

# **ST. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church**

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#### CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

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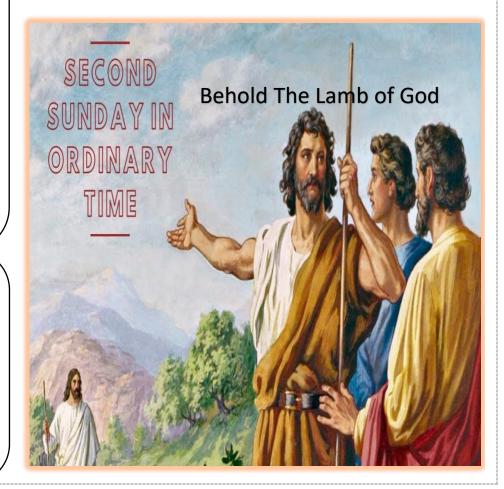
Actual Donations as of: 12/15/2023 Goal: \$ 11,860.69 Pledged \$ 24,899.88 Donated: \$ 23,970.13 Number of pledges received: 48

#### **Mass Schedules**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Tuesday &Thursday 8:30 am Wednesday 7:00 pm Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil at Seas) 11:00 pm Confession: Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month 8:00 am Adoration, confession and Mass at 9:00 am at Seas

# Lanark Village

Friday 9:00 am Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 8:00 am Adoration followed by confession and Mass at 9:00 am Sunday 9:00 am



### God's Love & Grace

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My name is Amelia Morse; affectionately called & known by many as "the little one, the church mouse, the energizer bunny, nurse, teacher, mother, sister, daughter, friend, and my love." What's in a name? To some, perhaps nothing and to many, perhaps everything. We may be many things, but to God, He only sees us, You and I, as His beloved sons & daughters. Yes, You and I, His beloved! And nothing, & I mean nothing, can take that away from us; not even our many sins, weaknesses, & shortcomings! You and I are greatly, dearly loved by our God. Please allow me to give you examples.

When I was old enough to know & understand, my glimpses of God, of who and what He is, were of my parents, Aurora & Plutarco: loving, kind, patient, forgiving, faithful to one another & their children, prayerful, devout, hard-working, self-sacrificing.

Growing up, especially in my high school years, my knowledge & love of God deepened with daily Mass, prayers, rosaries, & the sacraments. My parents taught me & my siblings to give everything to God and to give thanks in all things. And it was my mother, who's my best example of love & devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary (and that's another chapter in my life). We didn't have much money growing up, especially when my parents business collapsed during the highest inflation in the Philippines in the 70's, but we never lack for anything. God always, always provided! God's abundant graces of love, laughter, joy, & peace were felt in our household. Before graduating high school, my deep yearning for God led to my desire to enter religious life. But thanks to our dear, wise Parish Monsignor/Spiritual Director, I was advised to finish college & return if my desire remains the same. Our lives took a different turn after high school; my parents immigrated to the United States in 1980 & shortly after, their children joined them.

I attended college in California & earned my bachelor's degree in nursing. My desire to follow God remained the same, but God had different plans for me. I was to serve Him caring for the sick & the dying. All through my nursing career, God's presence was always there, in all the highs & lows, the good & the bad: Nine month old who died in my arms after disease complications, seventy-six year old man who made it home after a successful bone marrow transplant, a terminally ill whose body was riddled with cancer, a young mom who delivered her first baby...In all life's circumstances- death of my dad & 3 brothers, God was & is always near, walking with me & my family and even carried us in those difficult times when we were at our worst. He taught us love, humility, faith, trust, & hope in Him. He surrounded us with relatives, friends, other people who helped & uplifted us. That's how God love us. He said, even in death there's victory, in sorrow joy; what awaits us, our minds cannot comprehend.

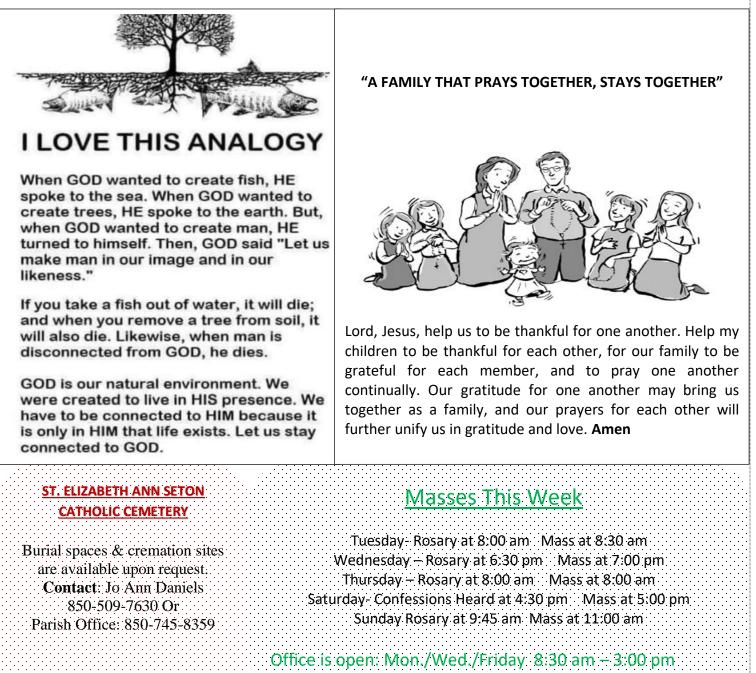
God was not finished; He gave me David, my love for life. God showed me a different way of loving Him, the sacred love between husband & wife. David & I were married in 1987. God's love, mercy, & graces were & are abundant in our lives; He got us through difficult time when I had cancer in 1999-2002 and the loss of never having children in 2004. Through these times, God gave us but a taste of His sufferings & death on the Cross, His immense love for you and me. When we are weak, we are made strong by His love, mercy, & grace. God knows our hearts, our longings; David had a change in career which led us to Wakulla County. God gave me the opportunity to work full-time in our county with unwed moms & their children from birth to 3 yrs. old. Never thought I would be good for this job and won't make it but a year; I was wrong! It's been over a decade & God gave me so many children my fingers can count! Surrender everything to God is what my mom always said, and when we say "here I am Lord, I come to do Your Will, not my will," He will use you & I for His Glory. He continues to chisel out our imperfections, our doubts, our fears; He will bolden us & when we believe in our hearts and trust completely, everything is possible with God! He will open doors for us to serve, love, glorify Him through our spouses, family, others i.e. our church service/ministry.

# Faith Sharing Experiences of Our Parishioners

God wants to have a personal relationship with each one of us. He is a respectful, loving God; He waits for us to answer His Call. Yes, You & I are called by God; in each of us, His love & glory is manifested. My desire to follow God, to be His disciple, led me to the Third Order (Tertiary) Carmelite Community of Tallahassee. Through formation of 5-6 years, studies of the Carmelite Way of Life, Scriptures, Lection Divina, contemplative prayer, group prayer, personal & group retreats, fellowship, service to others & community, I made my final profession of promises before God & men in May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. You don't have to be a Lay Carmelite or a Sacristan, just be yourself; God is calling you & I to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way with the talents/gifts He has given us.

What is God calling you? Open your heart to God and ask Him to reveal to you what He is calling you to. Maybe, you already know, but afraid; ask God to take away your fear, to surrender your will to Him so He can lead, guide, inspire, & use you for His Glory.

#### **MRS. AMELIA MORSE**



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Sunday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>

<u>11:00 AM</u> + Tony Gagliano + Requested by Rodger & JoAnn Bova

# Tuesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM + Damon Vincent + Requested by Nicole Lepp

#### Wednesday, Jan.17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

Intentions of Joseph Wiedeman Requested by Lew & Amy Wiedeman

# Thursday, Jan. 18th

8:30 AM + Richard DeNoma + Requested by Lew & Amy Wiedeman

#### Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM

+ Cathy Bernard + Requested by Diane Meany

# **Reflection on Sunday's readings:**

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First Reading: From the Book of Samuel, we hear of how Samuel answered the call of God. Samuel twice responded by saying: "Here I am." "Speak, for your servant is listening." The hymn today, 818-reflects the response that Samuel has given to God's call. The question we must ask ourselves is: Do we respond as definitely as Samuel does? Are we listening, or just going through the motions? God knows where we are, but more or less gives us the reminder that we are stewards and servants to Him, and implies that we are listening to what He wants us to do. This is what each and every one of us are called upon to do!

Second Reading: From St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us that we are completely God's. We belong to God; our bodies belong to God. Our purpose is to respond to the Lord and we are to glorify Him. "Therefore, glorify God in your body". When Jesus says: "Come follow me" – do we hear Him, do we respond and do we follow Him? We must be prepared to serve Him. We need to listen, and serve. When you forget about yourselves and think of others, this is "love". Today, we are asked to remember that we are all called to be Christ's disciples. Are we inviting others to follow our faith and beliefs? If we truly believe in the Lord, and wish to share that belief, then part of our calling is to invite others to join with us in faith.

## Offertory: \$ 2,617.00 Online: \$ 445.20 Total: \$ 3,062.20 **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**



#### 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

768- Gather Your People

654-Lead Me. Guide Me

785-Behold The Lamb / 805-Bread Of Life

818- Here I Am, Lord



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