



Holy Family Parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Sunday 15th September 2019

FIRST READING : Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.'" So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

℟. I will rise and go to my Father.

Have mercy on me God in your kindness, In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin. ℟.

A pure heart create for me O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. ℟.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise, my sacrifice is a contrite spirit, a humbled contrite heart you will not spurn. ℟.

SECOND READING : 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL : Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Foundress of the Sisters of Charity in the US

A spirited young woman who had wanted only to marry a handsome man, be a happy wife, and raise a pretty family, had had adventures beyond her wildest dreams. Loving by nature, she grew in faith and hope because of trial, not in spite of it. And with each trial God revealed resources, strength, and courage she did not know she possessed.



Date of birth: August 28, 1774,
Birthplace: New York City, New York,
United States

Died: Jan 4, 1821 **Age:** 46
Feast day January 4

Patronage: Catholic Schools,
Death of Children,
and Widows



**“Faith lifts the soul,
Hope supports it,
Experience says it must and
Love says...let it be!”**

Unlike St. Elizabeth Seton, most of us aren't mature enough spiritually simply to respond in faith. We need our questions answered: Where are you leading me? What exactly do you want of me?



1774

Elizabeth Ann Bayley, one of two daughters of a wealthy and prominent Episcopal family, was born in New York on Aug 28.



Her home in Manhattan, New York City, was located at the site on which a church now stands in her honor.

1777

Elizabeth was barely 3 years old, when her mother died.

1794

On Jan 25, at the age of 19 she married William Seton, son of a wealthy New York shipping merchant.



Elizabeth Ann Seton around the age of 22, after a 1796 portrait.

1801

Elizabeth's father, a pioneer in medical research, succumbed to yellow fever and died.

1803

Her husband's business went bankrupt and he had come down with Tuberculosis – shortly after Elizabeth, William, and their eldest child, Anna Maria embarked on a voyage to Italy, in search of treatment, her husband died.

This left Elizabeth a widow at 29 with five young children.

1804

While awaiting their return to America, Elizabeth and Anna Maria stayed several months with an Italian family, and developed an interest in their Catholic religion.

Elizabeth returned to New York City with little money.

1805

Elizabeth and her children were received into the Catholic Church on March 14, 1805, a choice which triggered three years of financial struggle and social discrimination.

1808

She accepted an invitation from Archbishop John Carroll to establish a girl's school in Baltimore.

Elizabeth spent one year as a schoolmistress in Baltimore.

1809

Elizabeth pronounced vows of chastity and obedience for one year on March 25. The Archbishop gave her the title "Mother Seton".

In June she, her three daughters, her two sisters-in-law, and four young women joined them, this was the beginning of the Sisters of Charity, the first religious order founded in the United States.

1810

Mother Seton and her band of sisters moved to Emmitsburg and opened St Joseph's Academy and Free School – the first free Catholic school in the United States.

1811

Mother Seton adopted the rules and constitution of St. Vincent de Paul, with some modifications.



As the community grew, it opened schools and orphanages in Philadelphia in 1814 and New York in 1817.

1812-16

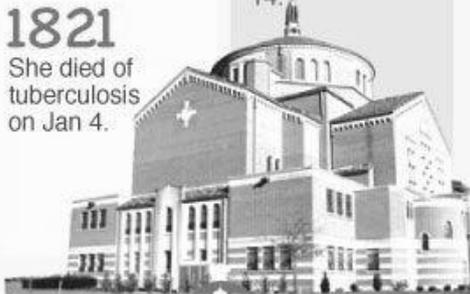
She suffered the loss of two of her daughters to tuberculosis, Anna Maria in 1812 and Rebecca in 1816.

1821

She died of tuberculosis on Jan 4.

1875

Mother Seton was canonized the first American-born saint by Pope Paul VI on Sept 14.



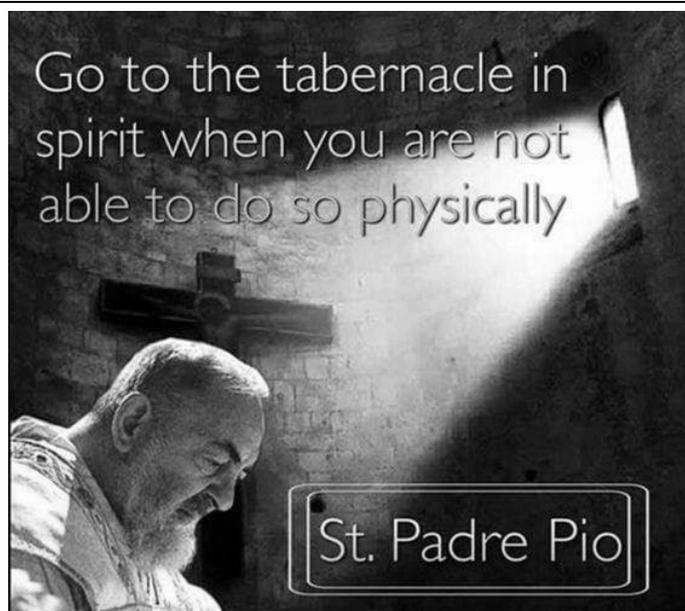
Today her remains repose in the Basilica of St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

31 TIPS for MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION

- 1) Examine our consciences thoroughly beforehand.
- 2) If necessary read through a good "Formal Examination of Conscience" to help enlighten our conscience.
- 3) Ask Jesus to show us what we really need to confess, i.e., what has really wounded Him in our attitudes, gestures, words, actions, or lack thereof.
- 4) Ask the Holy Spirit to give us true contrition for our sins.
- 5) Wait our turn in line patiently and pray whilst waiting.
- 6) Don't spend time scrolling on our phone whilst waiting.
- 7) Come at the time Confessions are scheduled, not a few minutes before they are to end.
- 8) Speak distinctly, but never so loudly that we might be overheard.
- 9) State our sins clearly, honestly, and briefly without rambling. Be very simple. Be humble. Only give info that is needed.
- 10) Confess all mortal sins in number and kind.
- 11) Never deliberately omit a mortal sin, or mortal sins. It will invalidate the confession.
- 12) Confess our moral and religious failings, i.e., failures in our practical moral and religious lives, including failure to go to Mass, failure to go to Confession regularly.
- 13) Confess our Christian failings, i.e., failure to love God, failure to use our Faith, Hope, and Charity; failure to read the Scriptures, failure to pray.
- 14) Confess our lack of fraternal charity (love for others), and lack of service of the poor; and lacks in good works.
- 15) Confess sinful attitudes that lead to other sins, e.g., lack of trust in God, lack of spiritual thirst, lack of concern about sin.
- 16) Confess our lack of docility to the Holy Spirit.
- 17) Confess our own sins and not someone else's sins.
- 18) Never be afraid to say something "embarrassing". Just say it with humility.
- 19) Never worry that the priest thinks we are bad. He is usually impressed by our courage and humility.
- 20) It is a joy for a priest to forgive a humble penitent.
- 21) Listen carefully to the advice the priest gives.
- 22) Carefully listen to and remember the penance and be sure to understand it.
- 23) Use a regular formula for confession so that it is familiar and comfortable.
- 24) Never fear that the priest will not keep our confession secret. He is bound by the Seal.
- 25) Never leave the confessional before the priest has finished giving absolution.
- 26) Memorize an Act of Contrition.
- 27) Answer the priest's questions briefly if he asks for a clarification.
- 28) Ask questions if we can't understand what he means when he tells us something.
- 29) Keep in mind that sometimes priests can have bad days, just like we do.
- 30) Remember that priests must go to confession too. They know what we are going through.
- 31) If we need a long time for our Confession because we want to talk in depth with the priest, either put ourselves at the end of the queue, or tell the priest when we arrive in the confessional so that he can advise as to whether there is enough time for a long confession session.

"NO HALF-HEARTEDNESS AND NO WORLDLY FEAR MUST TURN US ASIDE FROM FOLLOWING THE LIGHT UNFLINCHINGLY."

-J.R.R. Tolkien



"Christ is the artist, tenderly wiping away all the grime of sin that disfigures the human face and restoring God's image to its full beauty."

St Gregory of Nyssa

Let your prayer be completely simple. For both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase.

~ St. John Climacus

A HUMBLE SOUL DOES NOT TRUST ITSELF, BUT PLACES ALL ITS CONFIDENCE IN GOD.
-ST. FAUSTINA

"Man cannot live without joy; therefore when he is deprived of true spiritual joys it is necessary that he become addicted to carnal pleasures." ~ St Thomas Aquinas

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Faith of our fathers!
 living still in spite of dungeon,
 fire and sword:
 O how our hearts beat high with joy,
 whene'er we hear that glorious word!
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer
 shall win all nations unto thee; and
 through the truth that comes from God,
 mankind shall then indeed be free.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers!
 we will love both friend and foe in all
 our strife: and preach thee, too, as love
 knows how, by kindly deeds and
 virtuous life.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

God of Mercy and Compassion,
 Look with pity upon me,
 Father let me call thee Father,
 'tis thy child returns to thee.

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;
 let me not implore in vain;
 All my sins, I now detest them,
 never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,
 on the cross of Calvary;
 To that cross my sins have nailed Him,
 yet bleeds and dies for me.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Even if I had committed
 every possible crime,
 forever would I have the same
 confidence, because I know that this
 multitude of offences is but a drop of
 water thrown into a blazing fire,
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 blazing fire.

Oh how I need a heart
 burning with tenderness,
 On whom I can rely with no turning
 back who loves me as I am and even my
 weakness, and who will leave me not
 throughout both day and night,
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I was not able to find any other living
 creature who loved me in this way
 and who would never die,
 because I need a God who makes
 Himself like me, whom I can call a
 brother, and who can suffer too,
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 suffer too.

Oh yes I know this well, that all our acts
 of justice do not have in your eyes
 the slightest worth at all, and so to give
 a price to all my sacrifices, I want to
 throw them all into your heart divine.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
 Guide of the wand'rer here below;
 Thrown on life's surge,
 we claim thy care:
 Save us from peril and from woe
 Mother of Christ, star of the sea.
 Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,
 We sinners make our prayers through
 thee; Remind thy son that he has paid
 The price of our iniquity.
 Virgin most pure, start of the sea,
 Prayer for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
 To thee, blest advocate, we cry:
 Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
 And soothe with hope our misery.
 Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
 Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above,
 In Godhead One, in Persons Three,
 The source of life, of grace, of love.
 Homage we pay on bended knee.
 Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
 Pray for the children, pray for me.

HOLY FAMILY NEWS

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:
 are here and will be available after all
 Masses this weekend.

Sunday Cup of Tea: in the Hall after the
 9:30am Mass on Sunday during the
 school term.

Annual Parish Quiz Night: Saturday 30th
 November at 7:30pm, please make a note
 on your calendars and start thinking
 about your teams of 8, this year we also
 need more helpers in the kitchen, if you
 are available to help in the kitchen on the
 night, please contact the Parish Office on
 8346677.

**Fundraising for the fence by the
 Presbytery:** if you would like to donate
 to the rebuilding of the fence by the
 presbytery, please contact the Parish
 Office on 8346677.

Pray and Play Day: organised by the
 Junior Legion of Mary for all those
 children who are between the ages of 8 -
 17 years old on Friday 11th October from
 9am to 3pm in the Parish Hall. To
 register please contact the Parish Office
 on 8346677.

*Don't forget this is the last week to
 'Have Your Say by 19 September' -
 Abortion Reform Law*

**Thursday Evening Classes
 Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins.**
 Thursday 19th September
 In the Bugler Centre
 at 7pm.

NEXT SUNDAY:**22 September 2019****25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)***Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13;***LITURGY ROSTER**

Readers: Leslie Ahio, J. Bright
Prayers of the Faithful: R. Cardoza
Offertory: D'Lima Family
Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Leaumoana Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Xavier/D'Lima Family

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**15 Sept:** Heather Booth, Stanley Culas**16 Sept:** Eileen Devich**17 Sept:** Mary Antunovich - Williams**18 Sept:** John Williams**19 Sept:** Cecilia Tanenui**20 Sept:** Geoffrey Mason, Emanuele Bahn**21 Sept:** Wilfred Glynn, John Townes,
 Alice Stanley, Dave Hill, May Grant**DIOCESAN NEWS**

Holy Cross Seminary - Feast of the Holy
 Cross. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart
 church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at **5.00
 pm on Monday, 16 September**. Principal
 celebrant will be Bishop Denis Browne.

The Annual Catholic Men's Retreat will be
 held in Auckland over the weekend of 18-20
 October 2019. To register online go
 to <https://tinyurl.com/y2sa9ujn> or contact
 Greg Sullivan at greg.sullivan@xtra.co.nz or
 021 437 747.

Forming Intentional Disciples with Sherry
 Weddell, Saturday 21st September from 10am
 - 4pm. Rego at 9:30am, \$5 Lunch at St
 Michael's Remuera Hall, 6 Beatrice Road,
 Auckland. To Register and More Info:
frchrisd@gmail.com

Logo Competition. The Auckland Diocesan
 Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith
 Relations (ADCEIR) are looking for a logo, and
 seeks for your artistic and design skills. For
 further information about the competition,
 visit our website at
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/mission-evangelisation/ecumenism/>. Email
ecumenicalandinterfaith@cda.org.nz to
 submit your design, and if you have any
 questions. Entries close on Monday 14th
 October, 2019

**Scholarship for study at Good Shepherd
 College** - the Ruth Miller Scholarship for
 Study at Good Shepherd College. This
 scholarship will be available for a selected
 number of people who intend to do one or
 more Theology papers at Good Shepherd
 College towards a Graduate Diploma of
 Bachelor of Theology degree in 2020. For
 further information about this scholarship
 and to receive an application form, please
 contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education,
 Email: lindam@cda.org.nz. The closing date
 for applications is 14 October 2019.