ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH
2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402
www.seasparishlo.org
The Epiphany of the Lord 1-5-2020
JANUARY 2020 Pope’s Intention: PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE
That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

WELCOME! BIENVENIDOS!

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. (ENGLISH)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH)
1:00 p.m. (SPANISH)

Weekday Masses / La Misa Enteré Semana
8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (ENGLISH)
7:00 p.m. Misa todos los Viernes (SPANISH)
8:30 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass (ENGLISH)

Communion Services
8:30 a.m. Monday, Thursday (ENGLISH)

Adoration / Adoración
9:00 a.m. Wednesday (ENGLISH)
Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction
6:30 p.m. cada Viernes (SPANISH)
y La Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliación
4:30 p.m. Every Saturday / Cada Sábado or by appointments

1st Fri. Anointing of the Sick / Unción de los Enfermos
9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH)
7:30 p.m. (SPANISH)

Parish Services see page 2

OFFICE INFO:
Tel.: (805) 528-5319
Fax.: (805) 528-8803
Cell.: (805) 235-8803
Email: seaschurchlo@gmail.com
Open: Tues. & Fri. 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
24/7 Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites: (805) 235-8803
Appointment with Pastor: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.

PRAYER OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
O Father, the first rule of our dear Savior’s life was to do Your Will. Let His Will of the present moment be the first rule of our daily life & work, with no other desire but for its most full and complete accomplishment. Help us to follow it faithfully, so that doing what You wish we will be pleasing to You. Amen.

VISION-MISSION STATEMENT
We are an all-welcoming Christ-centered community celebrating our deeply rooted Catholic traditions, respectful & appreciative of our multicultural diversity, journeying together to share family values and commitment to service.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA VISION y MISIÓN
Somos una comunidad totalmente acogedora y centrada en Cristo que celebrando nuestras tradiciones Católicas profundamente arraigadas, respetamos y apreciamos nuestra diversidad multicultural, caminamos juntos para compartir los valores de la familia y el compromiso al servicio.

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CRISTINA CURZI
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“...they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Mt 2: 12

...vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra.”

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You matter! The 2020 census will decide how the governments spends your tax dollars. Make sure you’re counted!

El Censo 2020 determinará la manera que el gobierno decidirá gastar el dinero de sus impuestos. ¡Asegúrese de ser contado!

The primary music ministers are the faithful who attend the Mass. Musicians & cantors serve the faithful so that all can actively participate. I encourage everyone, let us sing & praise God together! Fr. Joey

MUSIC FOR JAN 4 & 5, 2020
ENGLISH MASSES
Please listen to Cantor’s announcement for any changes

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SUN. JAN. 12 CATECHISM RESUMES
ALL Catechism classes resume Jan. 12th. Reminder to parents to come 10 minutes early for communal prayer and announcements.
10:30 AM English Elementary Classes
11:50 AM English Elementary Classes
11:50 AM Confirmation Classes

JAN. 18 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Saturday, January 18, 2019 will meet in the classrooms at 11:00AM. All parishioners are welcome.

JAN. 26 PARISH CELEBRATION OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
(1) The Liturgical Memorial Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is always on January 4.
(2) However, in order to honor St. Elizabeth Ann Seton with a more festive celebration befitting her as our Parish Patroness, the late Bishop Richard Garcia has approved the 2nd Sunday after the Baptism of Jesus as our perpetual parish celebration of her feast. In 2020 it falls on January 26, 2020. Our parish will have the Sat. Vigil En. 5:30 pm Mass and the Sunday 9:00 am Bilingual Mass with procession and potluck reception. Join us on that special day!

WEEKLY MASS ENVELOPES
Mass Envelope Boxes are labelled with the names of their corresponding users and ordered by mass on the back tables by familial last name.
If you do not currently use envelopes and would like to start, please contact Heather at the office.
If you use Vanco (our electronic giving option, forms located on the back tables) and would like to receive a box of 2nd collection envelopes because you do not currently use them, please contact Heather at the office. Thanks! (805)528-5319 OR heatherh.soos.7@gmail.com

NURSING SUPPORT
Nursing (previously known as Breastfeeding) Support Group.
Starting December 5th the only Nursing Support Group in Los Osos started to meet at our parish. It will be every Thursday from 11am-12pm. There will be no group meeting on December 26th or January 2nd. The group will resume January 9th.
The group welcomes anyone who has nursed their children in the past, those that were unable to, expectant mothers and current nurseres. We hope you will join them. The leaders of the group believe that it truly takes a village to raise a child. Come be a part of that village!
ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS
LA MISA ANUAL DEL RESPETO A LA VIDA

The annual Respect Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Garcia will take place on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Madonna Del Sasso Pro-Cathedral in Salinas. Bishop Garcia invites all parishioners in the Monterey Diocese to come and attend this annual mass.

La Misa Anual Del Respeto A La Vida será celebrada por el Obispo Daniel E. Garcia el día Martes 21 de Enero, 2020 a las 7:00 PM, en la Catedral Pro Madonna Del Sasso en Salinas. El Obispo Garcia invita a todos los feligreses de la Diócesis de Monterey a participar en esta misa anual.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat invites all women to attend its quarterly Prayer Breakfast. Dr. Cynthia Hunt, a wife, mother, and physician, will share the humbling transfiguration of Our Lord has been working in her soul. Come and hear this multi-talented woman’s inspirational story.

Date: Sat., January 11, 2020 9:30am-12:30 pm
Place: Santa Maria Inn
Cost: $25
Reservations: Dolly Van Horn (805-0420 or 934-1857)

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. ELIZABETH’S IN YOUR WILL

A great way to help our parish become financially stable is to remember your parish church in your Will or Trust. To make sure the entire amount (100%) will go to St. Elizabeth’s, please word the bequest like this: “I leave a bequest of $________ to ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH at 2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402.” If you wish to privately discuss this matter with Fr. Joey, please call parish office or email him at frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com to set an appointment. Thank you for considering SEAS for your final distribution.

NEED ASSISTANCE IN YOUR ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE, FUTURE CATHOLIC FUNERAL & ESTATE PLANNING? Fr. Joey can help you. For confidential appointment, please email him at frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com or leave message at (805) 235-8803

CHEST OF HOPE

Thank you for bringing your chests of hope last weekend!

December Chest of Hope Donation Total: $487.41

Your box should be empty and waiting for you on the back tables. Need a Chest of Hope? There are some unmarked ones available & more can be ordered. Thanks!

FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO

We will honor the Feast of Santo Niño, the Child Jesus, at the 9:00AM mass on Sunday January 22nd, 2020. You are welcome to bring your statues of the Child Jesus for blessing at this Mass. This will also be a Children’s Mass with child lectors. All children will be blessed at this Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SILENT RETREAT

Why “Jesus, I Trust in You!”? The Divine Mercy and Angels Retreat

Jan 24-26 Silent Retreat in Soquel, CA at St. Clare’s Retreat Center
For more information, please call 1(831)423-8093

DEC 28 & 29 WEEKEND. DONATION REPORT

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below reflects last week’s financial contributions.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is reported monthly, not weekly.

Saturday, 5:30 pm English  $    93.00
Sunday, 9:00 am English Mass  $    679.00
Sunday, 1:00 pm Spanish Mass  $    216.00
Saturday, 5:30 pm English Mass Red Env.  $    108.00
Sunday, 9:00 am English Mass Red Env.  $    585.00
Sunday, 1:00 pm Spanish Mass Red Env.  $     30.00
Tues. Dec 31, 9:00 pm Eng New Years Mass  $    152.00
Tues. Dec 31, 10:30 pm SP New Years Mass  $    132.00
Tues. Dec 31, 9:00 pm Eng New Years Red Env.  $     50.00
Tues. Dec 31, 10:30 pm SP New Years Red Env.  $     0.00
People’s Kitchen  $     20.00
Chest of Hope (December)  $ 487.41

Total Weekend Income  $ 2,552.41

JANUARY 2020 SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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**LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING / OREMOS POR**

- Timothy Ketcherside
- John LeNeoue
- Peter Hewitt
- Leticia L. Enriquez
- Fely Platou
- Mary Cavagnaro
- Bonifacio Garcia
- Michael Culbertson
- Steven Greeneville
- Rafael & Margarita Garcia
- Frances Melehan
- Emily Sumner
- David Wright
- Aurea Cruz
- Nathan Berry
- Robert Ruiz
- June Vivianinnie
- Sylvia Radford
- Fr. John Brown
- Sarah & Josh Matthews
- Michael Vella
- Lila Martinez
- Darleen Krouse
- Carolyn Lemos
- Tosi Meehan
- Robert Green Sr.
- Rodney & Helen Maciel
- Suei Reich
- Sidney & Dorsey Dunton
- Elvis Fajardo
- Irene Castaneda
- Mary de Angelo
- Jessica Ketcherside
- Fr. Derek Hughes
- Joe O'Brien
- Dolores R. Buena
- Rosemarie Greenville
- Aaron Kondziela
- Maggie Quinn
- Domina Nichols
- Colleen Clark
- Leonora Eublera
- Daniel Quintana
- Mark Woehlter
- The Rivers Family
- Daniel Nunez
- Nora, Nick, Louis, Dolores, Joe, and family
- Brian Pedigo and family
- Hugo Comil
- Shawn Clarke
- Regina Heim
- Guido Paterno
- Dolores Doyle
- Russell Wels
- Jacque Lohmeier
- John Miller
- Barbara Pinedo
- Pancho Pinedo
- Ann Harris
- Sheila Pouraghaghbergh
- Ernestine Bevers
- Loren Ketcherside
- Brian Hampton
- Madeline Bozena
- Meskaalya Bejarano

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**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD. LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

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JANUARY RECOMMENDATIONS

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January 2020 Liturgical Calendar

1/1  Mary, Mother of God
     **Watch:** Ready Reasons: Is Mary the Mother of God?
     **Kids:** Cat.Chat: Episode 1 - Celebrating Mary
     **Listen:** Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

1/2  Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
     **Study:** Symbolon, LTF: Session 10 - Social Catholic Teaching
     **Listen:** Holiness is Always in Season

1/5  Epiphany of the Lord
     **Watch:** Ready Reasons: Were the Magi at Jesus’ Birth?
     **Kids:** Cat.Chat: Episode 2 - Learning about Jesus
     **Listen:** God Made Man

1/12 Baptism of the Lord
      **Study:** Reborn: The Rite Explained
      **Study:** Wild Goose: Session 3 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire
     **Listen:** Changed Forever

1/21 Saint Agnes
     **Listen:** Women Made New
     **Study:** YDisciple: True Beauty Chastity

1/22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
     **Watch:** Why I Left Planned Parenthood
     **Kids:** The Value of Life

1/24 Saint Francis de Sales
     **Study:** True Reformers: Episode 6 - Saint Francis de Sales
     **Read:** Introduction to the Devout Life

1/25 Conversion of Saint Paul
     **Study:** YDisciple: Hot Topics, Episode 1 - Spreading the Gospel
     **Listen:** From Love, By Love, For Love

1/28 Saint Thomas Aquinas
     **Study:** Symbolon, LTF: Session 6 - A Catholic Moral Vision
     **Listen:** Pints with Aquinas: 12 Stories about Aquinas

1/31 Saint John Bosco
     **Watch:** Saint John Bosco
     **Watch:** Don Bosco

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Lord of heaven and earth, having made known your plan of salvation, you now send us to live and share the Gospel. To those who yearn to penetrate the darkness and to walk by your light, make us Magi. Make us people who testify to the light, who stand fast in the face of fear and hostility, who bow down in your presence, and who set our gifts before you. Make us Magi. Make us resolute witnesses, living signs, and true worshippers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 5, 2020
We Must Be Magi

Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12.

Today we hear how God’s light will radiate from his sacred city, Jerusalem, drawing to it the eyes and then the people of every nation on earth. Jews scattered during foreign invasions will return to their homeland. Gentiles, including kings, will join them, bringing incense to burn and animals to offer. They will build up the Temple and praise the Lord, the one true God.

The Magi were Gentiles who looked up and saw a great light. They set forth toward it, bringing gifts to offer, but their path did not lead to Jerusalem. It led instead to Bethlehem, a tiny village. No one at all joined them. The small house they entered was nothing like the Temple. And the only king they encountered, King Herod, wanted the star they followed to darken and disappear.

Nevertheless, when the Magi presented their gifts and prostrated themselves, the prophecy of our first reading began to be fulfilled. In humble surroundings, God's plan of salvation was at last revealed. This plan did not unfold in the way people expected, but then God usually fulfills his promises in ways that startle and even frighten us.

Despite the fear and hostility they encountered, the Magi followed the light and venerated the Lord. We must be like them. We must be Magi. We must move toward the light, bearing witness and paying homage to the Lord who has come among us.
EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Haznos Magos

Señor de cielos y tierra
dándonos a conocer tu plan de salvación,
ahora nos envías a vivir y compartir
el Evangelio.
A los que ansian penetrar la oscuridad
y caminar bajo tu luz, haznos Magos.
Concédenos ser testigos de la luz,
firmes frente al miedo y la hostilidad,
sumisos ante ti,
con todos nuestros dones.

Haznos Magos.
Concédenos ser testigos decididos,
signos vivos y auténticos adoradores.
Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

Domingo, 5 de enero de 2020

Debeemos ser Magos

Lecturas del día: Isaías 60:1–6; Salmo 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Efesios 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mateo 2:1–12. Hemos escuchado que la luz de Dios irradia desde Jerusalén, su ciudad sagrada, atrayendo las miradas y las personas de todos los rincones de la tierra. Los judíos dispersados por las invasiones extranjeras regresarán a su tierra; los extranjeros, reyes incluidos, se les unirán, trayendo incienso para quemar y animales para sacrificar. Ellos construirán el templo y alabarán al único Dios verdadero.

Los Magos eran extranjeros que levantaron sus ojos y vieron una gran luz. Caminaban detrás de ella, llevando los dones que ofrecerían, pero su camino no llevaba a Jerusalén, sino a Belén, un pueblcillo insignificante. Nadie se les unió. La casita a la que entraron en nada se parecía a los edificios de la capital. Herodes fue el único rey que ellos encontraron, y quería que la luz que ellos estaban siguiendo se apagara y desapareciera.

A pesar de todo, cuando los Magos presentaron sus dones y se postraron, el anuncio de la primera lectura comenzó a cumplirse. En medio de la pobreza y la humildad, el designio de salvación de Dios se reveló completamente. Ese designio no se desarrolló como alguna gente deseaba, pero Dios termina por cumplir sus promesas de una manera que nos sorprende y hasta nos asusta.