



ST. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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Monday Through Friday
9.00am to 3.00pm

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www.catholicchurchwakulla.org

Facebook: Seas Parish

Instagram: Parish Seas

YouTube: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Crawfordville FL

Mass Schedules

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil at Seas)

11:00 am

Confession: Saturday 4:30 am to 5:00 am

Every 1st Saturday of the Month 8:00 am Adoration,
confession and Mass at 9:00 am at Seas

Lanark Village

Friday 9:00 am

Every 1st Friday of the Month 8:00 am Adoration
followed by confession and Mass at 9:00 am

Sunday 9:00 am



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

The Catholic Sharing Appeal needs
your support submit your pledges
and donations via envelopes or
online:

Actual Donations as of: 12/15/2023

Goal: \$ 11,860.69

Pledged \$ 24,697.63

Donated: \$ 23,937.63

Number of pledges received: 48

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, Dec. 24th-Christmas Eve****11:00 AM**

Intentions of August and Patricia Gagliano

Requested by Rodger & JoAnn Bova

5:00 PM

+ Marie Reine Savoie +

Requested by John and Marylene Proulx

11:00 PM

Intentions of Ken and Ann Lotterhos

Requested by Lew & Amy Wiedeman

Monday, Dec. 25th -Christmas Day**11:00 AM**

+ Paul & Doris Wiedeman +

Requested by Lew & Amy Wiedeman

Tuesday, Dec. 26th – NO MASS**Wednesday, Dec. 27th****7:00 PM**

+ Holas Family +

Requested by Bob and Patricia Vaverka

Thursday, Dec. 28th**8:30 AM**

+ Gladys Wallen +

Requested by Richard & Charlene Reno

Saturday, December 30th**5:00 PM**

Intentions of Governor Ron DeSantis

Requested by Mr. John Clegg

Reflection on Sunday's readings:

First Reading: From 2 Samuel, We are reminded of King David. King David was to build God a house to live in. God reminded David that He (God), is in charge. God reminded King David that He took David from being with the flock of sheep in the pasture to making him King of Israel. God has always been with David and God destroyed all the enemies of David. We must, as good stewards – worship Him and live our lives as a grateful gift for all His goodness to us. We must be willing to ask ourselves, are we ready to live up to this task?

Second Reading: St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading from his letter to the Romans. Paul tells us to go to “him who can strengthen you.....Jesus Christ”. When we realize that all we have are gifts from God, then we must acknowledge that we also need God’s strength and wisdom to guide us. This is the best use of these gifts- to building God’s Kingdom. This is why we must commit ourselves to make time during Advent to go to God in prayer and sacraments for the strength so that we can live as His disciples and His guidance to know that we are following His will with the gifts he has entrusted us. We should make the words of our Blessed Mother our own.

This Christmas we should try to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. It is a lifetimes work, but if we look to Him, he will give us the strength and help that we need to do it.

Offertory: \$ 2,131.00

Online: \$ 497.21

Total: \$ 2,628.21

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENERIOUS SUPPORT**SONGS FOR TODAY**

480-Mary's Song

277-Patience, People

755-Soon And Very Soon

481- Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

820 – Servant Song

**FAITH FORMATION/CCD**

9:30 to 10:30am before Sunday morning Mass. Faith Formation Teachers needed. Please see

Amy W

Phone: 850-926-6797

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Interested in the Catholic Church? Call 850-745-8359 to be directed to Eileen S about inquiry classes and RCIA

**Catholic Gift Shop**

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Contact: Nickey Lepp
Sun. Hrs. 10am -11am or 12pm-1pm or call for appt.
850-926-9750

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

Burial spaces & cremation sites are available upon request.

Contact: Jo Ann Daniels
850-509-7630 Or
Parish Office: 850-745-8359

Masses This Week

Sat. Dec. 23rd – 5:00 PM

Sun. Dec. 24th -11:00 AM

5:00 PM

11:00 PM

Christmas Day

Mon. Dec. 25th – 11:00 AM

Tues. – NO Mass

Wed. – Dec. 27th – 7:00 PM

Masses will resume as per our regular weekly schedule

Join us in congratulating Father Pete Zalewski on being promoted to Brig. General!



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Priest named U.S. military general - Catholic Extension

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER PETER ZALEWSKI
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

**8TH ANNUAL EMERALD COAST
WALK FOR LIFE
JANUARY 27, 2024**



Lauren Eden
Abortion Survivor
Pro-Life Speaker

Pro-life Vigil Mass with Bishop Wack
January 26 at 6:30 PM
St. Paul Catholic Church
3131 Hyde Park Rd. in Pensacola

Pro-life Youth Mass
January 27 at 9:30 AM
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
140 W. Government St. in Pensacola

Speaker Event at 11:00 AM

Walk Follows Motivational Speakers
Seville Square Park
311 E Government St
Pensacola, FL

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DO ANY OF THESE STATEMENTS APPLY TO YOU?

- * I HAVE NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED
- * I AM BAPTIZED BUT HAVE LITTLE OR NO FAITH FORMATION
- * I AM BAPTIZED AND HAVE HAD FAITH FORMATION IN ANOTHER RELIGIOUS TRADITION
- * I AM BAPTIZED CATHOLIC BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

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“FINDING MY WAY TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH”**By: Ann Lotterhos**

It took me a long time, considering I was baptized Catholic as an infant, and married a Catholic man. I have always like to have complete control of my life and submission to any religious beliefs held no appeal.

God reached out first in a very unlikely way: the TV screen at the local gym. As I was exercising, an image of the Divine Mercy Jesus flashed up on the screen. I was riveted and watched for it to appear again. I went home and searched online for a photo of Jesus with the rays coming out and found it. I saved it to my phone as the background. I didn't know why I was doing that, I just felt compelled.

I went to my sister's house to take care of her a few weeks later. She had Covid and was so sick we thought she might actually die. I went to sleep in her living room and had the most incredible dream. A feeling of extreme peacefulness came over me and Jesus told me she was going to be okay.

Soon after, I had an urge to start reading the Bible. I found one in our house that one of our Catholic friends gave me as a gift, and started reading from the beginning. This did not last long, as you probably know, reading the Bible that way can be a challenge. I put it aside. We moved up to Crawfordville from Redington Beach and started attending St. Elizabeth's shortly after. I wasn't really into it. I was going to make Ken, my husband happy, and I made many excuses not to go. The times I did go, I'd cross examine Ken afterwards asking him why we say this, why we say that, how we know when to sit and stand, how does everyone have so much stuff memorized. After a while I began to realize I was missing out on the obvious highlight of the Mass which is taking communion. I would take the blessing, but was feeling sidelined, not fully participating.

We went on a vacation that Spring and I met a woman named Kyle. We hit it off and I confided to her that I was tired of always feeling stressed and worried and that I had no peace. After we were back home, Kyle called me and asked me if I wanted to do a Bible study on the phone (she lives in Texas). I said yes and she sent me a book which teaches about the Gospel of John. We read passages, answered questions, and discussed the meaning of the passages. We had a call every day for 3 weeks.

These readings led to a big shift inside of me. I could literally feel the hardness of my heart softening, and the desire to submit to God's will for me became strong. I still had a lot of questions, but now God had placed a bunch of people in my life who could answer them.

I had another sign that God listens to our prayers and answers them. I prayed that the Wednesday night Bible study/sermon we attended would cover forgiveness, it literally happened that very night. A miracle just for me, which transformed Ken's outlook.

I recognized that I needed to fully commit to the Catholic Church. I enjoyed the Christian faith as it was very easy. Just show up and you're in. Something (the Holy Spirit probably) was telling me if it seems too easy and too good to be true, it is. The Catholic Church is the original, it has thousands of years of tradition and teachings, it is the actual Church that Jesus established. This wasn't a place to cut corners.

I signed up for RCIA and Eileen Schambers entered my life. She has been a spiritual guide and inspiration to me from the first day. Ken and I attended classes together every Thursday and it was a great refresher for Ken as well as an amazing experience for me as I learned so much of the richness, beauty and traditions of the Catholic Church. The importance of prayer, what sins are, the sacraments, saints, angels and so much more.

Once the shift or conversion occurred in my heart, the Holy Spirit took the reins and now guides me in the right direction. I don't engage with the worldly distractions as before. I protect myself from Satan, whom I recognize now as a real threat, and I take as many opportunities as possible to be with Jesus. Prayer, Mass, Confession, and Adoration are all important to me in a way I never would have believed possible 2 years ago. I'm grateful for Father Paul, the first priest I've ever know, and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. I have peace now, and don't experience the constant stress and worry as I used to. It's impossible to feel that way when you know Jesus is beside you always.

Merry Christmas