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ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday–Thursday**

8:30AM–12:30PM 1–3:30PM

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday (anticipated) 4:15PM**

**Sunday 8:15AM, 10:15AM, 6:15PM**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:15AM**

**Wednesday 5:30PM**

**Confessions** heard daily 30 minutes before Mass.

**Confessions** heard Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:00PM.

**Children’s Church** is held at 10:15AM masses. Children 4 years old up to first communion are invited to participate in their own celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. Simply bring children to the baptistry 10 minutes before mass begins.



## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Gary Schexnayder**, Pastor

**Deacon Nelson Schexnayder**, Deacon

**Deacon Michael Morrison**, Deacon

**Deacon Ronald Chauvin**, Deacon

**Linda Souther**

Secretary

**Gerrie Baumbouree**

Director of Religious Education / Safe Environment

**Marc Conque**

4:15, 8:15 & 10:15 Music Minister

**Michael Grado**

10:15 Choir Director

**Francis LeBlanc**

6:15 Music Minister

**Elmary Francis**

Bulletin Editor & Bookkeeper

**Anne Guidry**

Baptism Coordinator

**Tonia Harrington**

First Communion/ First Penance Coordinator, & Preschool Religious Education

**Diane Triche**

Welcome & Visitation Minister

**Diana Zeringue**

Liturgical Coordinator

## **BAPTISM**

Registration during the early stages of pregnancy for the Baptism course is strongly recommended.

## **CONFIRMATION**

All students, including those in Catholic schools, are to register in August of their junior year of high school. Call the office for registration requirements.

## **FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST COMMUNION**

All children, including those in Catholic schools, should be registered at the beginning of their second grade year in order to participate in the sacramental preparation.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- First through tenth -graders meet on Tuesday evenings, October-April.
- Vacation Bible School, for children ages 4-10, is held for one week each summer.
- Confirmation students must complete 24 hours of high school religious education prior to their junior year.
- Adults wishing to learn more about their Catholic faith, including those wishing to become members of the Catholic Church, should call the office to speak with Gerrie Baumbouree.

## **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

The church can be reserved as much as 18 months before a wedding. In most cases, diocesan policy requires an appointment six months prior to the wedding date. Couples are required to attend a diocesan marriage preparation course. Please view wedding guidelines on the parish web site, under Our Parish.

## **COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Please call the office to speak with Diane Triche.

Online Giving



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017



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**LOST:** We are looking for two benches that sit in front of the Church. They are gone, and we don't know where to find them. Please call the office, if you know where they are.

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**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Birthday** This Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Offices will be closed in observance.

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**“That Man Is You”** Resumes on Tuesday morning at 5:30AM in the Family Center.

**First Communion/First Penance Parent Meeting** Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15PM in the Family Center.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JAN 16**

7:15AM Marjorie Melancon (BD), Sidney Melancon

**TUESDAY, JAN 17**

7:15AM Diana Zeringue & fly., M/M Joe Zeringue

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 18**

5:30PM Shine & Mary Domingue, Charlotte Domingue, Deneige Breaux, Ashton Breaux, Shannon Savoie, Paul & Ina Savoie, Gregory Leger, Gretchen Leger, Christina Leger, Jerry Leger, Jr. Jeremy Leger

**THURSDAY, JAN 19**

7:15AM For the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Seton Church

**FRIDAY, JAN 20**

7:15AM Yvonne Hernandez, Bella Hernandez, Gussie Hernandez

**SATURDAY, JAN 21**

4:15PM Jules, Irma, Ed, Ann Broussard, Debbie Erath Jules, Mathilde Martin Broussard, Beverly Brown, Norton

Zeringue, Jr., Shirley Daigle, Joyce Hebert, Larry (BD) Claudia & Leon Miller, Marella Mouton, Alice & Milda Bernard, Lenora & Aaron Benoit, Fred & Roy Souther, W. A. Souther, III, M/M Slim Souther, Vernon Hebert Landry, Agnes, John & Rena Lemaire, Alozia Benoit, Gayle Addison, Joseph E. Valentour, Jr. M/M Joseph E. Valentour, Sr., Kristan V. Fautleroy, Roy, Cora & Paul Gauthier, Catherine Schexnider, Harvey Schexnider & fly.

**SUNDAY, JAN 22**

8:15AM M/M Adlar Hebert & fly., Dr. & Mrs. Glynn Hebert & fly., M/M Albert Guidry & fly., M/M Adles Hebert & fly., M/M Raouel Vincent & fly, Nolan Hargrave, Jr., Leroy & Sarah Hargrave, Winnie Peterson, Gregory Leger, Gretchen Leger, Christina Leger, Jerry Leger, Jr., Jeremy Leger

10:15AM John L. Leblanc, Annabelle L. Leblanc, Joann Delhomme, Rene D. Delhomme, Sr., Rene D. Delhomme, Jr., Ro Foley, Clifford Lear-Claude, Lillian Hebert

6:15PM For the parishioner of St. Elizabeth Seton Church

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** In memory of John & Agnes Lemaire

*B=Birthday, WA=Wedding Anniv., AD=Anniv. of Death*

**Remember me!**



This Monday, January 16  
6:30PM  
in the Ministries Building

A support group for caretakers, family, and friends of dementia/ Alzheimer's patients. We meet on the third Monday of each month. Everyone is invited and there is no registration necessary. Ideas and resources will be shared. For more information: contact the church office at (337) 235-1483 or email SetonRememberMe@gmail.com.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>JAN 15</b>	<b>16</b> Parish Offices Closed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday 6:30PM Remember Me, MB	<b>17</b> 5:30AM TMIY Meeting, FC	<b>18</b> 6:15PM RCIA, MB 6:30PM Choir Practice, A	<b>19</b> 6:00PM Faith Formation Mtg., MB 6:15PM First Communion/Reconciliation Parents Meeting, FC	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 3:30PM Confession
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30PM Stewardship Committee Meeting, MB	<b>24</b> 5:30AM TMIY Meeting, FC	<b>25</b> 6:15PM RCIA, MB 6:30PM Choir Practice, A	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 3:30PM Confession 5:15PM Parish Gumbo, FC

**PARISH DATE**

**16 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY** Monday, January 16. Parish Offices are closed.

**“REMEMBER ME”** Monday, January 16, at 6:30PM in the Ministries Building.

**19 FIRST COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION PARENTS MEETING** Thursday, January 19, at 6:15PM, in the Family Center.

**SUN CHILDREN'S CHURCH** (10:15 AM)

**TUES ADORATION** (7:45AM til Wed 4:00PM)

**TUES ALANON** (7:00 PM) **AA** (8:00 PM)

**WED ROSARY GROUP** ( 10:00 AM)

## Theology of the Body—Level II

Sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate, this eight-week series will be presented by Adele Guillot and Karol Meynard. Sessions will be held each Wednesday evening from 6-8:00PM, in the John XXIII meeting room of Immaculata Center, concluding on February 22. For details please contact the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate at (337) 261-5607.

## Companions Along the Journey

**Every Thursday**  
**6:30 - 8:30PM**



Companions Along the Journey is a bereavement support group for those 18 years of age or older.

Evening meetings are available on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30PM. These meetings are hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Church (1110 Old Spanish Trail, in Room #1 of the new CCD building. For more information about these meetings, please contact Carla Olivier at (337) 654-8917.

Afternoon meetings are also held from 12:00-1:00PM on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Katherine Drexel Room of Immaculata Center (1408 Carmel Drive). For more information please contact the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate at (337) 261-5607.

## DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

The 2017 session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University has been scheduled at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. **The session will begin Thursday, January 26, at 6:00PM and continue every Thursday until March 23, 2017.** Each of the nine classes will last for approximately 1.5 hours. For questions, please contact either of the class coordinators: Scott Frederick at [scottfrederick175@gmail.com](mailto:scottfrederick175@gmail.com) or (337) 257-2486, or Brigitte Firmin at [dalebrigittefirmin@yahoo.com](mailto:dalebrigittefirmin@yahoo.com) or (337) 322-9721.

## Remembering

# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



(born Michael King Jr.)

January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was an American Baptist minister and activist who was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs.

King became a civil rights activist early in his career. He led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957, serving as its first president. With the SCLC, King led an unsuccessful 1962 struggle against segregation in Albany, Georgia (the Albany Movement), and helped organize the 1963 nonviolent protests in Birmingham, Alabama. King also helped to organize the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. There, he established his reputation as one of the greatest orators in American history.

On October 14, 1964, King received the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In 1965, he helped to organize the Selma to Montgomery marches, and the following year he and SCLC took the movement north to Chicago to work on segregated housing. In the final years of his life, King expanded his focus to include opposition towards poverty and the Vietnam War, alienating many of his liberal allies with a 1967 speech titled "Beyond Vietnam".

In 1968, King was planning a national occupation of Washington, D.C., to be called the Poor People's Campaign, when he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. His death was followed by riots in many U.S. cities.

King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in numerous cities and states beginning in 1971, and as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986. Hundreds of streets in the U.S. have been renamed in his honor, and a county in Washington State was also renamed for him. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in 2011.

# PASTOR'S CORNER

January 14 - 15, 2017



The oldest Priest in the Diocese of Lafayette, Father Raymond Robitaille, died on January 4. He had been a Priest for over 72 years and was 97 years of age. Father was born in St. Romuald Quebec, Canada on January 4, 1919. He was of a family of nine children. As a young adult he entered Our Lady of the Prairies Trappist Monastery in St. Norbert Manitoba, Canada and was ordained a Priest on June 18, 1944. Father Raymond lived at the Trappist Monastery for eight years and because of personal health reasons, especially the very cold winters, he came to the Diocese of Lafayette in 1952 to live with his uncle, Msgr. Martele, at St. Anthony Church in Eunice. Father Robitaille served for twelve years in Eunice until he was assigned Pastor of St. Marcellus Church in Rynella near Avery Island. For seventeen years, Father served the people of St. Marcellus in a faithful, generous, gentle and devoted manner. His years at St. Marcellus were some of the most blessed of his long and beautiful life. As a newly ordained Priest in 1969, I was assigned to St. Peter Church in New Iberia and got to know Father Robitaille. He was kind, helpful, encouraging and inspirational to me as a young Priest. Over the years, my admiration and my appreciation of Father and his Priesthood grew and became even more affectionate. Several years after his assignment at St. Marcellus in Rynella, for reasons of poor health, Father moved in to Consolata Nursing Home. During his years there he was the Chaplain and cared for the residents as well as the other Priests of our Diocese who were at Consolata. His gentle spirit, his pleasant demeanor, his caring attitude and his prayerful disposition enabled Father Robitaille to be an instrument of great priestly service to all who were at Consolata including the Staff, the residents, the family and friends of the residents who came to visit. Father Raymond Robitaille lived an exemplary life as a Priest for 72 years as one of the most humble, caring and sincere Priests that I have ever known.

Father Robitaille's Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Marcellus Church in Rynella on Monday, January 9, at 10 AM. Bishop Douglas Deshotel, the Ordinary of the Diocese of Lafayette, was the Celebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial; over fifty Priests of the Diocese concelebrated the Mass. A large number of friends, former parishioners and a few relatives of Father Robitaille from Canada (two nieces and a nephew) were at the Funeral Mass. Father Donovan Labbe gave the Homily for the Mass. Father Labbe had served as Pastor at St. Marcellus and Father Robitaille had selected him to preach the Homily at his Funeral Mass. Father Labbe is to be commended for his excellent Homily on the importance of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ and how Father Robitaille was such a model and a disciple of service following the example of Jesus Christ, the true Priest. In my heart and in the hearts of many, Father Robitaille will long be remembered and esteemed as a wonderful, humble and faithful Priest. May he rest in peace! May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, especially his loved ones who have gone before him, rest in the peace of the heavenly Father.

In the Gospel of today's Mass from John 1:29-34, we read: "John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" These powerful words are prayed at every Mass after the sign of peace as we prepare to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. May our minds and our hearts be more and more attentive to the meaning of these words of John the Baptist as we know that only the Lord Jesus, the Messiah, the Savior and the Redeemer, can take away our sins and the sins of the world. May we faithfully, contritely and sincerely open our consciences to the healing mercy of the Lord Jesus who forgives us our sins, cleanses us from our guilt and shame and delivers us from all our fears, hurts, worries and regrets. At every Mass, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and gives us a new heart, a forgiven spirit and a healed conscience.

My prayers, good wishes, love and gratitude to you and to your loved ones for who you are, for all you do for the Lord and for the good of St. Elizabeth Seton Church Parish. May the new year 2017 be a time of blessing, a time of hope and a time of renewal for each and every one of us. May we seek to be obedient to the will of God in our lives.

SHALOM! Fr. Gary

**Homework for the week of January 15 - January 21**  
**Hebrews 4:12-16**



## Online Giving

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church is pleased to announce that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your offertory donations. Electronic giving is convenient so that when travelling, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [www.setonchurch.org](http://www.setonchurch.org) and locate the **Online Giving** button located on the Home Page.

Or, you can use the QR code on the front of this bulletin on your smart phone!

*If you choose this method of electronic giving, and you receive envelopes, please call the office (235-1483) to cancel the mailing of envelopes!*



### Pastoral Care Volunteers – UHC

Pastoral Care Volunteers are needed at **University Hospital and Clinics** (formerly “UMC”). If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to volunteer to help visit patients, please contact Father Richard Kalinowski, SVD, in the Pastoral Care Office (261-6454). Please leave a message with your name and telephone number clearly stated and Father Richard will contact you.

Volunteers are needed for Lafayette General Health at: Lafayette General Medical Center, Lafayette General Southwest, and University Hospital and Clinics. We would like to give you an opportunity to give back to your community while experiencing the joy and satisfaction of serving others through our extensive volunteer program. We have positions in Pastoral Care, Information desks, greeters, clerical assistants, and many more. For more information call Monica Guidry, Volunteer Manager at (337) 289-7130 or email [moguidry@lgh.org](mailto:moguidry@lgh.org).

## FOOTPRINTS



One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. Each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. “Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you’d walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.”

The Lord replied, “My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

author unknown

### GOD KNOWS BEST

God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, on only one for it to go out.

-Anonymous

# VITA

This new year,  
make a resolution to help someone.

Join us for

## ***“Tutor Training”***

with Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults

Tutors provide one-to-one instructions to adults who want to improve their reading, writing, math or English skills. Becoming a VITA tutor is a rewarding New Year’s resolution.



**Session 1: January 26, 2017 from 5-7:30PM**

**Session 2: February 2, 2017 from 5-7:30PM**

Please note that session 1 and 2 are both required.

Contact us today to register!

VITA

905 Jefferson Street, Suite 404

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## **Homebound?**

If you are a parishioner who is homebound or know of a parishioner who is homebound and unable to attend Mass, Diane Triche, our Minister to the Sick and Homebound, would like to bring Communion to you or another parishioner on a weekly basis while you are unable to come to church. Please call the office at 235-1483 and leave your name and phone number for Diane Triche, and she will return your call in a timely manner. Diane can also be reached at [setonvisit@gmail.com](mailto:setonvisit@gmail.com).



# ANNUAL PARISH GUMBO



Everyone is invited to the Annual Parish Gumbo on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM** in the Fr. LaFleur Family Center. Plan to join us and share an evening of fellowship and good food with your church families.

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## **SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

All are encouraged to pray for our Seminarians as they study to become faith-filled followers and leaders of Christ. Below is a list of those to pray for this week:

- \* Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Mr. David Rozas
- \* Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - Peter Sahuc, Jr.
- \* Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - Andrew Schumacher
- \* Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - Brent Smith
- \* Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> - Dexter Thibodeaux
- \* Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - Michael Vidrine
- \* Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Nicholas Ware

**Prayer:** O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit God forever and ever. Amen.

## THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today’s shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple “low” Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

- Rev. James Field, Copyright @ J.S. Paluch Co.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Monday, January 16** - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Parish Offices will be closed.
- \* **Monday, January 16** - “Remember Me” at 6:30PM in the Ministries Building.
- \* **Tuesday, January 17** - That Man Is You at 5:30AM in the Family Center.
- \* **Wednesday, January 18** - RCIA Classes at 6:15PM in the Family Center.
- \* **Thursday, January 19** - First Communion/First Penance Parent Meeting at 6:15PM in the Family Center.
- \* **Thursday, January 19** - Faith Formation Meeting at 6:00PM in the Ministries Building.
- \* **Saturday, January 28** - Annual Parish Gumbo at 5:30PM in the Fr. LaFleur Family Center.

**Homework for the week of January 15 - 21**  
**Hebrews 4:12-16**

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

All are encouraged to pray for the priests who work in the Diocese of Lafayette each day. Every day there is a specific intention for one of our priests for special consideration; the specific **intentions this week are:**

- \* Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Allen Breaux
- \* Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - Rev. John “Buddy” Breaux
- \* Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Joseph Breaux
- \* Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Joseph Brennan
- \* Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Francis Brou, SJ
- \* Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - Rev. David Broussard
- \* Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Rev. Henry Broussard

**Prayer:** Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## WEEKLY DONATION

**January 8, 2017**

Offertory:	\$12,826.00
Building Fund:	1,601.00
Other Donations:	302.00

Total Donations: \$14,729.00

Online Donations for December was \$2,524.13

**Thank you for your generosity.**