

SETON NUGGETS

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Reprint of First Column from our First Pastor

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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

"All things are ready . . . Come!" Next Saturday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m., Sunland Chapel (Sunland Memorial Park, Del Webb Blvd.) will be the scene as we gather together to inaugurate our new parish which is dedicated to the first native North American Saint with the celebration of Holy Mass. What a great honor and privilege it is for all of us to be able to form this first parish in the Southwest in honor of our beautiful Saint who was officially canonized by Pope Paul VI on September 14, 1975.

We have received permission to use the Bell Recreational Center Social Hall for Masses beginning on Sunday, October 3rd. So, on that weekend the scene will shift a bit. We will continue to use the Sunland Chapel every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. for those who wish to fulfill their Sunday obligation on Saturday. However, in addition, beginning October 3 and on all subsequent Sundays we will celebrate Mass in the Bell Center at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. This Sunday mass schedule is necessitated by the fact that Willowbrook Methodist Church has already been conducting services there at 10:00 a.m. for some time. I want to express my thanks to the Recreational Centers of Sun City and the Lundberg Mortuaries for the use of these facilities gratis, and to Rev. Arthur J. Wilson and his Methodist Congregation for being so accommodating to us. I am also happy to announce that through the good offices of Father Waldron we will have daily mass for our parishioners, Monday through Friday at 8:15 beginning Monday, September 27th.

The words at the outset of this letter form the title to one of the chapters in a recently published book on the life of St. Elizabeth Seton. What more appropriate invitation can I extend to all of you in her name to join me this weekend as we take this important step towards the formation and the building of a new parish in her honor! St. Elizabeth Seton's life was not an easy one. It was frought with many challenges, trials and tribulations. Her conversion to the Catholic faith after her husband's death gave her the grace and strength to overcome much opposition from family and friends to become one of God's truly loved ones in our time. If there is anyone on our side as we begin this new venture in faith, it is St. Elizabeth Seton.

And so, my dear people, God has entrusted me and you with this challenge and I am so happy to see so many who are ready

promise to do my best as the good Lord sees fit, and I am confident that you will be equal to the call also. So, I need all of you within the designated boundaries of the parish, both north and south of Bell Road and your presence this weekend will be something to remember. Please use your present envelopes and earmark them for St. Elizabeth Seton Parish until we get new ones printed. There will be special envelopes available for those who have none presently.

May this weekend be the occasion for a tremendous outpouring of love and sacrifice by you, the great people of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and Sun City.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Paul P Smith, Pastor

ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH • SUN CITY ARIZONA

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Parish was canonically erected by a decree of Archbishop McCarthy which was officially published on September 16, 1976. The Reverend Paul P. Smith has been appointed founding Pastor of this, the third Catholic Parish in the Sun City Ccnmunity. The Parish 1B dedicated to the first native North American Saint who was offici— ally canonized by His Holiness, Pope Paul VI on September 14, 1975.

The Parish boundaries include all of the Sun City area north of Bell Road plus a section south of Bell Road which is bounded by 99th Avenue . On the West; 91st Avenue on the East and the north side of Greenway on the South.

The Mass schedule for St. Elizabeth Seton Parish as follows:

Saturdays :	4:00 p.m.	Sunland Chapel
Sundays :	8:00 a.m.	Bell Center Social Hall
	10:00 a	Sunland Chapel

Daily Mags will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. Monday through Friday in St. Clement of Rome Church. The mailing address of Ste Elizabeth Par— Ish Is P.O. Box 1173 and the temporary phone number until October 16 is 974-6664.

Father Paul Smith came to Arizona Ireland in March, 1947. His first six years v&re spent In ministering to Catholic Churches in Phoenix, Tucson• and Clifton, Arizona. In June, 1953 he was assigned to found SS. Simon and Jude Parioh (n Northwest Phoenix where he was Pastor until July I, 1976.