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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, 11:00AM, 6:00PM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00AM

Wednesday 5:30PM

Confessions:

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri – 6:30-6:45AM

Wednesday – 5:00-5:15PM

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

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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.



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PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

dosp.org

First Saturday Devotion



First Saturday Mass will be held on Saturday, August 1st, at 8:00AM, immediately followed by devotion and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Rosary will be prayed thirty (30) minutes before Mass. Confessions are heard at 7:30AM. Please join us.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27

7:00AM No Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 28

7:00AM Fr. Gary Schexnayder (BD)

Wednesday, July 29

5:30PM Jane Bourgeois; Gayle Begnaud, Shine & Mary Domingue, Deneige Breaux, Charlotte Domingue, Paul & Ina Savoie, Shannon Savoie, Ashton Breaux

Thursday, July 30

7:00AM Hayes Boudreaux

Friday, July 31

7:00AM Doris Chapman

Saturday, August 1

4:00PM Agnes, John & Rena Lemaire, Keith Lemaire, Alozia Benoit; Lee & Jane Hebert; Willard Lasseigne; Fred & Roy Souther; M/M Pierre Armand; M/M Percy Armand; Troy Savoie; Leola Manuel; Abner Manuel; Patricia B. Rees; Peter Piazza; Joyce Miller; Pearl Olivier; Wilbert Lavergne & fly; Joyce Lavergne; Antoine & Julia Vincent; Dudley & Juanita Hebert; Herbert & Eunice Palombo; Pat, Flaman & Jean Palombo; M/M Edais Hebert; Winnan Hebert; Darrel J. Boudreaux; Gayle Begnaud; Sidney "Buddy" Bowles; Velma Gaudet; Christine Taranto; Lisa T. Dupuis; Willard Lasseigne, Gussie Jacquet, Anthony Jacquet, M/M Phillip Jacquet

Sunday, August 2 Mass for the people

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JULY 26	27	28	29	30	31	AUG 1 8:00AM First Saturday Mass 3:15PM Confession
2	3	4	5	6	7 7:00AM First Friday Mass	8 3:15PM Confession

SUN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (CANCELLED)

TUES ADORATION (11:00AM until Wed 4:00PM)

WED ROSARY GROUP (CANCELLED)

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Lighting Candles in Church

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/navigating-infertility.

We often assume parenthood happens easily after “I do,” but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that God is with you, and that He has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.

God is with you, and His Church desires to walk with you.

You are not alone; His Church desires to walk with you. The full article at the website listed above contains compassionate, practical guidance, intended primarily for married couples struggling with infertility, though others may also find it to be informative.

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Fête-Dieu du Teche 2020!



This year's unique 40-mile Eucharistic Procession by boat and foot will be offered in petition for an end of the COVID-19 pandemic. In an abundance of caution, anyone who is ill or has a compromised immune system is asked to remain home and participate in the Eucharistic procession on-line at www.facebook.com/CommunityofJesusCrucified. All participants 8 years or older (whether on boats or on shore) will be expected to wear face masks and observe social distancing (this includes priests, seminarians, and laity). Persons with health conditions prohibiting them from wearing a face mask are asked not to attend the event. A team of trained marshals will be on hand to assure implementation of safety precautions at all sites. Attendance at the Mass in French with Bishop Douglas Deshotel at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville will be limited to approximately 315 persons. For those who are unable to enter inside the Church for the Mass, a PA system will be provided to hear Mass outside observing social distancing. At the end of Mass there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament and a statue of Mary and St. Joseph to the nearby boat landing. A double procession at 6-foot spacing will be enforced. At 9:30AM boats will depart in procession down the Teche toward St. Martinville, retracing the voyage made by the Acadians 255 years ago. Bayou residents are encouraged to come down to the bank and greet the Blessed Sacrament as it passes near their home. The boat procession will stop at churches in the towns along the Teche for Rosary and Benediction (arriving at Arnaudville behind St. Francis Regis at 10:20AM; arriving behind St. Joseph Church in Cecilia at 11:45AM; arriving at the Pavilion behind St. Bernard Church in Breaux Bridge at 1:35PM; arriving at the park behind St. Joseph Church in Parks at 3:15PM; and arriving at Old Market Street in St Martinville at about 4:45PM). Upon arriving in St. Martinville, a foot procession will commence to Notre Dame de Perpetual Secours for Benediction, then to St. Martin de Tours for Benediction, and finally down Main Street to Mater Dolorosa Chapel for Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 5:30PM. The prayers will be broadcast outside for the pilgrims. Confessions will be heard in mobile units at each of the stops along the way. Pilgrims are encouraged to have recourse if possible, to confession in their local parishes within 21 days of the event so as to obtain the indulgence and not place too much demands on the mobile units. Confessors in mobile units will be wearing face masks and the kneeler will be placed 6' away from the screen. Mobile confessional teams will sanitize kneeler and confessional between each penitent. Pope Francis has granted participants of Fête-Dieu du Teche a Plenary Indulgence. The indulgence is valid on August 15 for those who attend the 8AM French Mass in Leonville, those who make the procession by boat, and those who participate in the devotions at one of the many stops along the Teche. Those who are impeded for a serious reason from physically attending the procession may also gain the indulgence by spiritually uniting their prayers and trials. The Holy Father asks participants to pray for fidelity to the Christian vocation, for the good of the family, and for priestly and religious vocations. If you have a boat, register it now at www.jesusrucified.net/events/fete-dieu-du-teche-2020/form If you don't have a boat, follow by vehicle and join us at one or all of the stops for the Rosary and Benediction. For more information or to register a boat visit our website at www.jesusrucified.net, visit us on FB at www.facebook.com/CommunityofJesusCrucified, send us an email at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com, or call (337) 394-6550.

Marriage and Family Life Upcoming Events:

Divorce Recovery

Are you or someone you know suffering or has suffered from the breakdown of their marriage and family? Our Lady of Fatima Church will provide a 12 week series of the Catholic Divorce Support program. Topics that will be discussed are shock, denial, anger, grief, forgiveness, money, dating, remarriage, and so much more. For more information, please contact our facilitator Greg Broussard at 337-412-0349.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion has been scheduled for **October 2-4, 2020**. The retreat begins at 6PM on Friday and concludes at 3PM on Sunday. For more information, please call the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate at 261-5598.

Pro-life Upcoming Events:

Diocese of Lafayette Pro-Life Oratory Contest Winner Advances

Christine Doré, the Diocese of Lafayette's Pro-Life Oratory Contest winner, has been chosen as the state winner as well! Christine is a 2020 graduate of St. Thomas More Catholic High School. Her parents are Kevin and Dr. Danielle Doré of Lafayette. Please keep her in your prayers as she advances to the national competition.

Codependent Support group

Now offering meetings through Zoom! Call 261-5607 for more information on how to join the call. Co-Dependent Support Group is for men and women, 18 years and older, whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships and proper boundaries. Co-dependent support group meets on Thursdays, from 12-1:00PM via Zoom.

JACKPOT

In our lottery - and sweepstakes-laden culture, it is common to ask ourselves or others what they would do if they won. In today's first reading, Solomon certainly hits the jackpot. What prize could be greater than having God Almighty agree to give you whatever you ask for?

Out of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon chose to ask for understanding, and was rewarded with it. We would do well to wonder what we would ask for if God made us the same offer. Actually God does make us the same offer each and every day, by granting us another day of life, a bit of the earth's goods, some gift or ability, some call to goodness, some portion of the divine will. Each of these is a "prize." We should stop and examine what we are going to do with our prize: keep it or use it selfishly, or put it at the service of the spread of the gospel?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child's forehead.

The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last forty years!

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25/26, 2020

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others?

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE PROTECTION



O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awaken from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us.

Amen.

St. Elizabeth Seton Quote



“Can you expect to go to heaven for nothing? Did not our Savior track the whole way to it with His tears and blood? And yet you stop at every little pain.”

Stewardship Saint for July

Saint Martha – One of Jesus’ Closest Friends Just before Jesus’ final entry into Jerusalem, his close friends, Martha, her sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, entertained Jesus at their home in Bethany (John 12:1-8). Martha “served,” while Mary anointed his feet. It is in the simple statement, “Martha served,” that we recognize Martha for her witness to stewardship. She isn’t a prolific evangelist, she doesn’t work miracles. She simply serves Jesus.



Jesus may have been a frequent visitor to Martha’s home and perhaps this is one of the reasons the Gospel of John reveals to us that “Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary, and Lazarus” (11:5). This unique statement in the gospel informs us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha and her siblings. And, as another one of Jesus’ visits to Martha’s home affirms, Martha continues to be concerned that Jesus be served. Like any good steward, hospitality was very important to Martha (Luke 10:38-42).

What is most revealing about Martha is on the occasion of the death of Lazarus (John 11:1-44). Martha takes an active role, going out to meet Jesus to let him know what happened to her brother while Mary stays at home. Jesus assures her that Lazarus will be raised from dead.

With courage and conviction, Martha confesses her deep faith in Jesus **Christ: “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”** And then Jesus said to her: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” When he asked Martha if she believed this, she replied: “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world” (John 11:24-27).

The feast of St. Martha, a witness to service who confessed her faith in Jesus, is July 29. She is the patron saint of homemakers, cooks, domestic workers, waiters and waitresses, and hotel employees.

SEMINARIANS 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, July 27th - Joseph Marcantel
- * Tuesday, July 28th - Riley Maturin
- * Wednesday, July 29th - Stephen Melancon
- * Thursday, July 30th - Brian Nguyen
- * Friday, July 31st - Rev. Mr. Connor Poirrier
- * Saturday, Aug. 1st - Rev. Patrick Broussard, Dir of Sem.
- * Sunday, Aug. 2nd - Rev. Blake Dubroc, Dir of Voc.

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.

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, July 27th - Rev. Harold Trahan
- *Tuesday, July 28th - Rev. John Lan Tran, SJ
- *Wednesday, July 29th - Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD
- *Thursday, July 30th - Rev. Eugene Tremie
- *Friday, July 31st - Rev. Stephen Ugwu
- *Saturday, Aug. 1st - Pope Francis
- *Sunday, Aug. 2nd - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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

July 12, 2020

Offering	\$4,869.00
Building Fund	550.00
Other donations	463.00
Total:	\$5,882.00

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