

# SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015

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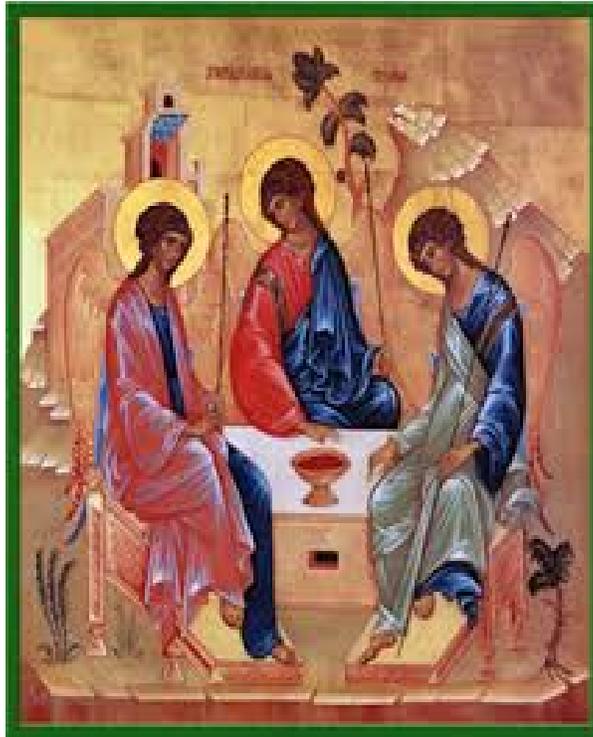
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**Holy Mass Schedule**

**Sunday Mass:**

Sunday: 11:30 am

**Weekday Mass:**

Tuesday: Noon

Thursday: Noon

**Reconciliation:**

Weekdays before Tuesday and  
Thursday Mass.

Also by an Appointment.

**12 Hour Adoration:**

First Friday of every month  
7am to 7pm

**Daily Adoration/ Rosary**

Mon –Sat 11:00 am to noon

Sunday 10:30 - 11:30

## *Holy Trinity Sunday*

**New to the Parish? Welcome!** To register as a parishioner of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, please contact the office.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Church law directs that Catholics receive marriage preparation and be married in the Church. Please contact the office at least four months prior to the wedding. Advent and lent are penitential Seasons: weddings are discouraged during these seasons.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptism should take place A.S.A.P. following birth. Expectant parents should contact the office for baptismal preparation.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:** Anyone in danger of death or the elderly should receive this sacrament. Anyone anticipating a surgery or a stay in the hospital should request the sacrament before surgery.

**Religious Education Classes [CCD]:** Is available for Grades Pre-K-10 10:00 am on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

## The Fire of the Holy Spirit by Don Schwager

The Scriptures present us with a variety of visible images which signify the presence and action of the Holy Spirit.

These signs include wind, fire, breath, and rivers of living waters.

Signs of fire in Scripture signify in a special way God's holy presence, power, and glory, as well as the purification and cleansing action of the Holy Spirit. Some examples include:

- The Burning Bush – Exodus 3
- The Pillar of Fire in the wilderness – Exodus 13:21-22
- The Consuming Fire on Mount Carmel – 1 Kings 18:17-40
- The Burning Coal that purified the lips of Isaiah the Prophet – Isaiah 6:6-7
- The Tongues of Fire at Pentecost – Acts 2:1-4
- God's Consuming Fire in the new heavenly Jerusalem – Hebrews 12:22,28

When the Lord Jesus began his public ministry, the first thing that John the Baptist said about him was:

“He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit** and **with fire**” (Matthew 3:11 and Luke 3:16).

What does it mean to be baptized with the fire of God's Spirit?

“God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).

When we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ, and pray for the Holy Spirit to be fully released in our lives, what happens – what does the Holy Spirit do?

- The Holy Spirit opens our ears to hear God's voice – the Spirit enables God's Word to come alive in us so that God's word becomes a living and life-changing Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword – Paul the Apostle calls the Word of God the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6).
- The Spirit opens our eyes to give us vision of what God is doing today in the Church, the world, and our personal lives. “Without vision the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)
- The Spirit opens our minds to give us knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of God and his ways (Isaiah 11:2). Jesus said the Holy Spirit will teach us the truth and help us remember all that Christ has taught (John 14:26; 16:13).
- The Spirit opens our tongues to praise God and to speak his word with faith, conviction, and boldness and to encourage the fainthearted, the hopeless, and the weak.
- The Spirit anoints our hands to bring blessing, healing, comfort, and help to others.
- The Spirit equips our feet with speed and haste to bring the good news of the Gospel to every neighbor near and far.
- The Holy Spirit purifies our hearts and minds and sets us on fire with the love of Christ.

When Jesus began his ministry, he was led by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to every village, town, and region of Israel. The Spirit gave force or power to every word Jesus spoke. The Spirit revealed the thoughts and intentions of people's hearts to Jesus. The Spirit empowered Jesus to perform signs and wonders and miracles, and power to free people from Satan's oppression in their lives.

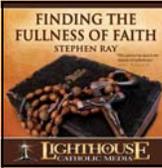
We are Christ's body – members of his church on the earth. Jesus calls us to do the same works he did and he equips us with spiritual gifts to carry on the work which he began.

Saint Theresa of Avila (1515-1582) wrote:

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

### **Outpouring of the Holy Spirit today**

Why is God pouring out his Holy Spirit today, with signs, healings, and spiritual gifts? I believe one reason is that the Gospel and the Christian people are under unprecedented attack today. We need spiritual power to counter this attack and to proclaim the Gospel in the joy and power of the Holy Spirit. The charismatic renewal is a key part of God's work to renew, restore, and equip God's people to stand strong in faith and courage, to persevere with unwavering hope, and to be on fire with the love of Christ. Our task is to make Jesus known and loved by all who will receive him and the good news of salvation he brings.



**This week's featured Lighthouse CD is Finding the Fullness of Faith.** Stephen Ray was raised in a devout, loving, Baptist family. In this presentation, he shares his amazing conversion to Catholicism and explains why he is convinced it is the Church founded by Christ over 2000 years ago.

This CD is very educational. He supplies us with answers to some of the questions that protestants ask us, while giving us a history of the Catholic religion and the Bible. He does this with a sense of humor and a personal touch. Although the recording isn't the best, this CD is very much worth listening to.

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, May 31**

Mass 11:30am  
Valerie & Mike Brown

**Tuesday, June 2**

No Mass

**Thursday, June 4**

No Mass

**Sunday, June 7**

Mass 11:30am  
+ Ryan Arthon  
By Bonnie Lill  
  
Haydee & Henry Perez  
By Jenifer Perez

We have several new titles in our library. Please feel free to borrow a book. If you are unaware of where our library is, you can find it in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.

Father Michael will be out of town this week. He will be back Friday, June 5.

**GOING TO ADORATION IS PRACTICE FOR HEAVEN**

**May 1, Adoration Time**

- 7:00 to 8:00– Bill & Sue
- 8:00 to 9:00– Michiko
- 9:00 to 10:00–
- 10:00 to 11:00–Haydee
- 11:00 to 12:00–Haydee
- 12:00 to 1:00–Della
- 1:00 to 2:00– Valerie
- 2:00 to 3:00– Ann Schaeffer
- 3:00 to 4:00– \_\_\_\_\_
- 4:00 to 5:00– \_\_\_\_\_
- 5:00 to 6:00– \_\_\_\_\_
- 6:00 to 7:00 Joan

The Rosary makers will have their meeting here in the fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 6 at Noon following Adoration  
All are welcome

Next Sunday, June 7, we will not be having our monthly potluck, instead we will have a potluck on the following Sunday, June 14 to celebrate Father's 8th anniversary of his Ordination. Make plans to attend!!

If your spiritual life were a house what would it be like?  
What part of town would it be on?  
What street would it be on?  
Is it in need of renovations?  
Does it need to be completely re-built?

There will not be any weekday Masses this week.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

May 31 thru June 7

- Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34,39-40  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mk 28:16-20
- Monday:** Tb 1:3:2:1b-8  
Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14  
Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a,16-17  
Mk12:18-27
- Thursday:** Tb6:10-11:7:1,9-17  
Mk 12:28-34
- Friday:** Tb 11:5-17  
Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday:** Tb 12:1,5-15,20  
Mk 12:38-44
- Sunday:** Ex24:3-8  
Heb9:11-15  
Mk 14:12-16,22-26

**We still have many openings Please sign up today!**

**Consecration of the Family**

Please notify the office if your family would like to take the picture of the Holy Family home for a week.  
Continue praying for the family who takes the picture home.

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

<b>Ministers</b>	<b>May 31, 2015</b>	<b>June 7, 2015</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sue Resler</b>	<b>Della</b>
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<b>Gift Bearer</b>	<b>Perez Family</b>	<b>Santillan Family</b>

**Our Gifts to the Lord**

<b>Last Weeks Collection:</b>	\$ 577.96
<b>Needed Each Week</b>	\$ 827.00
<b>For the Week: under Budget</b>	\$ 249.04
<b>Year to date: under Budget</b>	\$2690.23

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