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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. David Hebert, 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 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

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



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017



S **Mass Schedule for the Christmas Holiday**
Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Regular Liturgy.
 Masses are 8:15AM and 10:15AM. There will **NOT** be a regular Sunday evening 6:15PM service.

IE **Sunday, December 24** - Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated at 4:15PM and 6:15PM.

S **Monday, December 25** - Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated at 8:15AM and 10:15AM.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC 18

7:15AM Ryan Guidry (AD), Joe Gresko, M/M Lucien Olivier, Alton Olivier (BD)

TUESDAY, DEC 19

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC 20

5:30PM Agnes, John & Rena Lemaire, Alozia Benoit, Dewey Matt, M/M Nazare Matt, Greg Leger, Lorraine Higginbotham (AD) & family

THURSDAY, DEC 21

7:15AM For Lost Souls, Bella Hernandez, Yvonne Hernandez, Gussie Hernandez

FRIDAY, DEC 22

7:15AM For the homeless, Demus Comeaux, Lolley & John Clay Comeaux, M/M Wilton Comeaux

SATURDAY, DEC 23

4:15PM Jules & Irma Broussard & fly., Jules & Mathilde Broussard & fly., Bertha Guilbeaux (BD), Yves Guilbeaux, Lorraine Higginbotham, Agnes, John, & Rena Lemaire, Alozia Benoit, Norton Zeringue, Jr., Alvin "Papit" Guidry, M/M George Arceneaux, M/M Ivan Fontenot, Steve Arceneaux, Larry Arceneaux, Lou Ella

Arceneaux, M/M Ferdie Arceneaux. M/M Otis Broussard, Gerald Landry, M/M Elie Broussard, Joseph E. Valentour, Jr., M/M Joseph E. Valentour, Sr., Kristan V. Fauntelory, Roy, Cora & Paul Gauthier, Victoria M. Pepitone (BD), Tyler Jacob Myers, Gil Gonzalez, Doris Jane Hebert, Fred & Roy Souther, The Caubarreaux fly., The Lynch fly., Doris Jane Hebert, Rayford Bertrand

SANCTUARY LIGHT: In Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, DEC 24

8:15AM Mass for the people

10:15AM Jolynda Comeaux, Vivian Guidry, Jessica Begnaud, Charles Bundrick

SUNDAY, DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

4:15PM Jim Pollock, E.J. & Inez Camille, Grandchildren: Ryan, Seth, Courtney, Haley, Tyler, Kyle, Lexi, Royce & Caleb, Agnes, John & Rena Lemaire, Alozia Benoit, Gayle Addison, Julie D. Brown, M/M Paul Durand, Sr. & Fly. Diana Viator, Sharon Borel, Russell Breaux, Abel & Eleda Breaux, Bryan Huval, Joseph E. Valentour, Jr., M/M Joseph E. Valentour, Sr. Kristan V. Fauntelory, Roy, Cora & Paul Gauthier, Bob Higginbotham/Lorraine Higginbotham & Family, Fred & Roy Souther, The Souther Fly, The Caubarreaux Fly., Simon Chiasson, Jr., Stephanie Vincent, Norman Vincent, Ben Mobert. Demus Comeaux, Leland Comeaux, Joe Lassers, Diana Zeringue

6:15PM Alexandra O. Johnson, M/M Taft Francis, Sr., Mary Celestine, M/M Howard Green, Sr.

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

**Christmas
 Mass
 Schedule**



Masses for Christmas will be celebrated as follows:

Christmas Eve
 Sunday, December 24
 4:15PM & 6:15PM

Christmas Day
 Monday, December 25
 8:15AM & 10:15AM

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
DEC 17	18 6:00PM Confirmation Class, FC 6:30PM "Remember Me" Meeting, MB	19	20 6:15PM RCIA, MB 6:30 - 8:00PM "The Light Is On", C	21	22	23 3:30PM Confession
24 NO Children's Church 4:15 & 6:15PM Christmas Eve Masses	25 Merry Christmas 8:15 & 10:15AM Christmas Day Masses	26 Parish Offices Closed NO Religious Education Classes	27 NO RCIA Class	28	29	30 3:30PM Confession

PARISH DATE

- 18 **CONFIRMATION CLASS** Monday, December 18, at 6:00PM in the Family Center.
"REMEMBER ME" MEETING Monday, December 18, at 6:30PM in the Ministries Building.
- 20 **"THE LIGHT IS ON"** Wednesday, December 20, from 6:30-8:00PM in Church.

SUN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:15 AM) **TUES ADORATION (7:45AM til Wed 4:00PM)**
TUES AA (7:00 PM) **WED ROSARY GROUP (10AM)**

Liturgical Minister's Schedule

December 23 - 24, 2017 Saturday, 4:15PM

Hospitality Coor. Hospitality Min Eucharist Coor. Eucharist Min. Altar Servers Lectors

VOLUNTEER MINISTERS NEEDED

Sunday, 8:15AM

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Sunday, 10:15AM

VOLUNTEER MINISTERS NEEDED

Sunday, 4:15PM

6:15PM

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December 30 -31, 2017 Saturday, 4:15PM

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Sunday, 8:15AM

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Sunday, 10:15AM

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Sunday, 6:15PM

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PASTOR'S CORNER

December 16-17, 2017

On December 3rd we began the Season of Advent. Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed – or cursed – with the ability to fear our actions or to shape them. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair.

One of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from our own or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery.

Thus we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst.

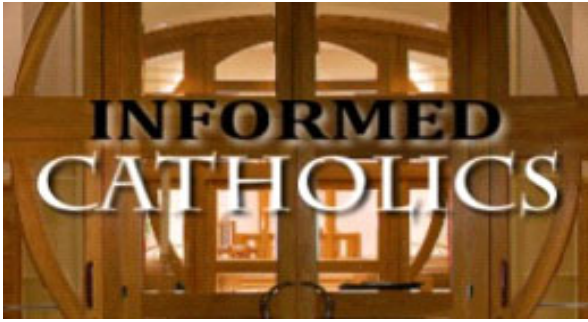
Pope Francis declared this Church year as the "Year of Mercy." The hope that Christians hold on to in their lives comes from the mercy and forgiveness that God freely gives to each of us. It inspires us to persevere in seeking holiness in our lives despite our stumbling and failings. That is the beauty of God's great love for each of us – He continually forgives us despite our unfaithfulness so that we can become better people, holier people worthy of His kingdom.

May this Advent and Christmas open our eyes and hearts to the love of God for all His creation. May we prepare ourselves spiritually through prayer, fasting and repentance in order that we be filled with anticipation, hope and joy for the coming of our Lord.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed-Filled Christmas and Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year!

Fr. David





**RUNNIN' REVS
vs.
SLAMMIN' SEMS
BASKETBALL GAME**



DECEMBER 16-17, 2017 —

➤ **The Act of Penitence in the Mass**

Christ calls for reconciliation with others before offering sacrifice (Matt 23-25). The *Confiteor* challenges us to reflect four ways in which we may have fallen into sin: “In my thought and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.” We repeat “through my fault” three times to show that we are truly and sincerely sorry for our sins.

We are all equal here. We are all sinners. God forgives and accepts all of us. The price is that we must forgive and accept others. We must also pray for one another with hope. In Luke 15:2, the Pharisee grumbled because Jesus ate with sinners. He still does!

The Kyrie is one of the oldest parts of the Mass. It is a translation of the Greek word *eleison*, which means to come to the aid of another because of relationship. It is a three-fold petition for mercy and reminds us of God’s love for us, even in the face of our sins.

The *Informed Catholics* monthly column can be found on our church website.

A NOTE FROM FR. GARY:

Thank you very much for your prayers, your cards and your friendship over these past months. I am very grateful to each of you for your kindness and concern. I am feeling good, I am healthy and very energetic! The Lord continues to bless me and to provide for me in so many ways. My prayers, gratitude and appreciation. May Jesus be the Prince of Peace for you and your families this Christmas Season.

Shalom, Fr. Gary



Come cheer on your favorite team when the **Lafayette Diocesan Priests** battle the **Diocese Seminarians** on **Tuesday, December 27**, at 6:30PM in the Cathedral-Carmel Gym, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette, for their 12th Annual basketball competition. This always popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Doors open at 5:30PM. Admission is \$5 per adult and \$1 for those under 18. Concessions will be available. Last year the Seminarians beat the Priest 36-29. Join us to see who will win this year! Hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Do you want to live debt free? Do you want control over your finances? Do you want to help others with the blessings that God has given you? Then please join us for another session of Financial Peace University at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. Classes will take place in the Family Life Center for nine Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30PM, beginning on January 10 until March 7, 2018. Please sign up online: <https://fpu.com/1053540>. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Brigitte Firmin at 322-9721 or dalebrigittefirmin@yahoo.com, or contact Scott Frederick at 257-2486 or scottfrederick175@gmail.com. We hope you can join us and learn how to gain financial peace!

PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

- Georg C. Lichtenberg

Online Giving

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church now offers 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 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!

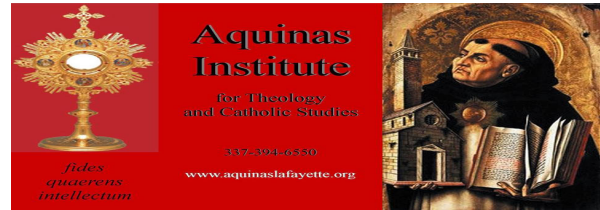


ENGAGED COUPLES

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are **January 12-14, March 9-11, and April 27-29**. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecee.org or contact **Paul & Carolyn Trahan** at (337)254-8947 or (337)898-9257, or cee.trahan@gmail.com.

AQUINAS INSTITUTE

Faith Seeking Understanding



Register now for an Aquinas Institute course! Two evening courses will be offered this spring: **THE 350 Church History** by Fr. Rene Pellessier (Mondays 6-8:30PM at Wisdom Catholic Student Center) and **THE 490 Theology of the Body** by Kim Anson, MA (Wednesdays 6-8:30PM at John Paul the Great Academy). Courses begin January 24 and end May 7. The classes can be taken for college credit or for catechetical credit (audit). For more information or to register call (337) 394-6550, email frchampagne@yahoo.com, or go to www.aquinaslafayette.org .

In Jesus Crucified,
Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC

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, Dec. 18th - Reed Bellingham
- * Tuesday, Dec. 19th - Donald Bernard
- * Wednesday, Dec. 20th - Bro. John Joseph, CJC
- * Thursday, Dec. 21st - Joseph Boustany
- * Friday, Dec. 22nd - Alex Cormier
- * Saturday, Dec. 23rd - Randy Courville
- * Sunday, Dec. 24th - Myles Creek

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.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a *presepio*, characterized by framing the creche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the *presepio* was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobels and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double *presepio*, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a *presepio* in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows - the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of *presepios* and creches honoring the Nativity.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Monday, December 18** - Confirmation Classes held at 6:00PM in the Family Center.
- * **Monday, December 18** - "Remember Me" at 6:30PM in the Ministries Building.
- * **Wednesday, December 20** - "The Light Is On" from 6:30 - 8:00PM in the Church.
- * **Wednesday, December 20** - RCIA Class at 6:30PM in the Ministries Building.
- * **Sunday, December 24** - 8:15AM & 10:15AM Masses count as Sunday Masses. 4:15PM & 6:15PM Masses are Christmas Eve Masses.
- * **Monday, December 25** - Christmas Day Masses are at 8:15AM & 10:15AM.

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, Dec. 18th - Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD
- * Tuesday, Dec. 19th - Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD
- * Wednesday, Dec. 20th - Rev. Raymond Jones, SVD
- * Thursday, Dec. 21st - Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD
- * Friday, Dec. 22nd - Rev. Andreas Kedati, SVD
- * Saturday, Dec. 23rd - Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ
- * Sunday, Dec. 24th - Rev. Andrew Kirschman, SJ

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

December 10, 2017

Offertory:	\$16,636.00
Building Fund:	3,776.45
Immaculate Conception	811.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	801.00
Other Donations:	838.00
Total:	\$22,862.45

Thank you for your generosity.