

Dear Family Member(s) of the Faithfully Departed,

The St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church is sorry for the loss of your faithfully departed and loved one into eternal life with the Lord. We express our sincerest condolences and please know all of you will be in our prayers.

In preparation for the Funeral Mass and if your time allows, we request that you review these **Gospel Readings** and **select one** that will be proclaimed as the **Final Reading during the Funeral Mass**. If you have questions about the Gospel Readings in this document or would like assistance in selecting one, we are more than happy to be of service during the Funeral Mass Preparation Meeting.

Prayers and Peace,

The St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Staff

GOSPEL READINGS

1. Matthew 5:1-12a

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted

2. Matthew 11:25-30s 8: 31b-35, 37-29

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest

3. Matthew 25:1-13 14: 7-9, 10c-12

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour

4. Matthew 25:31-46

Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me

5. Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 [Long Form]

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here

6. Mark 15:33-39 [Short Form]

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

7. Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you, arise!

8. Luke 12:35-40

You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come

9. Luke 23:33, 39-43

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom

10. Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a [Long Form]

Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, he has been raised

11. Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53 [Short Form]

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"

12. John 5:24-29

Whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life

13. John 6:37-40

I will not reject anyone who comes to me

14. John 6:51-58

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day

15. John 11:17-27 [Long Form]

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him

16. John 11:21-27 [Short Form]

I am the resurrection and the life

17. John 11:32-45

Lazarus, come out!

18. John 12:23-28 [Long Form]

Father, glorify your name

19. John 12:23-26 [Short Form]

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

20. John 14:1-6

I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be

21. John 17:24-26

I wish that where I am they also may be with me

22. John 19:17-18, 25-39

Jesus said, "I thirst"

1

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,

and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake
of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and
persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you
falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

2

Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus answered:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,

and no one knows the Father except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

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3

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins

who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,

brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed,

they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

'Give us some of your oil,

for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise ones replied,

'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'

While they went off to buy it,

the bridegroom came

and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'

But he said in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

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4

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,

and all the angels with him,

he will sit upon his glorious throne,

and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,

as a shepherd separates

the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you

gave me food,
I was thirsty and you
gave me drink,
a stranger and you
welcomed me,
naked and you clothed
me,
ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited
me.'

Then the righteous will
answer him and say,
'Lord, when did we see
you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you
drink?

When did we see you a
stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or
in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to
them in reply,
'Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did
for one of these least
brothers of mine, you did
for me.'

Then he will say to those on
his left,
'Depart from me, you
accursed,
into the eternal fire
prepared for the Devil and
his angels.

For I was hungry and you
gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you

gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave
me no welcome,
naked and you gave me
no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you
did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and
say,

'Lord, when did we see
you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or

ill or in prison,
and not minister to your
needs?'

He will answer them,

'Amen, I say to you,

what you did not do for
one of these least ones,

you did not do for me.'

And these will go off to
eternal punishment,

but the righteous to
eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord

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5

Gospel Reading – Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 [Long Form]

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to Mark

At noon darkness came over the
whole land

until three in the afternoon.

And at three o'clock Jesus cried
out in a loud voice,

"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

which is translated,

"My God, my God, why have
you forsaken me?"

Some of the bystanders who heard
it said,

"Look, he is calling Elijah."

One of them ran, soaked a sponge
with wine, put it on a reed,

and gave it to him to drink,

saying,

"Wait, let us see if Elijah

comes to take him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed
his last.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn
in two from top to bottom.

When the centurion who stood
facing him

saw how he breathed his last he
said,

"Truly this man was the Son of
God!"

When the sabbath was over,

Mary Magdalene, Mary, the
mother of James, and Salome

bought spices so that they
might go and anoint him.

Very early when the sun had risen,

on the first day of the week,
they came to the tomb.
They were saying to one another,
"Who will roll back the stone
for us
from the entrance to the tomb?"
When they looked up,
they saw that the stone had
been rolled back;
it was very large.
On entering the tomb they saw a

young man
sitting on the right side, clothed
in a white robe,
and they were utterly amazed.
He said to them, "Do not be
amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the
crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Behold the place where they laid
him."

The Gospel of the Lord

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Gospel Reading – Mark 15:33-39 [Short Form]

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7

Gospel Reading – Luke 7:11-17

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to Luke

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied
him.

As he drew near to the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.

A large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,
"Do not weep."

He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted,

and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!"

The dead man sat up and began to speak,

and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear seized them all, and they glorified God,

exclaiming,

"A great prophet has arisen in our midst,"

and "God has visited his people."

This report about him spread through the whole of

Judea

and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord

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8

Gospel Reading – Luke 12:35-40

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Gird your loins and light your lamps

and be like servants who await their master's return
from a wedding,

ready to open immediately when he comes and
knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,

have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on
them.

And should he come in the second or third watch

and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not
expect,

the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord

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9

Gospel Reading – Luke 23:33, 39-43

A reading from the Holy ✠ Gospel according to Luke

When the soldiers came to the place called the Skull,
they crucified Jesus and the criminals there,
one on his right, the other on his left.

Now one of the criminals hanging there
reviled Jesus, saying,
"Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us."

The other man, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
"Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?"

And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our

crimes,

but this man has done nothing criminal."

Then he said,

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

He replied to him,

"Amen, I say to you,

today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord

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10

Gospel Reading – Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a [Long Form]

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to Luke

It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon
because of an eclipse of the sun.

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";
and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who,
though he was a member of the council,
went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus.

After he had taken the Body down,
he wrapped it in a linen cloth
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb
in which no one had yet been buried.

At daybreak on the first day of the week

the women took the spices they had prepared
and went to the tomb.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb;

but when they entered,

they did not find the Body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were puzzling over this, behold,

two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.

They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them,

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?

He is not here, but he has been raised."

The Gospel of the Lord

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11

Gospel Reading – Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53 [Short Form]

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until three in the afternoon

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"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";

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Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named

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he wrapped it in a linen cloth
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb
in which no one had yet been buried.

The Gospel of the Lord

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12

Gospel Reading – John 5:24-29

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to John

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word
and believes in the one who sent me
has eternal life and will not come to condemnation,
but has passed from death to life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is
now here

when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself,

so also he gave to the Son the possession of life in
himself.

And he gave him power to exercise judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this,

because the hour is coming in which all who are in
the tombs

will hear his voice and will come out,

those who have done good deeds

to the resurrection of life,

but those who have done wicked deeds

to the resurrection of condemnation.

The Gospel of the Lord

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13

Gospel Reading – John 6:37-40

A reading from the Holy ✠ Gospel according to
John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to
me,

and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my
own will

but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,

that I should not lose anything of what he gave
me,

but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,

that everyone who sees the Son and believes in
him

may have eternal life,

and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord

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14

Gospel Reading – John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh
for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,

"How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his
Blood,

you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood

has eternal life,

and I will raise him on the last day.

For my Flesh is true food,

and my Blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood

remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me

and I have life because of the Father,

so also the one who feeds on me

will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,

whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord

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15

Gospel Reading – John 11:17-27 [Long Form]

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to John

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus
had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went to meet him;
but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,
"Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you."

Jesus said to her,
"Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him,

"I know he will rise,
in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her,

"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

16

Gospel Reading – John 11:21-27 [Short Form]

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to John

Martha said to Jesus,

"Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you."

Jesus said to her,

"Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him,

"I know he will rise,
in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her,

"I am the resurrection and the life;

whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will
never die.

Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son
of God,

the one who is coming into the world."

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17

Gospel Reading – John 11:32-45

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to John

When Mary came to where

Jesus was and saw him,

she fell at his feet and

said to him,

"Lord, if you had been

here,

my brother would not

have died."

When Jesus saw her

weeping and the Jews who

had come with her weeping,

he became perturbed and

deeply troubled, and said,

"Where have you laid

him?"

They said to him, "Sir,

come and see."

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how

he loved him."

But some of them said,

"Could not the one who

opened the eyes of the blind

man

have done something so

that this man would not

have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again,
came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone
lay across it.

Jesus said, "Take away the
stone."

Martha, the dead man's
sister, said to him,

"Lord, by now there will
be a stench;

he has been dead for four
days."

Jesus said to her,

"Did I not tell you that if
you believe

you will see the glory of
God?"

So they took away the
stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes
and said,

"Father, I thank you for
hearing me.

I know that you always hear
me;

but because of the crowd
here I have said this,

that they may believe
that you sent me."

And when he had said this,

he cried out in a loud
voice,

"Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out,

tied hand and foot with
burial bands,

and his face was
wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to the crowd,

"Untie him and let him
go."

and seen what he had
done began to believe in
him.

Now many of the Jews who
had come to Mary

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

18

Gospel Reading – John 12:23-28 [Long Form]

A reading from the Holy ✠ Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;

but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,

and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

'Father, save me from this hour'?

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,

"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

19

Gospel Reading – John 12:23-26 [Short Form]

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to
John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and
dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat;

but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,

and whoever hates his life in this world

will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

The Gospel of the Lord

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20

Gospel Reading – John 14:1-6

A reading from the Holy ✠ Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know where you are going;
how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the
life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

21

Gospel Reading – John 17:24-26

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me,

that they may see my glory that you gave me,

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,

but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known,

that the love with which you loved me

may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord

℟. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

22

Gospel Reading – John 19:17-18, 25-39

A reading from the holy ✠ gospel according to John

So they took Jesus,
and, carrying the
cross himself,

he went out to
what is called the
Place of the Skull,
in Hebrew,
Golgotha.

There they crucified
him, and with him
two others,
one on either side,
with Jesus in the
middle.

Standing by the cross
of Jesus were his
mother

and his mother's
sister, Mary the wife
of Clopas,
and Mary
Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his
mother and the
disciple whom he
loved,

he said to his
mother, "Woman,
behold, your son."

Then he said to the
disciple,

"Behold, your
mother."

And from that hour

the disciple took her
into his home.

After this, aware that
everything was now
finished,

in order that the
Scripture might be
fulfilled,

Jesus said, "I
thirst."

There was a vessel
filled with common
wine.

So they put a sponge
soaked in wine on a
sprig of hyssop

and put it up to

his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,

"It is finished."

And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.

Now since it was preparation day,

in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath,

for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,

the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken

and they be taken down.

So the soldiers came

and broke the legs of the first

and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,

they did not break his legs,

but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,

and immediately Blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true;

he knows that he is speaking the truth,

so that you also may come to believe.

For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:

Not a bone of it will be broken.

And again another passage says:

They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea,

secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews,

asked Pilate if he could remove the Body of Jesus.

And Pilate permitted it.

So he came and took his Body.

Nicodemus, the one
who had first come
to him at night,
 also came
bringing a mixture of
myrrh and aloes
 weighing about
one hundred pounds.

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Lord Jesus Christ.

