A close-up photograph of a vibrant red rose, with its petals tightly curled and showing some texture. The rose is the central focus, set against a dark red background. Overlaid on the rose is white text in a serif font. The text is arranged in several lines, with some words in all caps for emphasis. The overall mood is romantic and classic.

“And now these
three remain:
FAITH, HOPE
and LOVE.
But the greatest
of these is
LOVE.”

Living The Word

Reflections for
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Feb. 10, 2013

*Holy God, we pray
that we may be open to
recognizing Your holy
presence wherever
and however You show
Yourself to us. Do not
let fear of our unwor-
thiness prevent us from
responding to Your
invitation to serve
You in whatever way
You ask. Amen.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY ONE

To be in the presence of the Holy One is an awesome experience. Next week's readings direct our attention to three men who have had this experience: Isaiah, Paul and Simon Peter. Their experiences can be instructive for us, when we find ourselves in the presence of the Holy One.

FIRST READING

Here I am! Send me (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8).

Isaiah was in the temple when he experienced the holiness of God. In the Bible, holiness means that God is totally beyond our understanding—He is truly great and awesome. Isaiah is filled with fear and recognizes

his sinfulness. When we encounter the holy, we realize how broken and limited we are. This is what fear means. It is not terror, it is awe. God cleanses us of our sin and gives us courage to do what we cannot do on our own.

SECOND READING

So we preached and so you believe (1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11).

This kerygma (proclamation an apostle would make when first arriving in a new city) tells how Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose from the dead. It speaks apparitions after the Resurrection. Jesus appeared to Peter and the Twelve, and to over 500 at one time. This account is not contained in the Gospel,

which means that the Gospels do not contain all the details of what happened in those days. Jesus also appeared to James and the apostles. Paul also speaks of the revelation that was made to him. He is filled with awe at the fact the God would have chosen him (when he had persecuted the Church).

GOSPEL

They left everything and followed Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

The one who is called is filled with a sense of awe and fear, yet God promises to supply all that person needs to be able to respond. Peter, a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee, had fished all night, not catching a thing. Jesus

uses his boat as a platform to preach to the crowd that had gathered. He told Peter to toss his nets out into the water, a highly unusual act as one fishes at night on the Sea of Galilee. In the morning, the water's surface tends to heat up quickly and the fish swim to lower, cooler waters. The net should have been empty but the tremendous catch pulled in was clearly something miraculous. Peter reacts to this suspension of the rules of nature with terror. He recognizes that something very holy was happening and this filled him with great fear. He knew he was a sinner and did not deserve to be in Jesus' presence. But, we are called to service not because we deserve it, but rather because God will work in and through us.

Readings for the Week

February 4th-9th:

Mon.: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tues.: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wed.: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thurs.: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Fri.: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Sat.: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

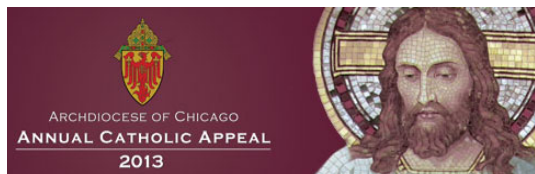
REFLECTION

Today we witness three encounters with the Holy One in three different settings, but with three similar responses, both immediate and long-term. Isaiah's vision of God in the temple included angels surrounding God and praising God's glory. His immediate response was fear and unworthiness at seeing the living God. But God's compassionate action of purifying his lips leads Isaiah to offer his service. For Simon Peter, the experience of the holy came when a stranger walked by as Simon was finishing an unsuccessful night of fishing. Jesus got into his boat, taught the crowds first, then turned to Simon. Something in Jesus' manner must have persuaded Simon to follow His directions. The result was so many fish that the boats almost sank. Simon suddenly knew he was in the presence of the Holy One. Unworthiness and fear flooded his heart, but, as God did with Isaiah, Jesus removed Simon's fear and Simon followed Him. Paul briefly alludes to his own unworthiness to be an apostle, rooted in his experience of the Holy One on the road to Damascus. He witnessed to God's grace at work by preaching what has been handed on to him: that Christ died for our sins, was raised from the dead, and appeared to Paul, the least of all the apostles. An experience of the Holy can come to us in church, in the midst of our work, or even when we are heading in a very different direction than the one God has planned for us. Pray God we will respond to it.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TAX LETTERS FOR THE 2012 YEAR WILL BE READY ON JAN.22, 2013

*Parishioners can pick them up or
they can be mailed to you. Please call
the parish office at 708-403-0101.*



2013 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

"Love Never Fails" 1 COR 13:8

MANY OF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DIRECT MAILING FROM CARDINAL GEORGE to your home regarding the 2013 Annual Cardinal's Appeal. The Appeal supports parish and Archdiocesan Ministries. Please consider these materials by reviewing the ministries and services that are funded by the Appeal.

THIS YEAR, the theme of the Appeal is *"Love Never Fails!"*. It is God's love for us that is responsible for all that we are and all that we have. We are the beneficiaries of God's love throughout our lives. As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude.

EACH PARISH'S GOAL IS 6% of the previous year's ordinary income. Our goal for this year will be \$90,000. Any money that is raised from our parish after that goal is achieved will be rebated back to our parish to use as we wish.

THIS WEEKEND, we will hear a taped homily from Cardinal George and there will be an in-pew pledge appeal. We invite you to reflect on how your donation will enable God's love to become more real in our world through your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 27, 2013:

\$20,240.40

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

\$74.44

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Paul and Jonnie Chieco
(Children: **Jacob** and **Devin Tillery**)
Luca Chieco

WEDDINGS

Please pray for those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
Karen Gacgacao and **Nicholas Simonian**; 2-16-13
Elizabeth Hillhouse and **Blaise Lukasiewicz**; 3-9-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

Michael Ceglarski
Juan Ramirez
Kaylee Marth
Arlene Gelfo
Chloe Anne Larkin
Wayne Strauss
Francis Emmet

And for our deceased:

Fr. John Collins
Fr. Richard Wojcik
Robert Roper
Jim Pfeifer

"Heavenly Father, accept the prayers which we offer for them."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 2nd (5pm) **Josephine Tarantino; Ed Schultz; Beverly Perkowski; Al Smith; Norbert Kane; Rory Callahan**
Sunday, Feb. 3rd
(7:15am) **Parishioners**
(8:30am) **William Scavone; Al Smith; Stephanie Mical Mercedes Garcia;**
(10am) **Williard and Estelle Bush; Salvatore Vitale; Gregory Szyndrowski; Patti Pantelis**
(11:30am) **Hanninan Family; Minnie DeLisa; Mary Scibila**
Mon., Feb. 4th (9am) **John Pelrine**
Tues., Feb. 5th (9am) **Living and Deceased Members of the Seniors of Seton Members**
Wed., Feb. 6th (9am) **Robert Zmuda**
Thurs., Feb. 7th (9am) **John Peter Jacobs**
Fri., Feb. 8th (9am) **Thomas John Schuman**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.”

LUKE 4:30

*A reflection by Joyce Ann Zimmerman C.P.P.S.,
Kathleen Harmon S.N.D. de N.
and Christopher W Conlon S.M.*

LIVING LITURGY

AT THE HEART OF TODAY'S READINGS LIES A SERIOUS WARNING which can also be the source of peace and joy: unless we are willing to share our best gifts, we will lose what little we possess.

In the prophetic tradition Jeremiah is the classic example of the rejected prophet. Prophets are rejected because their message is rejected. Jeremiah contrasts the tenderness and protection of God toward those who faithfully hear God's word with the inevitable message of challenge and salvation. God's word inevitably stirs up conflict. Just as inevitably, it is a word of deliverance.

Jesus understood his own prophetic role as one which would lead to rejection and, ultimately, death. When he spoke **“gracious words”** his message **“amazed”** his hearers and his message was accepted. But when he spoke challenging words, his hearers were **“filled with fury.”** Ultimately, God's words not only lead to a new understanding of God and God's ways of bringing salvation to all—even the Gentiles—but they also lead to new understanding of ourselves and our own call to hear Jesus' words and live them. When God's words satisfy us, we are faced with the goodness in ourselves and how we are already responding to God. When God's words make demands on us,

we are faced with new ways we must die to ourselves in order to become better disciples.

ALL OF US STRUGGLE TO HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES. This Sunday we are confronted with the reality that we are not always going to like what we hear in God's word. God's word always takes us beyond where we are or where we want to go. It is the very word which questions our status quo and asks us to give up our own wills and embrace God's will. It is the very word which nudges us to surrender ourselves and our own small world to encompass the larger vision of a world in which God assures that all are met with love and dignity.

ANNOUNCING THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL is one way we express our faithfulness in hearing God's word. And, as those baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, being faithful to God's word always means dying to self for the sake of others. Like Jesus, we ought not fear the fury of others. When we witness to a way of living that challenges others and their assumptions, we may well cause fury. But as Jesus' enemies did not, in the end, destroy him, neither will those whom we anger by the goodness of our lives destroy us. **God delivers.**

Lord we take refuge in you. What you ask at times is difficult; it even seems to take away our prized possessions. Yet, you are our hope, our trust from our youth. On you we have depended from our mother's womb. In following your will, we will see the victory of your justice and the fulfillment of your hopes in our lives and families.

Social Action Ministry Meeting • Wednesday, Feb. 5th • 9:30am • Parish Conference Room**ST. ELIZABETH SETON
SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY**

Burial palls, diapers, dresses and boys pants are needed. Volunteers are needed to help.

■ Friday, Feb. 8th from 6:30-9pm

St Damian School, 5300 W. 155th St., Oak Forest

■ Tuesday, Feb. 12th from 6:30-9pm

Zion Lutheran Church, 171st and 70th Ave., Tinley Park

■ Tuesday, Feb. 19th from 6:30-8:30pm

Smith Crossing Community Room

10501 Emilie Lane, Orland Park

■ Wednesday, Feb 20th 6:45-8:45pm

St. Dennis Church, 1214 S. Hamilton St., Lockport

■ Thursday, Feb. 21st 10am-12:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church, 171st and 70th Ave., Tinley Park

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NO WORKSHOPS IN MARCH AND APRIL. WORKSHOPS RESUME IN MAY.

Smith Crossing Senior Residents and Parishioners Assist at Soup Kitchen

Recently, **Peg Kehoe** (parishioner and former Social Action Ministry member) and her group of angels at Smith Crossing of Orland received an award from Catholic Charities for their acts of Christian love in providing food for clients at the Daybreak Shelter in Joliet. When St. Elizabeth Seton serves monthly at Daybreak, volunteers at Smith Crossing make sack lunches filled with a sandwich, juice box, crackers and granola bar to distribute to the extra homeless who come from two other men's shelters in the vicinity, because of closure for lack of food. These men truly appreciate the food gifts. Another parishioner/Smith Crossing resident, **Lucille Bartels**, is hosting a burial pall workshop in their community center at 10501 Emilie Lane on Tuesday, Feb. 19th from 6:30-8:30pm. Volunteers are needed. Please call Liz at 708-614-6475.

This Lenten Season deepen your experience of God by moving from religion to relationship...

PAUL COUTINHO, SJ



How Big Is Your God?

The Freedom to Experience the Divine

Includes a 15-minute DVD with Paul Coutinho

FOREWORD BY FR. RICHARD ROHR, OFM

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Do you know God, or do you just know about God?
- Do you believe in a God without limits, or have you placed God in a box and sealed the lid?

Indian Jesuit priest Paul Coutinho asks each of us to carefully consider questions such as these. With his warm sense of humor and a talent for telling just the right story to drive home a point, Coutinho guides us to reconsider who God is and how we can have fellowship with God beyond anything we have imagined.

The immensely powerful yet eminently readable wisdom in *How Big Is Your God?* will move us past religion as we know it and toward a relationship with God that can change the way we think, love and live!

Join us Wednesday mornings for book discussion during Lent

We invite you to come Wednesday mornings beginning February 20th through March 27th to discuss the book. We will meet after morning Mass at 10:00am. We ask you to please purchase the book and read the first six short chapters before we meet the first time.



Journey with the Lord and let your heart hear God's Words....

The Road To Emmaus

By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate

Seeing the Inner Self

When the disciples
met Jesus
on the road,
they were
disappointed
and sad.
He walked with them
and listened to
their story.
Then, by opening up
the Scriptures
He gave them hope!
He helped them see
that they were
not abandoned
or left orphaned,
that God
was with them
and would
always be part
of their journey.

I HAVE BEEN HAVING A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE LOSING WEIGHT. I've picked up numerous magazines that promise I'll lose 10 pounds in one month or 25 pounds in three months. But, I don't. So then I pick up other magazines that tell me why I don't ... I don't exercise enough ... I eat too much fat ... I'm emotionally depressed, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera!! However, one article did have a ring of truth to it for me. It talked about 'body image.' That's how our unconscious mind sees ourselves. I had to read that article a few times to get a handle on exactly what that meant. What I concluded was that Body Image is what the **heart** sees and feels. Sometimes that's good, sometimes it's not.

When we look into the mirror, we may see a slightly overweight person with a few bulges here or there, but deep down inside we really see that perfect size 8. And so the least little temptation will have us veering off our diet to have that 'little piece of pie' because in our minds, we're not really overweight.

On the other hand, researchers have found that for those that suffer from anorexia or bulimia, their inner body image is just the opposite. So those that are the perfect size 8 don't see that, they see an overweight person that looks ugly. And they continue to starve

themselves because in their minds they are overweight and ugly.

That inner image we have of ourselves affects more than just our eating habits. If we have a good sense about ourselves, that good sense is extended to all those around us. But if we have a bad sense, then nothing good can flow from us because our sense of ourselves tells us there is nothing good there to begin with. And since it is unconscious thought we are dealing with, it is the most difficult thing to try and change. Jesus knew that. That's why he spoke so often about people needing to change their hearts...because no matter what shows on the outside, if there isn't good on the inside, there can't be good on the outside.

LEARNING HOW TO MAKE OUR UNCONSCIOUS FEELINGS MATCH OUR CONSCIOUS FEELINGS is a very difficult process. There are many, many things we must let go of. It could be that we are hanging on to anger, or hurt, or bitterness. These things can be so deeply embedded in our hearts that we are not even aware they are there. What it will take is a lot of self-reflection and a LOT of prayer. It isn't easy to deal with painful memories. But if we do, then it will be possible for us to see beautiful person we are—bulges and all.



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

January 29, 2013

Dear Father Kuca,

Due to the resignation of Father Richard Homa, pastor of Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish, the parish is in need of an administrator. I am pleased to appoint you as temporary administrator. This appointment is effective immediately, and will remain in effect until a new pastor is named or other arrangements have been made.

Father Kuca, thank you very much for your generosity and cooperation in accepting this responsibility. I am confident you will fulfill this office with competence and compassion and that the staff and parishioners will support you in your responsibility.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Francis Cardinal George'.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

- cc. Reverend Monsignor John Canary, Vicar General
Very Reverend Peter Snieg, Moderator of the Curia
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Reverend Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests
Most Reverend Andrew Wypych, Vicar
Reverend Edward F. Upton, Dean
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board
Reverend Richard Homa, Pastor

**Join us on Sunday February 10th
for a gathering of our
“Heartfelt Community”
at our
“All-You-Can Eat”
Pancake Breakfast**

**Serving after each Mass
in the
Parish Life Center**



Grand Prize Raffles:

- 50” HD TV
- Nook Tablet w/Cover

Tickets: \$5 each or 5/\$20

Need not be present to win

COST:

ADULTS: \$7.00 (INCLUDES FREE MIMOSA)

(must be 21 yrs or older)

SENIORS AND KIDS: \$6

CHILDREN UNDER 3: FREE

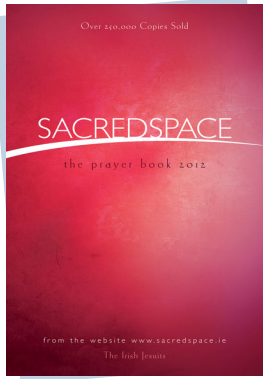
Tickets sold after all Masses:

Weekends of Jan 26-27 and Feb. 2-3

And AT-THE-DOOR on Feb. 10

**Service Hours available for 8th Graders and High School Students –
Call AJ 563-357-7135**

Sponsored by Saint Elizabeth Seton Women’s Club



Upcoming Sacred Space Reflection
Group Sharing Date:
Monday, Feb. 4th
9:30am
(in the Cornerstone)
7pm
(Call 403-1582 for location)

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

Call

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One of the greetings at the very beginning of Mass comes to us from the beginning of Saint Paul's letter to the Romans: "To all God's

beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7). The greeting "grace and peace" reminds us at each Mass, as Paul reminded the Romans, of our calling to be saints.

God calls us to be saints, that is, to be holy. It's that simple and that startling. We all have a common calling or a vocation. And it is to share in the very holiness of God. That seems to be a tall and impossible order for us who are limited and sinful. Still, God calls us. And that is why we gather at Mass, not to make ourselves holy, but to let God take hold of our lives and transform us by his holiness. Our celebration of Sunday Mass enables us to hear our calling and to fulfill it.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO + STRATEGIC PASTORAL PLAN
YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH

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Be Still... A Call To Centering Prayer
Wednesday, February 13th at 7pm

You are invited to join in an hour of quiet time and learn about Centering Prayer. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Cornerstone building located on the corner of 167th St. and 94th Ave. Questions? Please call Marge at 708-460-5357.



In today's first reading the Lord says to Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you..."

What is God's plan for you? Have you ever thought about a vocation to priesthood, religious life, or the diaconate? For information about the diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago, contact Fr. Brian Welter at bwelter@archchicago.org or call 312-534-8298 or visit www.ChicagoPriest.com. For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at eramirez@archchicago.org or call 312-534-5240, and for the Permanent Diaconate Program, contact Deacon Bob Puhala at bpuhala@usml.edu or 847-837-4562.

Vocation Cross Participants Needed

Participants are presented the Vocation Cross at the 9am Mass on Wednesday and pray for Vocations for the week. The cross is returned the following Wednesday for the 9am Mass.

Sign up in the parish office.

PRIESTS WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

- 2-03 Rev. Janes E. Flynn
- 2-04 Rev. Rogelio Banuelos Castro
- 2-05 Rev. Deusdedit Byomuhangi
- 2-06 Rev. Joseph F. Ekpo
- 2-07 Rev. Kombo L. Peshu STL
- 2-08 Rev. Lyle Gundrum OFM
- 2-09 Rev. August Seubert OFM CAP

Holy Spirit open your hearts and minds of young men and women so that a new flowering of holy vocations may show forth the fidelity of your love, and all may know Christ, the true light of the world to offer to every human being the sure hope of eternal life. Amen.

St. Elizabeth Seton parishioners, Harold and Carol Davis open home to seminarians

Going According to Plan May Involve a Delay!

A Welcome Surprise

By Fr. Timothy Mulroy

Columban Mission Magazine ■ December 2012

While stories about flight delays in the lead up to Christmas differ in the details, they generally have the familiar ingredients of disappointment and frustration because of a forced change of plans. However, it is possible that such unexpected delays might also present one with an opportunity for a welcome encounter, as happened to me on one occasion.

I was at the airport in Mexico City, Mexico, on my way back to Chicago, Illinois, after having spent a month learning Spanish. Feeling relieved that I had made it to the airport on time through heavy and chaotic traffic, I sat there reading a novel, only vaguely conscious of the stream of public announcements and the crowds milling around me. At some point, however, when I looked around I realized that most of the people had moved off, leaving me sitting there quite alone. However, just as I began wondering what to do, a woman who was moving off also, turned and came toward me. After inquiring if I was going to Chicago, she proceeded to tell me that there had been an announcement of a delay to our flight as well as a change of departure gate. I thanked her, picked up my hand luggage, and then we headed off together to another section of the airport terminal.

As we walked along our conversation revolved around

the usual topics among travelers at airports. I learned that her name was Carol and that she was returning to Chicago with her husband, Harold, and one of her grandsons, Peter, after having visited an orphanage outside Cuernavaca City. Coincidentally, I had visited the same orphanage with my classmates the previous week, as an extra-curricular activity of the language school. There was no need to tell her where I was from since she picked up on my Irish accent right away, but I did tell her that I was a Columban missionary priest living and working with seminarians



Carol and Columban seminarian Rafael

in Chicago. She admitted that she had never heard about the Columbans, but she shared with me her support of seminarians from other countries who live and study in Chicago in preparation for becoming diocesan priests in the U.S. church. At this point in our conversation we had reached the departure gate for our flight, and she moved off to connect with her husband and grandson.

After finding my seat on the plane I settled into my novel again. Then Carol came down the aisle and stopped next to me; unbelievably, we were seated next to one another. As we traveled back together to Chicago, we continued our conversation about many things. Given her devotion to her Catholic faith and her support for seminarians from other countries, she told me how her husband was greatly amused when she related to him that the stranger she had talked to was a missionary priest. I told her how the seminarians I lived with were from various countries – Chile, Fiji, Korea, Peru and the Philippines – and how they came to the U.S. in order to learn English and then study for a degree in theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. We talked about the challenges faced by seminarians from other parts of the world who were living in the U.S. – coping with loneliness and homesickness, desiring to be accepted into a family and form new friendships,





wanting to practice English with native speakers and learn about their everyday life. Before disembarking in Chicago, we exchanged email addresses and phone numbers with the promise to continue our conversation.

Over the next year we exchanged an occasional email and phone call. Then, one fall day as I was thinking about how two of our seminarians might spend their long winter vacation, I began to wonder if I could engage Carol and Harold in some way. I decided to ask them if they would consider taking these two seminarians into their home for two weeks. They responded enthusiastically to my request, and over the next few years opened their home and welcomed several of our seminarians into their family.

Among those seminarians were Euikyun Jung from South Korea and Rafael Ramirez from Chile. Both young men have fond memories of the welcome and the warmth they received from the Davis' family that made them feel as if they had found a home away from home. "Carol and Harold were very patient with me as I struggled to converse with them in English. They became like a Mom and Dad to me" recalls Euikyun. Both students found that Carol and Harold were interested in learning about their countries of origin, their vocations as Columban seminarians, and their families. Experiencing ordinary, everyday



Carol, Harold and family

life with the Davis family enabled them to improve their English conversation skills and gain a better understanding of family life in this country. Rafael recalls the fun he had in the lead up to Christmas, especially the two days he spent helping Harold to decorate both the inside and the outside of their home, "Working side by side to bring the Christmas spirit alive drew us close to each other. I can't forget how hard I laughed at the funny stories he shared about his experiences." Helping Harold and Carol with the Christmas preparations made Rafael marvel also at the deep faith, love and joy that they as husband and wife shared with their extended family, neighbors and friends.

This Christmas, as I set out to join friends I'm hoping that my faith, love and joy will be deepened during our celebrations together. However, it may also happen that I will encounter disruptions to my plans. Like those travelers on that first Christmas night, I might face great uncertainty and

inconvenience as I grapple with the unexpected. However, as I wait wearily at a train station, or trudge from one gate to another at an airport, I might also be blessed with the welcome surprise of encountering new friends like Carol and Harold who open their heart and their home to me and my Columban family. ☺

(Both Euikyun and Rafael, as well as several other Columban seminarians who stayed with the Davis' family, have left Chicago. Euikyun is presently in Fiji, living and working as a seminarian alongside experienced Columban missionaries there. Rafael is studying in his home country of Chile as he continues his path toward missionary priesthood.)



Columban Fr. Timothy Mulroy lives and works in the United States.



Men's Club News

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sixth Meeting of the 2012-2013 year

■ Wednesday, Feb. 13th

Doors open at 7pm

General Meeting begins at 7:30pm

AGENDA:

- Tim Walsh—20th Annual Fish Fry, March 15th
Volunteer sign-up sheets. Tickets available on
Feb. 23-24, March 2-3, March 9-10. Ticket prices
\$10/Adult; \$8/Adult, pre-sale
\$5/Kids; \$4/Kids, pre-sale
 - John Soprych—Golf league sign up
\$100 league fee
 - Mark Lippe—Annual Chicago Wolves Game
April 13th, \$15/Ticket
- Dinner will be served. As always new and returning members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mom & Tot Storyhour at CJB



*Join us for our
Final Winter Session*

Friday, February 22nd

from 10:30-11:30 AM

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School

Storyhour is open to all 2-year and 3-year olds.
Parent /guardian must remain with child.

Listen to a story, make a fun craft, and participate in fun learning activities while you and your child meet new friends!

Mom and Tot Storyhour is FREE, but you must reserve your spot. Please call 708-403-6525 ext. 150.

**The HOPE Employment Support Ministry will meet on
Tuesday, February 5th at 7pm
in the downstairs St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall.**

Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment (HOPE) Employment Ministry

THE FOUR MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS IN EVERY INTERVIEW

Lee will share his 30+ years of experience in recruiting and career advising with the group.

The HOPE Employment Support Ministry is open to everyone: All of our services, to both job seekers and employers, are free of charge. Our monthly meetings consist of networking, resume review, guest speakers and open forums.

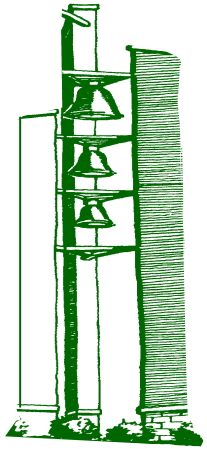
Need a resume tuned up? Send your resume to ajunkans@aol.com and then come to the next meeting to receive feedback and discuss suggestions.

Employers and HOPE Alumni: We ask that you please share job openings with us. Send your staffing needs to tom.mcmahon@mcmahonjobs.com, and they will be distributed to those who attend our monthly meetings.

The HOPE Employment Support Ministry has expanded. The HOPE Employment Support Ministry has expanded. We also meet at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month at St Patrick's Church (St. Patrick's Parish Ministry Center Parish Hall - Cass Street Building, 205 Cass Street, Lemont, IL 60439); and the third Thursday of each month at Our Lady Of The Woods Catholic Church, 10731 W. 131st, in Orland Park.

Need more information? Please call Bob Cornejo at (708) 642-2314, Mary Lou Sipple at (708) 738-5905 or Ken Krausz at (708) 214-9741. Follow us at www.linkedin.com.

BECAUSE EVERYONE CAN USE A LITTLE HOPE!



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

FEB. 18TH — BUS TRIP— ST. MARTHA CHURCH MORTON GROVE

In keeping with the *Year of Faith*, we will be making a trip to St. Martha's Church for Mass and a presentation of many relics of the Great Saints. Bus leaves Seton at 10am. We will have a family style meal at White Eagle restaurant.

Return home at 4pm. \$60 per person. Reservations will be taken at the February meeting or call Anna Talley at 708-532-6731.

FEB. 5TH MEETING

We will be collecting for the March luncheon. It will be catered by Polonia for \$9 per person. Entertainment for the meeting will be a Sheriff's Department presentation.

MARCH 12TH MEETING

Keep this date open for a reflection from Fr. Ron Hicks.

APRIL 17-18TH MEETING

Wisconsin pilgrimage and Lambert Field.

You Can Help Victims of Domestic Abuse

If you enjoy meeting people and like knowing you make a difference, join Neat Repeats Resale on Tuesday, Feb. 5th for an orientation and tour of their stores in Orland Park at 9028 W. 159th St. or Worth at 7026 W. 111th St. Share your compassion, your talent and time by giving five hours a week to make a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence. This is a great opportunity for those with retail experience and a passion for helping others. For information call 708-361-6860 (Worth) or 708-364-7605 (Orland Park). All sales benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a non-profit community organization that provides emergency shelter and other services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.

HOPE: An Immigrant Reality

I was a stranger and you welcomed me... Matt 25:35
Legislation approved by Illinois lawmakers this January will allow undocumented immigrants living in the state to obtain a Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL). The 250,000 undocumented drivers in Illinois can get a TVDL after paying a fee, passing driving tests and buying auto insurance, thereby making roads safer. As Catholics, we are called to respect every human being – regardless of immigration status – and their efforts to get to work in order to provide for their families. To learn more visit www.ilcatholic.org/cci-applauds-final-passage-of-temporary-licenses-for-immigrants.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT BLAISE

d. 316

WE KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DEVOTION TO ST. BLAISE BY CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. The Council of Oxford, in 1222, prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised, then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. As the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came to him with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. (English wool combers, who used similar iron combs, took Blaise as their patron. They could easily appreciate the agony the saint underwent.) Finally, he was beheaded.

COMMENT

Four centuries give ample opportunity for fiction to creep in with fact. Who can be sure how accurate Blaise's biographer was? But biographical details are not essential. Blaise is seen as one more example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection.

BLESSING OF SAINT BLAISE

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr,
may God deliver you from ailments of the throat
and from every other evil. In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Living When A Loved One Has Died

The Pastoral Care Department of Little Company of Mary Hospital has continued to offer a support program for the bereaved of our community for over three decades... **LIVING WHEN A LOVED ONE HAS DIED.** If you are aware of someone who has lost a spouse, a child, a sibling, or loved one, and is in need of support, we ask you to share this information with them. Individual support groups specific to loss as well information to help understand their feelings and what is happening to them. Meeting those in similar circumstances not only provides understanding, but encouragement in how to cope with their loss.

Gatherings begin Wednesday, Feb. 20th and continue for six consecutive weeks (Feb. 27th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th and March 27th).

The hospital also offers a grief support program for children from the ages of 5-18 years called **THE HEART CONNECTION.** This eight-week program begins on Monday, March 11th from 6-7pm and has limited registration of 32 children and fills very quickly.

If you know of an adult or child, who could benefit from the support programs please call 708-229-5484.

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you have a problem with alcohol and feel a sincere desire to stop drinking, you are welcome to attend a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) in the downstairs St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall on Thursdays from 7:30-8:45pm. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover. The only requirement is a sincere desire to stop drinking.

Families Anonymous

If your life has gone astray due to living with someone who has a substance abuse problem, consider attending Families Anonymous on Mondays from 7-8:30pm at Palos Hospital, 123rd and 80th Ave., Palos Heights (Ambulatory Care Center, Rm. 1, enter Emergency Room to elevator to the Lower Level). For information call Warren, 708-429-2507 or Therese at 708-269-9853.



2013 Golden Opportunities Books Are Here! Only \$20 in the parish office!

Golden Opportunities Coupon books offer favorite local restaurants offering discounts of 50% off or 2-for-1. In addition, great savings at movies, grocery stores, sporting events, and more! Many coupons valid once a month.

Branches

SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

MISSION TRIP UPDATE

The 2013 Teen Mission Trip is scheduled for July 14-20 to Kansas City. If you'd like to join us, we still have room for two teens; those entering eighth grade through graduating senior are eligible. The cost is approximately \$350. Fill out form in the parish office and submit a \$75 check made out to St. Elizabeth Seton to reserve a spot.

Have any questions about Seton Branches Teen Group activities? Call co-adult leader Bruce Hall at 708-403-7834.



Visit Branches on Facebook for updates/added events!



FREE ITEMS WITH PURCHASE



raising funds for education

Thank you to everyone who supported our January sale. Receive FREE Five Cheese Garlic Toast with a \$40 purchase this month or FREE Cheese Ravioli with a \$90 ONLINE PURCHASE, use Promo Code: FEBBONUS. Help us reach our goal of \$10,000. Every purchase helps us reach our goal! AND every purchase is 100% guaranteed. Sign-up at www.marketday.com to receive monthly newsletters, exclusive offers, and money saving coupons. Order forms are due to church by Sunday, February 11th or order online www.marketday.com school #16266 by 11:00 p.m. on February 16th. Pickup is Wednesday, February 20th from 5:30-6:30pm in the St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall. Pay by credit card online or pay with cash or check at the sale. We look forward to seeing you! Call Jen Krueger (708) 873-1387 or Linda Nemecek (708) 429-1583 if you have any questions.

2/9 & 2/10	5:00PM	7:15AM	8:30AM	10:00AM	11:30AM
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Monday-Friday 9am
 Saturday 5pm
 Sunday 7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am

ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered on Saturday, between 4:15-4:45pm.
- **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated twice monthly at 1pm. Reserve your time by calling the Pastoral Center early. We are limited to six children per Sunday.
- **Baptismal** Couples preparing for the birth of their child should contact the Pastoral Center to register for a one night seminar, focusing on a parent's role in his/her child's faith development. This session is mandatory prior to the Baptism.
- **Anointing of the Sick** is available in the Church every Monday after the 9am Mass. For those who are ill or facing hospitalization, it is appropriate to receive the sacrament once every six months. Please call the Pastoral Center for more information.
- **Ministry of Care** is available to give Communion to the housebound, to visit and pray for hospitalized and/or to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Pastoral Center for assistance.
- **In the Hospital?** Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations hospitals can no longer contact the parish regarding your hospitalization. It is the responsibility of you or a family member to notify our parish. We desire to offer whatever spiritual support we can. Please call the Pastoral Center.
- **Sacrament of Marriage** Couples planning to marry are encouraged to make arrangements at least six months in advance.
- **Wedding Workshops** are offered throughout the year. They provide engaged couples with guidelines and suggestions for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. The workshop covers topics ranging from readings and music to flowers and video taping.
- **Adult Choir** sings at all 10am Sunday Masses, as well as at a number of special liturgies.
- **Moving?** Please call the office at 708-403-0101.

HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY:

DOMESTIC ABUSE 24-HOUR HOTLINE: 708-429-SAFE

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE: 888-4-HOPE-4-1

HURTING FROM AN ABORTION?: 888-456-HOPE