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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



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017



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Giving Tree Our Giving Tree is up in the Welcome Area of the Church. As in the past, parishioners are asked to pick an ornament, purchase a gift or gift card, then return the wrapped gift with the ornament attached by Wednesday, **December 13**. The gifts will be delivered to local nursing homes and displaced veterans. As usual, your kindness is greatly appreciated.

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Christmas Flowers Christmas Flower envelopes are available in the Welcome Area of the Church. If you would like to make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one, simply take an envelope, fill in the name of the person for whom the donation is and place it in the collection basket or drop it by the office. **Please print names clearly on the envelopes.** These names will appear in the bulletin of December 24th. **The deadline to turn in your envelopes is December 15.**

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC 11

7:15AM Angelique Sonnier (BD), Demus Comeaux, Leland Comeaux, Joe Lassers

TUESDAY, DEC 12

7:15AM Agnes, John, & Rena Lemaire, Alozia Benoit, Pearl Patin (AD), Diana Zeringue & fly., Carol Richard, Mitch Chapman & fly., John & Doris Chapman

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13

5:30PM Jessica Begnaud (AD), Deceased member of Legions of Mary

THURSDAY, DEC 14

7:15AM Ray Angelle, Craig Himel(BD), Bella Hernandez, Yvonne Hernandez, Gussie Hernandez

FRIDAY, DEC 15

7:15AM For Special Intentions

SATURDAY, DEC 16

4:15PM Agnes, John, & Rena Lemaire,

Alozia Benoit, Norton Zeringue, Jr., Catherine Schexnider, Harvey Schexnider & fly., Ryan Guidry, Floyd Speyrer (AD), M/M Otis Broussard, Gerald Landry, M/M Ode Broussard, Joseph E. Valentour, Jr., M/M Joseph E. Valentour, Sr., Kristan V. Fauntelory, Roy, Cora & Paul Gauthier, Carlton Hammer, Doris Ritter, Fred & Roy Souther, Cpt. Walter Souther, III, The Souther fly., Doris Jane Hebert, Betty Ann Sampy Broussard

SUNDAY, DEC 17

8:15AM Mass for the people, Jolynda Comeaux, Vivian Guidry, Nolan Hargrave, Jr., Hazel & Jeff Jefcoat, Bertha Blanchet, Daniel Richard, Stella Richard, Leatrice Breaux, Norman Olivier, M/M Tommy Guidry, Frankena Olivier, Gloria Denais

10:15AM Lois & Sonny Wiltz (WA), Dennis Stelly, Nina Stelly, Ruby Brignac, Charles Bundrick

6:15PM Diana Viator, Sharon Borel, Floyd Pitre, Jr. & fly.

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

Remember me!



Monday, December 18
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
DEC 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	6:00PM Confirmation Class, FC		6:15PM RCIA, MB 6:30 - 8:00PM "The Light Is On", C 6:30PM Baptism Session, A			3:30PM Confession
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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PARISH DATE

13 "THE LIGHT IS ON" Wednesday, December 13, from 6:30-8:00PM in Church.

BAPTISM SESSION FOR PARENTS Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30PM in the Annex.

18 "REMEMBER ME" MEETING Monday, December 18, at 6:30PM in the Ministries Building.

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 16 - 17, 2017 Saturday, 4:15PM

Hospitality Coor.	Hospitality Min	Eucharist Coor.	Eucharist Min.	Altar Servers	Lectors
Yvonne Guidry	Elizabeth LeBlanc Isaac LeBlanc Lane Prejean Leslie Prejean	Winnie Savant	Ina Bernard Ina Bernard Jackie Sturgis Celeste Guy Doris Touchet James Hammer / Nell Nelson	Phoebe LeBlanc Rylie Gennuso Zachery Guy	Pat Bernard Elmary Francis

Sunday, 8:15AM

Kevin Prejean	Lisa Prejean James Womack Barbara Goodie Ronald Baumbouree	Sharon Hay	Frank Gary Sally Gary Brad Sibille Joddy Womack Esther Arceneaux / Bruce Badoin	Taylor Miller Ethan Stevens Myles Stephens	Gretta Pollock Dale Bourgeois
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Sunday, 10:15AM

Gerald Frederick	Claudette Frederick Carl Trahan Cindy Trahan Derick Hill	Lenny Angelle	Tucker Jones M'Liss Schexnayder Cameron Blanchard Rhonda Foreman Clayton Hanks / Felice Hanks	Emily Angelle Grace Angelle Sophie Greene	Seth Greene Edna Wheeler
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Sunday, 6:15PM

Mandy Keown	Dos Reis Acker Justina Ina Molly Comeaux Tammy Richard	Billy Daigle	Francesca Acker Lloyd Higginbotham	Morgan Duplechin Dos Acker Ian Judice	Suzanne Diagle
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December 23 -24, 2017 Saturday, 4:15PM

VOLUNTEER MINISTERS NEEDED

Sunday, 8:15AM

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Sunday, 10:15AM

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Sunday, 4:15PM CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL (NO 6:15PM Mass)

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PASTOR'S CORNER

December 9-10, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The Season of Advent – God Comes Among Us! Of the sacred seasons of the Church Year, Advent is the first, observed during the first four weeks of each new Church year and leading to the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of God into our world and our lives. Celebrating Advent focuses on themes of promise and fulfillment, darkness and light, hope and joy in anticipation of God's presence with us.

Advent is celebrated not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in anticipation of his final coming at the end of time. The word "advent" comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance.

Advent began sometime after the 4th century as a time of preparation for Epiphany – not in anticipation of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ by remembering the visit of the magi and the Baptism of Jesus. At this time new Christians were baptized and received into the faith, and so the early church instituted a 40-day period of fasting and repentance.

Later, in the 6th century, St. Gregory the Great was the first to associate this season of Advent with the coming of Christ. Originally it was not the coming of the Christ-child that was anticipated, but rather, the Second Coming of Christ.

By the Middle Ages the church had extended the celebration of Advent to the familiar format we know today. The prophecies of Isaiah remind us to wait and prepare. By December 17th, the pace quickens and we focus more directly on the events leading up to Jesus' birth.

Pope Francis reminds us that "Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will not only visit us all on Christmas, but also, will visit each one of us in our own heart. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him! Do not forget: the Lord comes, and if you feel a longing to improve, to be better, it is the Lord knocking at your door. This Christmas, the Lord is coming."

As the four weeks of the Advent season proceed toward Christmas, we experience more and more that the risen Christ is drawing near to us in our hearts and in all the circumstances of our lives. And this growing awareness of his presence then begins to change everything for us, especially by arousing in us a growing sense of hope, a new feeling of joy and a greater desire to create peace by imitating Jesus' example of mercy and loving service to others.

So as we ponder and pray over these Advent themes, let us use the words of Pope Francis, along with a suggested verse from Scripture, as our daily focus and guide to prepare our hearts to celebrate more fully God's wonderful Christmas surprise of not only coming to dwell with us, but more astonishingly of becoming fully human as we are in Jesus, the human embodiment of all that God is for us. (All Saints Press)

God Bless,

Fr. David



“Food for the Journey” a monthly lunchtime speaker series designed to help Catholics live out their faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for December is **Rev. Joseph Campion, SSJ, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church of Breaux Bridge.** “Food for the Journey” will be held on **Tuesday, December 12,** at River Oaks Catering and Event Center Lafayette, 520 East Kaliste Saloom Road, beginning at 12:00NOON. An optional buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30AM. All are welcome to come “eat and be fed” – **please bring a friend!** Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Danielle Huval at (337) 232-1322.

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



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!



DECEMBER 9-10 2017 —

> The Greeting in the Mass

All of the greeting options are inspired by scripture, Paul’s letters. It reminds us that we are in relationship with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That is the key to our existence. The greeting invites us to feel welcome, safe, and loved. The words, “The Lord be with you”, is meant to inspire and encourage us. This greeting was spoken to Moses, Joshua, Jeremiah, King David, and Blessed Mary when they were called by God to a daunting mission where they relied upon God.

By replying, “And with your Spirit”, we acknowledge the Holy Spirit’s unique activity through the priest by virtue of his ordination.

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

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 Brigette Firmin at (337) 322-9721 or dalebrigettefirmin@yahoo.com, or contact Scott Frederick at (337) 257-2486 or scottfrederick175@gmail.com. We hope you can join us and learn how to gain financial peace!

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!

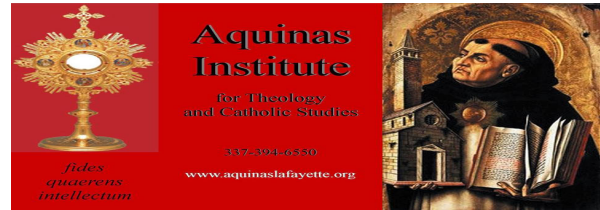


ENGAGED COUPLES

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. 11th - Rev. Mr. Brent Smith
- * Tuesday, Dec. 12th - Michael Vidrine
- * Wednesday, Dec. 13th - Nicholas Ware
- * Thursday, Dec. 14th - Rev. Mr. Kyle White
- * Friday, Dec. 15th - Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Dir. of Sems.
- * Saturday, Dec. 16th - Rev. Patrick Broussard, Dir. of Voc.
- * Sunday, Dec. 17th - Parents/Faculty of Seminarians

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.

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas creche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container of relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Monday, December 11** - Confirmation Classes held at 6:00PM in the Family Center.
- * **Wednesday, December 13** - RCIA Class at 6:30PM in the Ministries Building.
- * **Wednesday, December 13** - Baptism Session for Parents at 6:30PM in the Annex.
- * **Wednesday, December 13** - "The Light Is On" from 6:30 - 8:00PM in the Church.
- * **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.

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. 11th - Rev. T.J. Hebert
- * Tuesday, Dec. 12th - Rev. Matthew Higginbotham
- * Wednesday, Dec. 13th - Rev. Joseph Hund, OFM
- * Thursday, Dec. 14th - Rev. Godwin Imoru
- * Friday, Dec. 15th - Bishop Sam Jacobs
- * Saturday, Dec. 16th - Rev. Thomas James, SVD
- * Sunday, Dec. 17th - Rev. Johnathan Janise

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 3, 2017

Offertory:	\$10,259.00
Building Fund:	4,197.00
Other Donations:	1,258.00
Total:	\$15,714.00

Thank you for your generosity.