

# ST. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church



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## Parish office

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9.00am to 3.00pm

## Parish Administrator

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850-375-8359

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850-585-2233

## Parochial Secretary

Mrs. Judy Antol  
724-322-7676

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Mrs. Amelia Morse  
850-320-2561

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Mr. Jeff cook  
850-375-8359

## Religious Education Director

Mrs. Amy Wiedeman  
850-926-6797

## Website:

[www.catholicchurchwakulla.org](http://www.catholicchurchwakulla.org)

Facebook: Seas Parish

Instagram: Parish Seas

YouTube: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
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: 02/12/2024

Goal: \$ 12, 625

Pledged \$ None

## Mass Schedules

### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil at Seas)

Sunday 11:00 am

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

"1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of



*Lent*

"He fasted for forty days  
and forty nights..."

### **My Faith Journey as an Imperfect Catholic**

I was born and raised in the Catholic faith in Miami (I even served as the 1<sup>st</sup> female altar server at my parish one it was allowed by Saint Pope John Paul II). But a very difficult, traumatic childhood made it hard to believe in God's love. I was angry, hurt, and defiant. I did not feel like I was worthy, and the church did not feel like my home.

In 2007, I was invited to join my mother and my home parish on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. It was a turning point in my life. The message of Our Lady of Guadalupe helped me feel comforted and not alone. Mother Mary's words to Saint Juan Diego felt like a balm on my heart: "let not your heart be disturbed....Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything." Wounds began to heal.\

In 2009, I attended Christ Renews His Parish at Blessed Sacrament in Tallahassee, which helped me go to confession and understand God's forgiveness and Christ's love for all. I finally felt worthy to be able to participate as a member of the parish community. I joined St. Therese Circle at Blessed Sacrament as part of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW).

In 2011, the birth of my daughter, Annelise, helped me truly know God's love and grace. She is the best thing that ever happened to me. Being a single mom with no family nearby meant having to fend for myself and it wasn't easy. I even had to go back to work 2 weeks after having a C-section to make ends meet. But I never once doubted God's gift to me. My daughter's middle name is Rose for the Castilian roses that are part of the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In 2015, meeting my now husband, Martin and helping to raise his daughter along with my own meant eventually moving to Crawfordville in 2016, when our family of four needed more room. Coming to a rural parish like St. Elizabeth Ann Seton helped me see what mountains can be moved by a small, motivated parish community.

In 2018, I became the president of the Ladies Circle (part of the CCW) to help continue the efforts to focus on Parish, local, Diocesan and State/National efforts. The other affiliates in the Council of Catholic Women know St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as the "little parish that could." I have the deepest appreciation for all that our members have done, past and present. We are many parts in one body of Christ.

Overall, serving our Parish in multiple ways helps me understand that it's not about me, but loving and glorifying God. In sharing my faith journey, I hope to call back those whose hearts are aching and to let you know that there is love and forgiveness here.

**By: Amy Harris-Miller**

## Year of prayer

**“A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER”**



### Prayers for Children

Lord God! Thou hast called us to the holy state of matrimony and have been pleased to make us parents. We recommend to you our dear children. We entrust them to Thy fatherly care. May they be a source of consolation, not only to us, but chiefly to you, who are their creator. Be watchful, O Lord; help and defend them.

Grant us the grace to guide them in the way of Thy commandments. This we will do by our own perfect observance of Thy holy law and that of our holy Mother, the Church. Make us conscious of our grave obligation to You and bless our efforts to serve You. We humbly ask this blessing from the bottom of our hearts, for ourselves and for the children whom Thou hast been pleased to give us.

We dedicate them to Thee, O Lord. Do Thou keep them as the apple of Thy eye and protect them under the shadow of Thy wings. Make us worthy to come, at last, to heaven, together with them, giving thanks unto Thee, Our Father, for the loving care Thou hast had of our entire family, and praising Thee together though endless ages. **Amen**



“Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting, and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe.”

– Pope St. John Paul II



### FAITH FORMATION/CCD

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



### Catholic Gift Shop



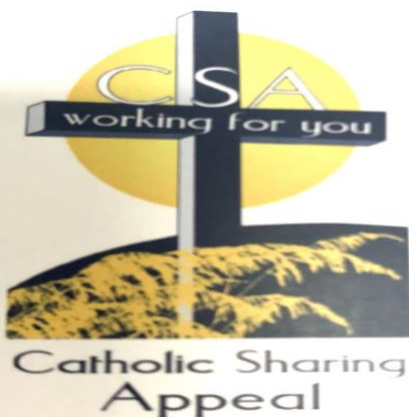
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



### 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM

Intentions of Tyler Pugh

Requested by Marlene Meeks

Tuesday, Feb. 20

8:30 AM

Intentions of Dr. & Mrs. John Hugill

Requested by Ron & Judy Antol

Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 PM

+ Holas Family +

Requested by Bob & Patty VaVerka

Thursday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 AM

+ Peggy Mackin +

Requested by David & Amelia Morse

Friday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 PM Intentions of Mr. & Mrs.

Chuck Robinson and family

Requested by Ron & Judy Antol

Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM

+ Danny Morgan +

Requested by Kathy Morgan

Offertory: \$ 2,666.52

Online: \$ 228.51

Total: \$ 2,895.03

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SUPPORT**

## SONGS FOR TODAY

362-In These Days Of Lenten Journey

345-Turn To Me

671-On Eagle's Wings

732- Only This I Want

535-Change Our Hearts

## Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom

Pope Francis

*Dear brothers and sisters!*

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: ***"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"*** (Ex 20:2). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "**commandments**", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. **The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey.** Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. *Hos 2:16-17*). **God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life.** Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.

**The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey.** If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the **first step is to desire to open our eyes to reality.** When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: ***"I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey"*** (Ex 3:7-8). Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another.

**God has not grown weary of us.** Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: ***"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"*** (Ex 20:2). **Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom.** Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, **God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery.** In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken **This, however, entails a struggle**, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. **The voice of God**, who says, ***"You are my Son, the Beloved"*** (Mk 1:11), and ***"You shall have no other gods before me"*** (Ex 20:3) **is opposed by the enemy and his lies.** Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves; we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled. **We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict.** Yet there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie. Whereas those who serve idols become like them, mute, blind, deaf and immobile (cf. *Ps 114:4*), the poor of spirit are open and ready: a silent force of good that heals and sustains the world.