



ST. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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Crawfordville FL

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

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

Actual Donations as of: 01/12/2024

Goal: \$ 11,860.69

Pledged \$ 24,932.38

Donated: \$ 24,132.38

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

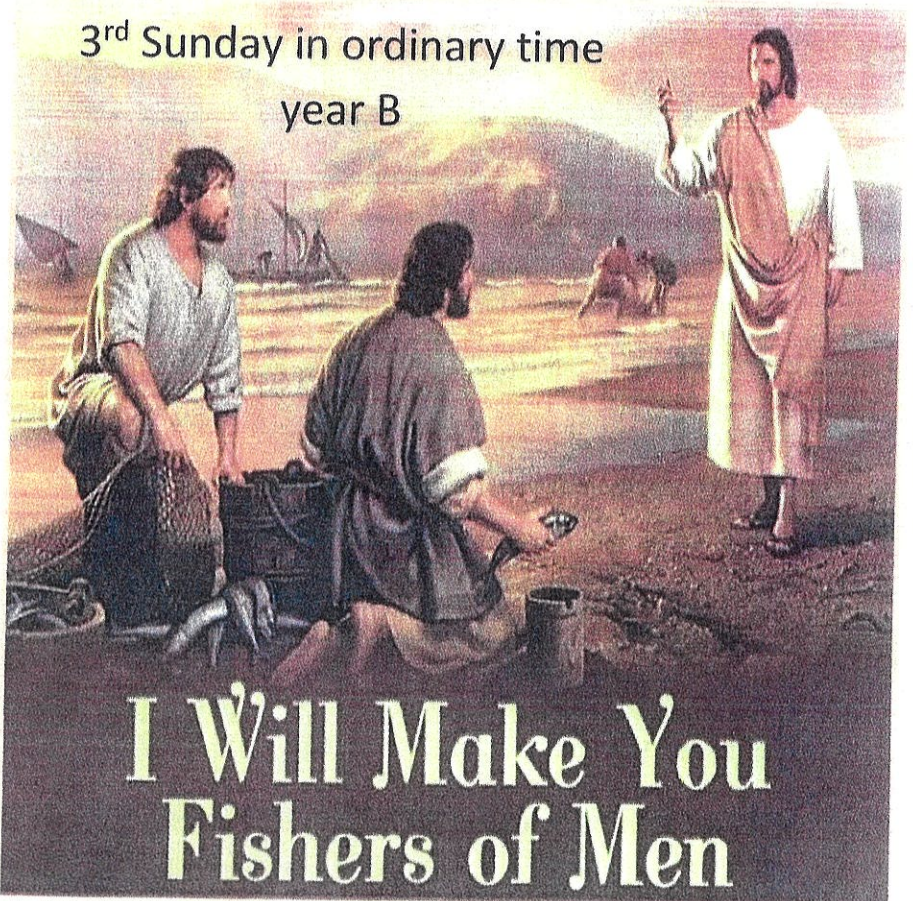
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Friday 9:00 am

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

Sunday 9:00 am

3rd Sunday in ordinary time
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I Will Make You Fishers of Men

“Peace of Christ Rule My Heart”

Colossians 3:15 tells us” *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.*” Amen! Oh, how I strive for this every day now! And, when I feel that peace slipping, if I have the presence of mind and am not too far gone in my will and ego, I immediately call out to God for help. But it wasn’t always that way. In fact, for much of my life it wasn’t so.

As a child what ruled in my heart most was fear, control, and faulty coping mechanisms along with a large dash of trying to fit in. We were told “children should be seen and not heard” and” stop crying or I’ll give you something to cry about.” There is much that I don’t remember. My father was protestant, and my mother is a cradle Catholic. I do remember going to several different protestant churches as a child, until we wound up at a Catholic school in St. Petersburg, FL, when I was in the second grade. This is where I was baptized into the Catholic church, thanks be to God. I loved my school and the church. Everything about it was beautiful, calm, predictable and serene. My dad began RCIA, and for the rest of my school years, we were practicing Catholics. I am so grateful for this gift of faith they my parents gave me. When we moved to Crawfordville, my dad was the music director at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for a few years, and I and my brothers were altar servers. There was still chaos in the world and at home, but I look back on my childhood years in the Church with much fondness and gratefulness. I graduated high school and chose to go back to the Tampa Bay area for college which is when I really began to be lost to the world.

After lots and lots of sin (that I sadly couldn’t even recognize) in college, I unequally yoked myself in civil marriage outside of the Church to an unbaptized person who has many struggles (to put it charitably). I was so far gone to the world, and so steeped in sin for so long, I thought I could save him. **Now I know about spiritual physics and that only Jesus can save**, and I pray for him regularly. I hit bottom, which was really the beginning of my second chance at life, when the help of therapy, I came to realize that our marriage was extremely unhealthy and needed change in 2020. I moved with our son into my parents’ house. This was the third time I had tried to leave but, this time was different. I realized that I needed massive help for my codependency any by some miracle heard about and started attending, a 12-step fellowship group for this issue. That is where I learned about surrender to God: Which led to fear of the Lord, which led to re-learning his commandments and word, which led to my first truthful confession in over 20 years, which led to following Christ in his Church, and not looking back, as everything I had tried to put together myself fell apart and ended, sadly, in divorce and restraining orders.

But He gives us **beauty for ashes**, and I am no different. If it weren’t for all that disorder, I wouldn’t have the blessing of my amazing son or have the personal relationship with Jesus that I do now. I went from being basically homeless to owning my own home in three years due to His providence. From abuse to peace. From sin to salvation. From shame to love. I can see in hindsight how certain sins against the sixth commandment, even as a child, really disintegrated my soul bit by bit. Recently learning about Pope St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body has been mind-blowing. Oh, if I had learned that truth in my formative years instead of the lies of the world of what is “healthy” and “normal” to do with one’s body! And in studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible, I have such a greater understanding now of true love (Christ crucified) and marriage, and all that we believe, and I am so thankful.

Now, I work on joy and contentment and staying present as much as possible. Being human of course, this is not easy, especially as a single mom. Sometimes, I wish for another chance at marriage, to do it with Jesus at the center this time with sacramental graces, and to provide a father figure like St. Joseph for my son. Other times, I think about maybe religious life when my son is older. But then, I remember that I am here now, and I am safe and well, and need not fantasize or worry about the future. I now participate in another 12-step group for Catholics with addictions/unhealthy attachments which is a huge help. I have a sponsor who is a true sister in Christ to me. I no longer watch, do, listen to, entertain, or have time for any person, place, or thing, that is spiritually toxic for me. **But most of all, I have the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, so I have**

everything I need! And this is how I can let that peace of Christ rule my heart. I've taken my heart back from the world and given it to Him. I am going from hurting to healing, to hopefully helping; one day at a time.

By Faith Ballard



What does Jesus Christ do in the Eucharist?

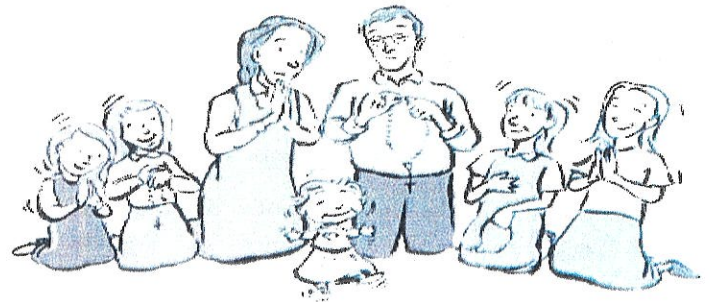
If you are in difficulties and sorrows,
He will comfort and relieve you.
If you are sick,
He will either cure you or give
you strength to suffer so as to merit
heaven.

If the devil, the world and the flesh are
making war upon you,
He will give you the weapons with which to
fight, to resist and to win the victory.
If you are poor,
He will enrich you with all sorts of riches for
time and for eternity.

St. John Vianney

Year of prayer

“A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER”



Lord Jesus, be with my family. Grant us your peace and harmony, an end to conflict and division. Gift us with compassion to better understand each other, wisdom and love to assist each other, and trust and patience to live peacefully together. Grant that through the intercession of your mother, Mary, and St. Joseph, our family may become a holy family accepting each other, working together in unity, selflessly dedicated to one other and to you. Amen

**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



FAITH FORMATION/CCD

9:30 to 10:30am before
Sunday morning Mass. Faith
Formation Teachers needed.
Please see
Amy W
Phone: 850-926-6797



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Interested in the Catholic
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inquiry classes and RCIA



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all 7 Holy Sacraments.
Contact: Nickey Lepp
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1pm or call for appt.
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SONGS FOR TODAY

- 598 – Sing A New Song
- 824 – Christ, Be Our Light
- 632 – I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light
- 820 – Servant Song
- 832 – They'll Know We Are Christians

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 21st

11:00 AM

Intentions of Father Mauricio Carrasco

Requested by Brian & Monica Hubmann

Tuesday, Jan. 23rd

8:30 AM

Intentions of Father Hezekiah

Requested by Lew & Amy Wiedeman

Wednesday, Jan. 24th

7:00 PM

+ Holas Family +

Requested by Bob & Patty VaVerka

Thursday, Jan. 25th

8:30 AM

+ Grace Russell +

Requested by Lew & Amy Wiedeman

Saturday, Jan. 27th

5:00 PM

Intentions of Zach & Lydia Bryant

Requested by Lew & Amy Wiedeman

Offertory: \$ 2,377.57

Online: \$ 296.67

Total: \$ 2,674.24

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

935

First Reading: Book of Prophet Jonah

Second Reading: First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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Being a CATHOLIC PRIEST is ranked among the four most difficult "professions" in the world.

This is because a CATHOLIC PRIEST must be at the same time:

- preacher • example • advisor • former • planner
- minister • visionary • director • mentor • friend
- nanny • reconciler • marriage counselor
- youth counselor • leader trainer • Bible teacher
- psychologist • intercessor, etc., etc., etc.

Besides being:

- church porter • corporate administrator
- engineer • bricklayer • event promoter
- * a mediator between two factions in a conflict.
- * a mediator between God and man.
- first to arrive and last to leave ...

And yet, all CATHOLIC PRIESTS face constant criticism such as:

- "the mass doesn't fill me"
- "the homily is too long"
- "just think about money"
- "endless fund raising"
- "in addition to many others ..."

One of the most difficult things in a CATHOLIC PRIEST's life is knowing that the people for whom they give their life will betray them.

The CATHOLIC PRIEST is usually the most lonely person in the community: you can even see a CATHOLIC PRIEST is always surrounded by people, but rarely by people interested in their problems, needs or even in their life, let alone in the demands that the communities themselves place on them.

you know a CATHOLIC PRIEST or PRIESTS as friends, take care of them, protect them, pray for them, understand their vision, support them, but above all love them, don't forget the promise of Jesus Himself.

_" And I will give you shepherds after my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and intelligence" _ (Jer 3:15).

Therefore, take care of them because _"they personally watch over your souls, since they will be accountable for them" _ (Heb 13,17).

Let us honor with our prayers the lives of all those men of God who have sacrificed so many things, including some of their own needs and that of their families to fulfil God's call.

Value the time CATHOLIC PRIEST dedicates to you.

The Catholic Priesthood is A Vocation not a Profession.