requiere.

La iglesia nunca impone un honorario requerido por los bienes espirituales, y el sacerdote o diácono nunca pueden insistir en uno.

En Texas, la oferta estándar para una intención de la misa es de cinco dólares ($ 5.00), y pueden ser solicitadas en la oficina. En el caso de la pobreza extrema, los fieles pueden ofrecer un estipendio de la misa de cualquier monto.

Mientras que es costumbre ofrecer un estipendio del clero con ocasión de bautismos, quinceañeras, bodas, funerales, bendiciones de la casa, bendiciones del coche, y otros servicios, **nunca** se requiere, y ni el sacerdote ni el diácono deben pedir uno.

Como punto de aclaración, este gráfico ilustra los estipendios requeridos para varios servicios, aunque siempre puede ofrecer más:

Bautismos	$0.00
Quinceañeras	$0.00
Bodas	$0.00
Funerales	$0.00
Bendiciones de la casa	$0.00
Bendiciones del coche	$0.00
Todo lo demás	$0.00

Diaper Drive

The SEAS Ladies Auxiliary and the ACTS Apostolate invite you to participate in our Diaper and Wipes Drive to benefit Child Advocates & Foundation for Life.

Members will be at the flagpoles this weekend, collecting diapers, wipes and financial donations. Won't you please join us in the spirit of giving to these babies?

Coming Soon to St. Elizabeth A. Seton

The Choice Wine:
Seven Steps to a Superabundant Marriage

Marriage enrichment program for married couples of all ages.

Beginning in January, 2017.

Simbang Gabi Mass

December 16

There will be a Filipino Simbang Gabi Mass on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., followed by fellowship at the CLC.

For more information please call Carol Tulud at 713-907-8047, Albert Tulud at 832-541-6428 or Cora Benavidez at 281-859-0668 or 832-497-6588.

Be one with Jesus in *Eucharistic Adoration*

"Could you not watch with me one hour?"
(Matthew 26:40)

Adorers are need at these hours:

- Wednesday: 1:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m.—4:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- Thursday 2:00 a.m.—3:00 a.m.
- Friday 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 2:00 a.m.—3:00 a.m.

All hours in the late night and early morning are covered by only one adorer, so we are always looking for substitutes. Contact Suzanne Porter by e-mail at: saporter@sbcglobal.net, or phone: 281-855-7235.

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Our December food drive is next weekend! The Houston NW Community Center is so very delighted with our partnership with them! As usual, they will accept all non-perishable food items, such as canned vegetables/beans/meats, pastas, sauces, canned fruit, can/box soups, rice, oatmeal, cereals, Spaghetti-O's, crackers, cookies, puddings, Jell-O, coffee/creamers, baby food, canned/box juices, bottled water, Sloppy Joe sauce, baby formulas, peanut butter, jams/jellies, condiments, beef stew, chili, chips, snack/protein bars. With the Christmas season approaching, you might also consider candy canes, canned yams, cranberry, stuffing mixes, cornbread mixes, or any other non-perishable that families can use during the holiday season. Please remember, no glass containers!

Our donation truck will be on site before and after the Saturday 5 pm Mass as well as on Sunday through the 2 pm Mass. Donations may also be dropped off in the drop-box in the Narthex (old BCAM box).

Regarding your monthly contributions to SVDP, checks should be made out to "St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church" or "SEAS", with a notation in the memo section that the contribution is for SVDP.

"…whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matt 24:40

Thank you for your help!

Phone: 281-463-4560
Email: SVDPOne@gmail.com
Hours: M-W-F 9am-12 noon

VOLUNTEER!

Northwest Assistance Ministries

Meals On Wheels

Volunteers needed at 3 Locations

NAM Main Building
(Kuykendahl & I960)
Meal Deliveries start at 9 am Monday-Saturday

Lifepath Church
(Bear Creek area)
Meal Deliveries start at 9 am Monday-Friday

Windwood Presbyterian Church
(Spring Cypress & Hwy 249)
Meal Deliveries start at 10 am Monday-Friday

*All volunteers must attend a NAM volunteers orientation

NORTHWEST ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Let's get started!
Contact Nancy Mercado, NAM Volunteer Coordinator
281-855-4604 or nmercado@namonline.org

Thanksgiving After Mass *St. Thomas Aquinas*

Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank You, for even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not because of my worth but in the kindness of your mercy, You have fed me with the Precious Body & Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation. May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will. May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions. May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good.

May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual. May it unite me more closely to you, the One true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with You.

And I pray that You will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you, with Your Son and holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to your saints. grant this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Celebración a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Programa

Domingo, 11 de Diciembre, 2016

9:30PM- Rosario (CDH)
10:00PM- Presentación Grupo Moustache (CDH)
10:30PM-11:00PM- Matachines (CDH)
11:00PM-11:50PM- Mariachi (iglesia)
12:00AM- Medianoche- Misa (iglesia)

Lunes, 12 de Diciembre, 2016

5:30PM- Presentación Grupo Moustache (CDH)
6:00PM-6:30PM- Rosario (CDH)
6:30PM-7:30PM- Matachines (CDH)
7:30PM- Misa (iglesia)
8:30PM- Convivencia en el CLC
8:30PM-9:30PM Mariachi- (CLC)

Monday, December 12
12:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*
6:30 a.m. Julia Maria Hidalgo
9:00 a.m. Luis Acosta
7:00 p.m. Angel Leal (birthday)

Tuesday, December 13
6:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving
9:00 a.m. ✠ Arcadia deJesus Techico
7:00 p.m. Luis Acosta

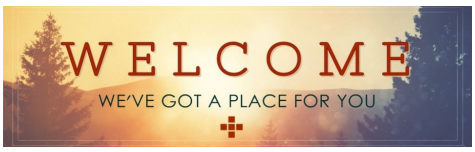
Wednesday, December 14
6:30 a.m. ✠ Bill & Jo Savage
9:00 a.m. ✠ Aida Cassem
7:00 p.m. ✠ Rafael Gomez Berduo
7:30 p.m. ✠ Benita Hernandez

Thursday, December 15
6:30 a.m. ✠ Adolph & Lydia Gonzalez
Benjamin Garcia
9:00 a.m. ✠ Christina Borsos
7:00 p.m. ✠ Frank & Josephine Coselli

Friday, December 16
6:30 a.m. ✠ Gloria Cantu & Eloise Jones
9:00 a.m. ✠ Andrus Ledet
7:00 p.m. ✠ Anthony Nguyen
7:00 p.m. *Pro Populo* (Simbang Gabi)

Saturday, December 17
9:00 a.m. ✠ Francis Layton
5:00 p.m. ✠ Ike Roznowski
6:30 p.m. ✠ Clonima Ubaque
8:00 p.m. ✠ Cecilia Vu

Sunday, December 18
7:00 a.m. ✠ Michael Machel &
✠ Loretta Kennedy
8:30 a.m. ✠ John Palasota
10:30 a.m. ✠ *John Reeves*
12:15 p.m. *Pro Populo*
2:00 p.m. Emmanuel Plata (birthday)
5:30 p.m. ✠ Daniel J. Tearpock
7:30 p.m. ✠ Rufino Rodriguez
✠ Rafaela Perez



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If you know anyone who is sick or in need of prayer support, please call 281-463-7878.

Comuníquese al teléfono anterior si conoce algún enfermo que necesita el apoyo de la oración de nuestra familia parroquial.

Bake Sale

Fellow parishioners:

My husband, Jose (Joe) Gomez and our family have been parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for many years. Joe is ill and needs a Lung Transplant. We are holding a Bake Sale on **Sunday, December 18, 2016**.

The funds from this benefit will help cover expenses not covered by Medicare and our supplemental insurance.

We will have baked goods such as cookies, cupcakes and different flavored cake breads, coffee cakes and a few specialty cakes for sale. We will accept cash only please. We look forward to seeing you on the 18th of December. We would appreciate prayers for Joe and our family. May God Bless You.

Sincerely,
Elva Gomez, Joe Gomez, son, Jason Gomez and granddaughter, Jayla Gomez Please visit:

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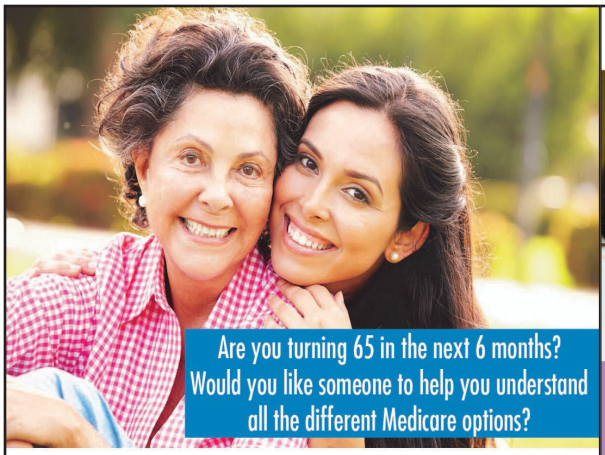

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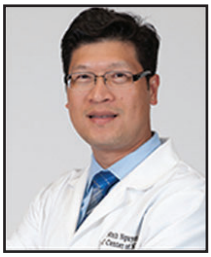

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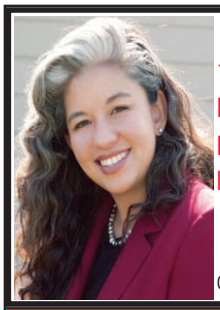

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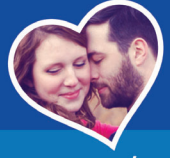

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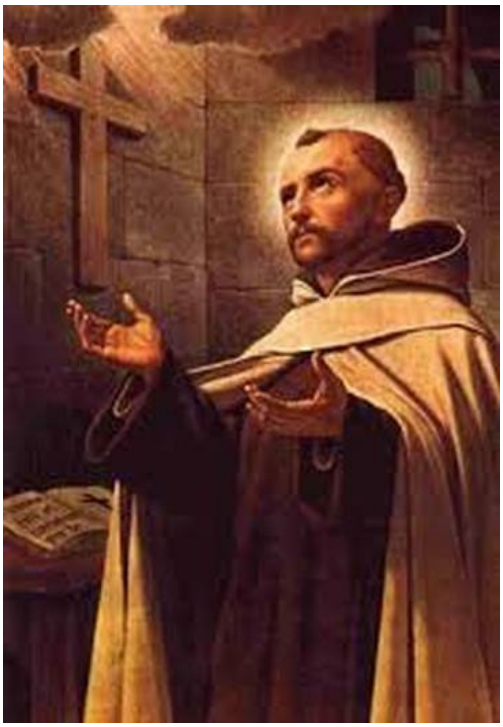

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Born in Spain in 1542, John learned the importance of self-sacrificing love from his parents. His father gave up wealth, status, and comfort when he married a weaver's daughter and was disowned by his noble family.

At fourteen, John took a job caring for hospital patients who suffered from , incurable diseases. It was out of this poverty and suffering that John learned to search for beauty and happiness not in the world, but in God.

After John joined the Carmelite order, Saint Teresa of Avila asked him to help her reform movement. John supported her belief that the order should return to its life of prayer. He was opposed by corrupt clerics who impris-oned and mistreated him.

His life of poverty and persecution could have produced a bitter cynic. Instead it gave birth to a compassionate mystic, who lived by the beliefs that "Who has ever seen people persuaded to love God by harshness?" and "Where there is no love, put love -- and you will find love."

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