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St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church Weekly Bulletin

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30am –1:00pm  
Closed: Friday – Sunday

## MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday (anticipated):** 4:00pm  
**Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm  
**First Saturday:** 8:00am

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 7:00am  
**Wednesday:** 5:30pm

## Confessions:

**Sunday** 7:30-7:45am, 9:30-9:45am, 5:30-5:45pm  
**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:** 6:30-6:45am  
**Wednesday:** 5:00-5:15pm  
**Saturday:** 3:15 – 3:45pm  
**First Saturday:** 7:30 – 7:45 am  
**By Appointment**

**Children’s Church** is held at 10:00AM 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 your children to the baptistry 10 minutes before Mass begins.

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**Marc Conque**  
4:00, 8:00, 6:00 Music Minister

**Michael Grado**  
10:00 Music Minister



## BAPTISM

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

## CONFIRMATION

All students, including those in public and Catholic schools, register in August of their eighth-junior year of school. Call the office for registration requirements.

## FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST COMMUNION

All children, including those in public and Catholic schools, register at the beginning of their second grade in order to participate in the sacramental preparation.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (1st thru 8th grades, including Confirmation)

- Registration for all sections of Religious Education is in the Summer of 2026
- First through fourth grades Religious Education classes meet on Sundays after the 10:00 Mass (11:00 – 12:30PM).
- Fifth through seventh grades attend EDGE on Sundays 2:30 – 3:45PM.
- 8th grade Confirmation classes meet on Sunday 4:15 – 5:45PM.
- Vacation Bible School, for children ages 4-10, is held for one week each summer, when scheduled.
- Adults wishing to learn more about their Catholic faith, including those wishing to become members of the Catholic Church, should call the office.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The church can be reserved only after meeting with the Priest/Deacon to begin marriage preparation for the couple. It is recommended that an appointment be made 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.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** Are encouraged to call the office to register.

**ADORATION** Held every Tuesday at 8AM until Wednesday at 4PM.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**May 3, 2026**

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The Saint Joseph Diner is in need of Volunteers to assist in Serving the Needy. Below is a list of dates that your help is needed. Check-in time is at 10:30AM. Serving is from 11:00AM—1:00PM.

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- Sunday , May 3, 2026----- 5 volunteers needed
- Sunday, May 17,2026 -----10 volunteers needed
- Wednesday, May, 27 2026 ----- 9 volunteers needed

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Please contact Deacon Ron Chauvin at [ron@setonchurch.org](mailto:ron@setonchurch.org) or [arbvchau@bellsouth.net](mailto:arbvchau@bellsouth.net) or text (337) 412-9081, if you would like to Volunteer.

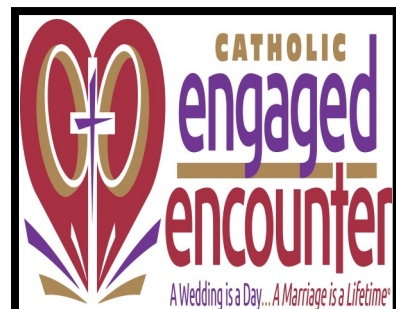


- Monday, May 4**  
7:00AM Doris Chapman
- Tuesday, May 5**  
7:00AM No Mass Intentions
- Wednesday, May 6**  
5:30PM Shine & Mary & Charlotte Domingue; Ashton & Deneige Breaux; Pete & Lucille Hebert; Paul & Ina Savoie; Helen & Otis Broussard; Jo Ann Theriot; Art Wilkerson; Ross & Amanda Perrodin & fly.
- Thursday, May 7**  
7:00AM No Mass Intentions
- Friday, May 8**  
7:00AM No Mass Intentions
- Saturday, May 9**  
4:00PM Lee & Jane Hebert; M/M Michael

E. Meche; Souls in Purgatory; Agnes, John & Rena Lemaire; Keith Lemaire; Alozia Benoit; Camellia Chaisson, Valex Guilbeau; Wayne Lemaire; Easton Bourgeois; Danny Himel; Loyton Sonnier; M/M Etienne Alleman, Gladys, Avic, William, Junior, Haywood, Earl, Laurice, Louis, Nick & Donald Delahoussaye; Larry & Camille Miller; Leon & Claudia Miller; Alcee & Milda Bernard; Goldie Trahan; Adouse Mire; JL "Joseph" Richard

- Sunday, May 10**  
8:00AM Mass for the People  
10:00AM Peter Piazza; Kermit Lavergne; Eric Lavergne; Wilbert Lavergne; Pearl Olivier; Rita Moore Carr; Verna Mae Olivier; E.J. Olivier; Becky Meyers; Beatrice Meyers; Bennett Meyers; Wade & Barbara Brignac & fly.; Therese M. Johns Sands
- 6:00PM Marjorie Sampay; Anna Mae George

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



**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 Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates for 2026 are: **May 15-17, Aug. 21-23, Oct. 16-18**. For cost of the weekend, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at [www.ceelafayette.org](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or contact: **Mike & Phyllis Totaro** at (337) 962-5798 or [reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com](mailto:reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com)

| SUN  | MON       | TUES                                  | WED       | THURS     | FRI       | SAT                  |
|--|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| <b>MAY 3</b><br><br>10:00AM Mass<br><b>EDGE</b><br>2:30—3:45PM, FC | <b>4</b>  | 10:00AM<br>Seton Rosary Makers,<br>MB | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | 3:15PM<br>Confession |
| <b>10</b><br>  | <b>11</b> | 12NOON<br>"REMEMBER ME", MB           | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> | 3:15PM<br>Confession |

**SUN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:00AM Mass)**

**TUES ADORATION (After 7AM Mass until Wed 4:00PM)**

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



# St. Elizabeth Seton Church 2026 VBC



**CATHLETICS!**  
TRAINING TO BE CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

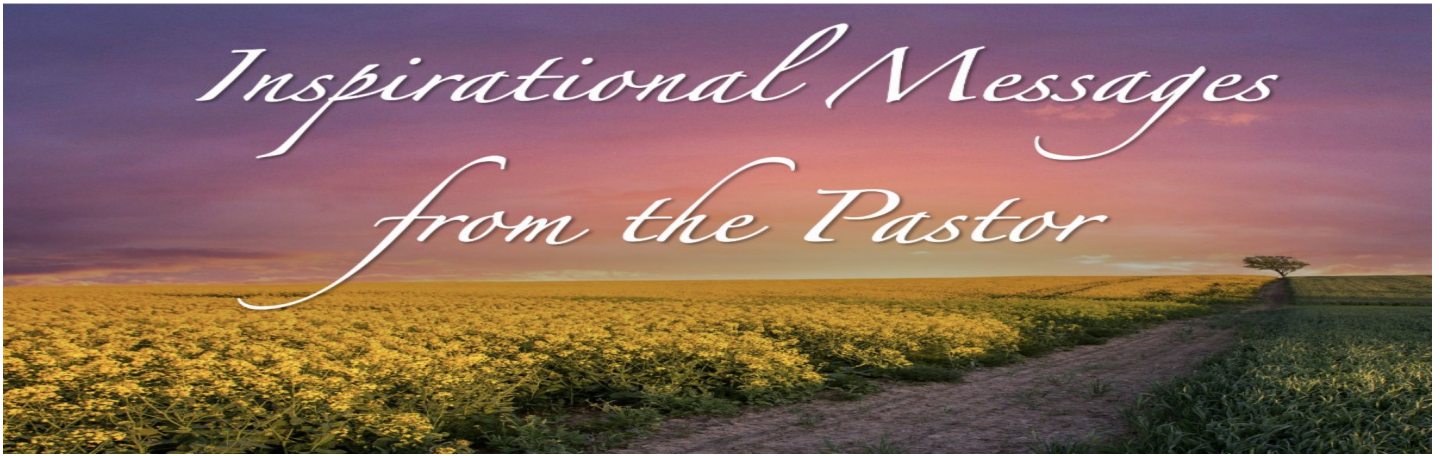


**June 1 - 5, 2026**

**8:30 AM - 12:05 PM**

Those entering K- 5th grade (2026-2027)

[www.setonchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/](http://www.setonchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/)



## From a homily by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop

### *Life to me means Christ, and death is gain*

The waters have risen and severe storms are upon us, but we do not fear drowning, for we stand firmly upon a rock. Let the sea rage, it cannot break the rock. Let the waves rise, they cannot sink the boat of Jesus. What are we to fear? Death? ***Life to me means Christ, and death is gain.*** Exile? ***The earth and its fullness belong to the Lord.*** The confiscation of goods? ***We brought nothing into this world, and we shall surely take nothing from it.*** I have only contempt for the world's threats, I find its blessings laughable. I have no fear of poverty, no desire for wealth. I am not afraid of death nor do I long to live, except for your good. I concentrate therefore on the present situation, and I urge you, my friends, to have confidence.

Do you not hear the Lord saying: ***Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst?*** Will he be absent, then, when so many people united in love are gathered together? I have his promise; I am surely not going to rely on my own strength! I have what he has written; that is my staff, my security, my peaceful harbor. Let the world be in upheaval. I hold to his promise and read his message; that is my protecting wall and garrison. What message? ***Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!***

If Christ is with me, whom shall I fear? Though the waves and the sea and the anger of princes are roused against me, they are less to me than a spider's web. Indeed, unless you, my brothers, had detained me, I would have left this very day. For I always say ***Lord, your will be done;*** not what this fellow or that would have me do, but what you want me to do. That is my strong tower, my immovable rock, my staff that never gives way. If God wants something, let it be done! If he wants me to stay here, I am grateful. But wherever he wants me to be, I am no less grateful.

Yet where I am, there you are too, and where you are, I am. For we are a single body, and the body cannot be separated from the head nor the head from the body. Distance separates us, but love unites us, and death itself cannot divide us. For though my body die, my soul will live and be mindful of my people.

You are my fellow citizens, my fathers, my brothers, my sons, my limbs, my body. You are my light, sweeter to me than the visible light. For what can the rays of the sun bestow on me that is comparable to your love? The sun's light is useful in my earthly life, but your love is fashioning a crown for me in the life to come.



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 2/3, 2026**

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each others' needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?



**Adoration hours**  
**are Tuesday**  
**mornings at 8AM**  
**until Wednesday**  
**evenings at 4PM.**



**Acadiana's Only Nonprofit Hospice**

**Annual "Hit the Road with Hospice of Acadiana" Raffle**

**Hospice of Acadiana** is your community nonprofit hospice that provides quality end-of-life care to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. **"Hit the Road with Hospice of Acadiana"** is our major annual fundraiser, which gives you the opportunity to win a **2026 Kia Sorento** from Sterling Automotive, a **\$2,500 Getaway Fund**, or a **Louisiana Adventure Package**. Each \$20 raffle ticket ensures an elevated level of comfort and support for the dying and their loved ones. Purchase deadline is May 24<sup>th</sup>, drawing is May 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to purchase ticket(s), scan the QR code or visit: [www.hospiceacadiana.com](http://www.hospiceacadiana.com).



**Question**  
**of the**  
**Week?**



What can I do this week to know Jesus better, to serve those who are overlooked, and to prepare my spiritual home?

# Liturgical Ministers



## Liturgical Ministers — Did You Know?

- The Liturgical Ministers schedule is available in three ways:
- **Email:** Sent a few weeks before each quarter (if an email is on file)
  - **Printed Copy:** Located in the sign-in book outside the Ministers' Sacristy
  - **Online:** Visit [www.setonchurch.org](http://www.setonchurch.org), go to *Calendar*, and select *Liturgical Ministers*. You can view it online or download the PDF at the top of the page.

## Embracing Those Who Suffer from Mental Illness

May is Mental Health Awareness month, and what better way for us to reveal God's compassion during this Year of Mercy than to become more aware of and embrace the people we encounter who suffer from mental illness.

People with mental illness sometimes behave in ways we can't comprehend. Those with severe depression sometimes stay in bed all day, unable to manage the most basic motivation to move. People with anxiety disorders can be gripped by irrational or even unidentifiable fears that don't incapacitate others. Those affected by psychotic disorders may see things that aren't real, hear voices that don't exist, and sometimes lose the ability to discern reality at all. Sometimes people with mental illness mistreat or hurt the people they love—or themselves. Some who need medication stop taking it or won't start. Some who seem to be doing well suddenly start showing symptoms again. Whatever the mental health crisis, members of our family of faith are called to be good stewards and embrace these vulnerable brothers and sisters, as Jesus did.



As stewards of Christ's love and mercy, we are called to follow his example, to reach out to those who suffer.

When people see symptoms of mental illness in others there is a tendency to distance themselves, ignore them and hope someone else will help, even in our parish communities. One weary mom lamented: "When a family member suffers from cancer or other diseases, people send cards, visit and bring a casserole. If your family member suffers from a mental illness, there is little contact or support." This mother's feeling of abandonment is regrettable and suggests that our family of faith has no tolerance or empathy for this kind of suffering. But the parish community is the Body of Christ. It cannot leave the impression that Christ himself is ready to walk away from those who carry these burdens.

As stewards of Christ's love and mercy, we are called to follow his example, to reach out to those who suffer, even those who suffer mentally and emotionally; to embrace them rather than shrink away. No one is beyond hope, past the point where God's grace touches them. We are not called to have all the answers or understand all the mysteries of mental illness. But we are called to love. That is the disciple's response.

When we encounter mental illness among family members, friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners, what should we do?

- Seek understanding instead of passing judgment. Mental illness is a disease, one we may not initially understand.
- Get more information—read a book, do some research online, or perhaps even attend a workshop sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness.
- Resist the temptation to believe that people in treatment have all their needs met; mental health professionals can't be expected to provide all the needs of one in treatment. It takes a community to provide acceptance, spiritual guidance and compassion.
- Offer positive support and be sensitive to those seeking medical intervention
- Be silent if you don't know what to say—but be there for and merciful to those with mental illness.
- If you're not a mental-health professional, acknowledge your limitations but remember no professional qualifications are required to be friendly and kind or to enter into a supportive friendship.
- Offer the dignity of a handshake and a smile, companionship and perhaps even friendship.
- Remember in your prayers those who suffer from mental illness, their families, caregivers and mental-health professionals.



## St. Elizabeth Seton Thoughts



**O**f course you are a prisoner.... but a "Prisoner of the Lord." Blessed be His Name. You could not be one without His permission; nor I, with a burning fever day and night, unless He willed it. Sweet and peaceful is His spirit which gives patience and even joyful resignation.

## 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, May 4th - Rev. Clint Trahan
- \* Tuesday, May 5th - Rev. Harold Trahan
- \* Wednesday, May 6th - Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD
- \* Thursday, May 7th - Rev. Chrysanthus Ugorji
- \* Friday, May 8th - Rev. Stephen Uguwu
- \* Saturday, May 9th - Rev. John Vandorpe, LC
- \* Sunday, May 10th - Rev. Jason Vidrine

**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.

## 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, May 4th - Jacob LeBlanc
- \* Tuesday, May 5th - Dcn. Bret Lee
- \* Wednesday, May 6th - Christopher Lee
- \* Thursday, May 7th - Isaac Lejeune
- \* Friday, May 8th - Tyler Listi
- \* Saturday, May 9th - Roman Mayard
- \* Sunday, May 10th - Ian McElwee

**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.



**Sunday, May 3 – May Crowning Mass** held at the 10:00AM Mass.

**Sunday, May 3 – EDGE** held in the Family Center at 2:30PM.

**Tuesday, May 5 –** Seton Rosary Group meets at 10:00AM in the Ministries Building.

**Tuesday, May 5 - Wednesday, May 6 -** Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, May 5 at 8AM thru Wednesday, May 6 at 4:00PM in Church.

**Sunday, May 10 –**



**Tuesday, May 12 - Wednesday, May 13 -** Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, May 12 at 8AM thru Wednesday, May 13 at 4:00PM in Church.

**Tuesday, May 12 –** "Remember Me" meets at 12NOON in the Ministries Building.

**Sunday, May 17 – EDGE** held in the Family Center at 2:30PM.

**Tuesday, May 19 - Wednesday, May 20 -** Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, May 19 at 8AM thru Wednesday, May 20 at 4:00PM in Church.

**Tuesday, May 19 –** Knights of Columbus Meeting held at 5:00PM in the Family Center.

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## WEEKLY DONATION

April 25/26, 2026

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| Offering              | 6,155.00          |
| Catholic Home Mission | 984.00            |
| Other Donations       | 114.00            |
| Total                 | <u>\$7,253.00</u> |

**Thank you for your continued support.**