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St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church Weekly Bulletin

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday

8:30AM –12:00PM 12:30 –3:30PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (anticipated) 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00AM

Wednesday 5:30PM

Confessions:

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri – 6:30AM

Wednesday – 5:00PM

Saturday – 3:15 – 3:45PM and By appointment

Children’s Church is held at 10:15AM mass. 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.



PARISH STAFF

Rev. David Hebert, Pastor

Deacon Nelson Schexnayder, 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

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 only after meeting with the priest to begin marriage preparation for the couple. It is recommended that an appointment be made at least one (1) year in advance of the anticipated date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requirements, policies and guidelines are reviewed and must be completed prior to any marriage in the church.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the office to speak with Diane Triche.

Online Giving



S Mass Schedule during this time:

7:00 AM	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
5:30 PM	Wednesday
4:00 PM	Saturday
8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM	Sunday

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Confessions are heard in Children’s Church - Confession Schedule:

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6:30 AM – 6:45 AM	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Wednesday
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Saturday

Adoration will resume on Tuesday, May 19 at 11:00 AM and go until 4:00 PM on Wednesday. Safe social distancing **must** be maintained. Wearing of facemask is not required but for your safety and peace is encouraged.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 18

7:00AM Elizabeth & Scotty Touchet

Tuesday, May 19

7:00AM David Estilette

Wednesday, May 20

5:30PM Fr. Marty Borchering (BD), Shine & Mary Domingue, Deneige Breaux, Charlotte Domingue, Paul & Ina Savoie, Shannon Savoie, Ashton Breaux , Dylan Michael Touchette, Logan Hayes Touchette, Ethan James Touchette, Hudson Marc Touchette, Huey Thibodeaux, Dewey Matt, Sr., Helen Richard, Greg Leger, Aubrey Matt

Thursday, May 21

7:00AM No Mass Intentions

Friday, May 22

7:00AM No Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23

4:00PM Agnes, John & Rena Lemaire, Keith Lemaire, Alozia Benoit, Lee & Jane Hebert, Alvin "Papit" Guidry, M/M George Arceneaux, M/M Ivan Fontenot, Steve Arceneaux, Larry Arceneaux, Lou Ella Arceneaux, M/M Ferdie Arceneaux, Fred & Roy Souther, Olivia (BD) & Sophia Delahoussaye, Laura Delahoussaye, Joseph E. Valentour, Sr., M/M Joseph E. Valentour, Jr. Roy, Cora & Paul Gauthier, Kristan Fauntleory, Troy Savoie, Leola Manuel Abner Manuel, Paul Earl Arceneaux, Lawrence Thibodeaux (AD), Seth & Courtney Sebastian, Troy & Karin Borel, E.J. & Inez Camelle, Lea & Joseph Camel, Royce Cooley (BD), Jim Pollock, Patsy Matthieu, Irvin Matthieu, Jules & Irma Broussard & fly., Jules & Mathilde (AD), Broussard & fly.

Sunday, May 24 Mass for the people

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MAY 17	18	19 11:00AM ADORATION RESUMES, C	20 4:00PM ADORATION ENDS	21	22	23 3:15PM Confession
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 3:15PM Confession

**SUN CHILDREN’S CHURCH (CANCELLED) TUES ADORATION (11:00AM until Wed 4:00PM)
WED ROSARY GROUP (CANCELLED)**

PASTOR'S CORNER

May 16 –17, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

It is indeed good to be back together and to celebrate the Sacred Liturgy with all of you. It has been a Lent where we have offered up a great penance – No Mass and No Eucharist. What a great sacrifice we have made as Catholics during this season of repentance. As we return to our normal way of life and of praising God, let us remember this time and what it felt like to not have these sacraments available to us. Let us rejoice and be glad that once again we can celebrate the Mass and receive the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Several changes have taken place during this period of quarantine. The Bishop has requested all parishes use this time to bring them in compliance regarding Canon Law regarding Masses and Mass Intentions. According to Canon Law, priests normally celebrate Mass only once a day except in those cases where the law permits him to celebrate or concelebrate more than once on the same day (canon 905 §1). Having already received Mass intentions for multiple Masses on a single day is not a just cause for celebrating Mass twice a day (bination) or three times a day (trination) (canon 905 §2).

Regarding the *pro populo* Mass (Mass for the people), in the case of only one Sunday Mass being celebrated (and provided there is no other priest in the parish and no vigil Mass) _ collective intentions may be moved to one of the weekday Masses in order that the *pro populo* Mass may take priority.

The Bishop has requested the following: “Regarding Mass offerings, parishes with a single priest should immediately cease taking offerings for more than one Mass a day.”

Each pastor is bound to celebrate a Mass for the people on Sundays and Holy Days. In our current situation, this means that the pastor cannot fulfill or receive other intentions on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Parishes with a single priest should transfer these additional Sunday intentions to other available days. Masses for collective intentions may not occur more than twice a week. Therefore, in our parish, collective intentions will be offered on Wednesday and the Saturday Vigil Masses unless a Holy Day of Obligation falls on one of these days.

You will notice in the bulletin that we have begun transferring Masses to comply with the above directive. We apologize if this causes any inconvenience but Canon Law dictates precedence over our personal preferences.

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Other things that have taken place during our time apart are:

Handicap Door openings were installed on the side doors

Playground gates and fence were repaired

Playground equipment pressure washed

Parking lot repaired, sealed and restriped

Outside statues pressure washed

New handicap parking and no parking fire lane signs installed

Parking lot light in front of Family Center changed to a double headed light to light up more of the parking lot. The pole on the east side of the parking lot did not work and the pole was rotten. We had this pole removed.

A covering was built over the area outside the kitchen door in the family center.

The sign at the corner of Moss Street and Raintree Trail was or will be refurbished and a quote from St. Elizabeth Seton placed on the side of the sign facing the parking lot.

The Baptismal font bottom pool was redesigned into a plant garden.

The Bishop made us aware that there is a slight risk of spreading COVID-19 Virus through the Holy Water fonts. We were encouraged to consider emptying them during this time. We were subsequently reminded on March 14, 2020 by the Vicar for Clergy that “consideration should be given to emptying and drying out the holy water fonts. Our Baptismal font as we enter the front of the church is much more than a Holy Water Font. It is a pool of water that is only emptied and clean once a year. There is at times green mildew, mold or other bacteria’s growing on the waterfall portion of the font. We must add “shock” to the water to help control this from growing but also not put too much so that the water smells like chlorine. I must periodically stop children from leaning over the side of the font to drink the water. People come in with containers to fill with Holy Water for home use. We have no idea what is or could be in these containers. Currently the Baptismal Font pool is not used for that which it was designed. We do not practice “full body emersions” or baptisms where the person stands in the font and large quantities of water poured over their heads. Out of safety for our parishioners, the Pastoral Council, Trustees, and myself made the decision to not refill the Baptismal Font but to turn it into something beautiful for our parish. The bowl in the upper part of the Baptismal Font will be emptied, cleaned, and filled weekly to maintain clean water for use as we enter and leave the church.

Holy Water fonts at the side entrances are emptied, cleaned, and filled weekly to maintain clean water for use as we enter and leave the church.

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People wanting Holy Water for home use should bring containers pre-filled from home to be blessed at Mass or you may call the office and I can bless it for you. If bringing it to Mass, please consider getting the water blessed before or after Mass when everyone has left. This gives me a chance to say hello and greet those coming to Mass. In fact, anyone bringing items for me to bless should wait until after I have had a chance to visit with those attending Mass.

To ensure the safety of our church, prior to celebrating the first Mass we had the church fogged with disinfectant. The floors were mopped, and the church wiped down with disinfectant. A hot water extraction of pews, chairs and benches were done on seating. To maintain as clean environment as possible, the church will be wiped down and disinfected between Masses. This will necessitate a change in Mass, confession and adoration times.

As we return to church, we must keep in mind safe social distancing. We are to remain in our vehicles until 30 minutes before Mass (45 minutes before Saturday Mass.) Everyone must enter through the front entrance of the church. We may exit the church through any door after Mass. The church is not to be a gathering and socializing place. People are not required to wear a mask to enter the church but those wishing to are encouraged to do so. As we enter church, we sanitize our hands and immediately proceed to our seating place. Blue tape is placed to identify safe social distancing in the pews. A family may sit together and is considered one unit. People seating around them must observe safe social distancing when choosing a place to sit. We can only allow a 25% occupancy of our church. Instructions are given prior to Holy Communion regarding the process to receive. People are not to visit and/or socialize on the parking lot or in church before or after Mass.

There are many changes that we must abide by if we are to celebrate Mass. The good news is that we can celebrate Mass. Let us rejoice in this opportunity to once again celebrate our faith and to receive the Holy Eucharist. We have come this far we can persevere and endure for a little while longer. Let us make the most of this opportunity.

Blessings,
Fr. David

Guidelines for Returning to Public Liturgies

Once the reopening of churches for public worship is allowed by public authorities, it is important that we do not lose sight of the fact that the COVID-19 Virus is a highly contagious and dangerous pathogen. We must maintain and continue our precautionary measures to ensure we are protecting one another from the spread of the virus. The reopening for public worship must necessarily be gradual and in accordance with governmental directives. It is the responsibility of the pastor to ensure that these directives are enforced.

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CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

1. The church will open thirty (30) minutes before Mass, except on Saturday the church will open forty-five (45) minutes before Mass. **No one will be allowed to enter the church before that time except for those serving in ministries to receive instructions.**
2. Only the main (front) entrance of the church is used to enter the church to ensure control of the number of individuals entering.
3. Parishioners may exit the church from any door.
4. Parishioners must use hand sanitizer upon entering and when leaving the church.
5. Bulletins must be handed out. Parishioners are not allowed to pick up bulletins from stacks or racks.
6. Holy Water fonts will remain empty and dry.
7. All missalettes, hymnals, Bibles, pens, information cards, etc., are removed from the church.
8. Parishioners must not gather outside or in the welcome area to visit. When entering the church go straight to where you will sit and return to your vehicle as soon as Mass is over.
9. Pews are marked with blue tape to indicate where parishioners are to sit to ensure social distancing. A family unit is defined as one person and may sit together. Others sitting around a family unit must use good judgement in selecting a seat for safe social distancing.
10. The sign of peace is fulfilled by a nod or peace sign. No shaking of hands.
11. No holding of hands when the “Our Father” is prayed.
12. We will only distribute the Body of Christ during Holy Communion.
13. For the time being, the Bishop has directed that we are to receive Holy Communion only in the hand.
14. People are to remain at their seats to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharistic Minister will bring Holy Communion to the people in the church. Those wishing to receive Holy Communion should stand. Holy Communion will only be given in the hand.
15. The collection basket is not passed. Baskets are placed at the entrance to the church for your convenience to place your donation. Parishioners may also go to our website, www.setonchurch.org and click on the Giving tab to make an on-line donation. We thank you for your generosity to assist us in meeting our financial obligations.
16. The priest and deacon **are not** allowed to greet people before or after Mass.
17. Without sacrificing reverence, the Mass time is shortened to help with the timing, cleaning and sanitizing of the church between Masses.
18. Safe social distancing must always be maintained.

No One is allowed to enter church until 30 minutes before Mass except on Saturday at 3:15 p.m. Mass and Adoration times were adjusted to accommodate sanitizing the church after each Mass.

The guidelines for reopening for public worship is very fluid, that is to say, constantly changing. Some of the following guidelines will have changed by the time this is printed and disseminated. I ask for your continued patience as we work together to do whatever is necessary to once again celebrate the Mass together.

BE INFORMED AND COMMUNICATE

1. Persons who are ill (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, loss of taste/smell, etc.) as well as those with preexisting conditions should not attend Mass. Also, persons over 65 years old are at a higher risk of experiencing worse symptoms than others if they contract the coronavirus and should consider not attending Mass.
2. Parishioners should not be imprudent or reckless about returning to Mass. Continue doing online Mass for parishioners who are at risk, are not able to attend Mass because of State occupancy regulations, and/or anxiety or fear.
3. Until retracted or altered by Bishop Deshotel, all Catholics in the Diocese of Lafayette remain dispensed from their obligation from attending Sunday Masses. **All the bishops of the State of Louisiana have determined that Catholics may fulfill their spiritual duty to consecrating the week (Sabbath) on any day of the week, including Monday-Saturday morning (weekday Masses).** This means that attendance at a weekday Mass will fulfill your Sunday Mass devotion. The intent is to minimize physical contact between individuals.
4. Only 25% of the seating capacity of the church can enter. This equates to 150 individuals. After that quota is reached, parishioners will be turned away and will not be allowed to enter.
5. **No one is required to wear a facemask to enter the Church.** However, anyone wishing to wear a facemask are encouraged to do so.
6. **Only personnel serving in ministry capacities and having contact with the people are required to wear a facemask.** Welcome ministers, eucharistic ministers, etc. are included in this requirement.
7. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children two (2) years of age and under do not wear masks or face coverings.
8. Children's Church is cancelled until further notice.
9. For the time being, confessions are heard in Children's Church.
10. [The church was deep cleaned and sanitized prior to our first Mass celebration using chemicals and disinfectants approved for eradicating the COVID-19 Virus.](#)
11. The church is cleaned and sanitized between Masses to ensure a clean and safe environment while being mindful of health needs and issues in preparation for a non-touch experience.

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