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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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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 4:00—5:45PM.
- 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.

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Children's Church: is held on Sunday's at the 10:00AM Mass. Children 4 years old and older (up to their First Communion) can participate in their own celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. Adult Volunteers share the Gospel reading with them on their level as well as develop basic Catholic teachings through various activities. Children need to arrive and line up in the Baptistery 10 minutes before Mass begins.

*****Adult Volunteers are needed for the Children's Church Program. Please contact Blake Paul Harson @ (337) 235-1483 or email: blake@setonchurch.org for more information.**

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 20
7:00AM Doris Chapman

Tuesday, July 21
7:00AM Henry Longcrier

Wednesday, July 22
5:30PM Becky Meyers; Beatrice Meyers; Bennett Meyers

Thursday, July 23
7:00AM No Mass Intentions

Friday, July 24
7:00AM Ronald Sampay (AD)

Saturday, July 25
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; Michael O'Reilly; Patrick O'Reiilly; Becky Meyers; Beatrice Meyers; Doug Davis; Jerry Meyers

Sunday, July 26
8:00AM Mass for the People

10:00AM Melvin J. Clause; Otis & Helen Broussard; Evelyn Hillhouse; Bernadette Jacque; Theresa M. Sands; Simon, Barbara & Byron Latour

6:00PM No Mass Intentions

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

Farewell & Welcome Photos available online

www.setonchurch.org

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JULY 19	20	21	22	23	24	25 3:15PM Confession
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SUN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:00AM Mass)

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

WED - ROSARY GROUP MEETING (10:00AM)

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

Sacramental and CCD Programs

SUNDAY'S BEGINS IN SEPT. 2026

1ST COMMUNION

SUNDAY'S FOLLOWING 11:00 AM MASS.
SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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CCD (1ST - 4TH GRADES)

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SUNDAY'S BEGINS IN AUG. 2026

CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY'S @ 4:00 PM. SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

EDGE

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EDGE (5TH - 7TH GRADES)

SUNDAY'S @ 4:00 PM. SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

www.setonchurch.org/religious-education-ccd-programs/

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUG. 10, 2026

From a homily on Matthew by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop

If we are sheep, we overcome, if wolves, we are overcome

As long as we are sheep, we overcome and, though surrounded by countless wolves, we emerge victorious; but if we turn into wolves, we are overcome, for we lose the shepherd's help. He, after all, feeds the sheep not wolves, and will abandon you if you do not let him show his power in you.

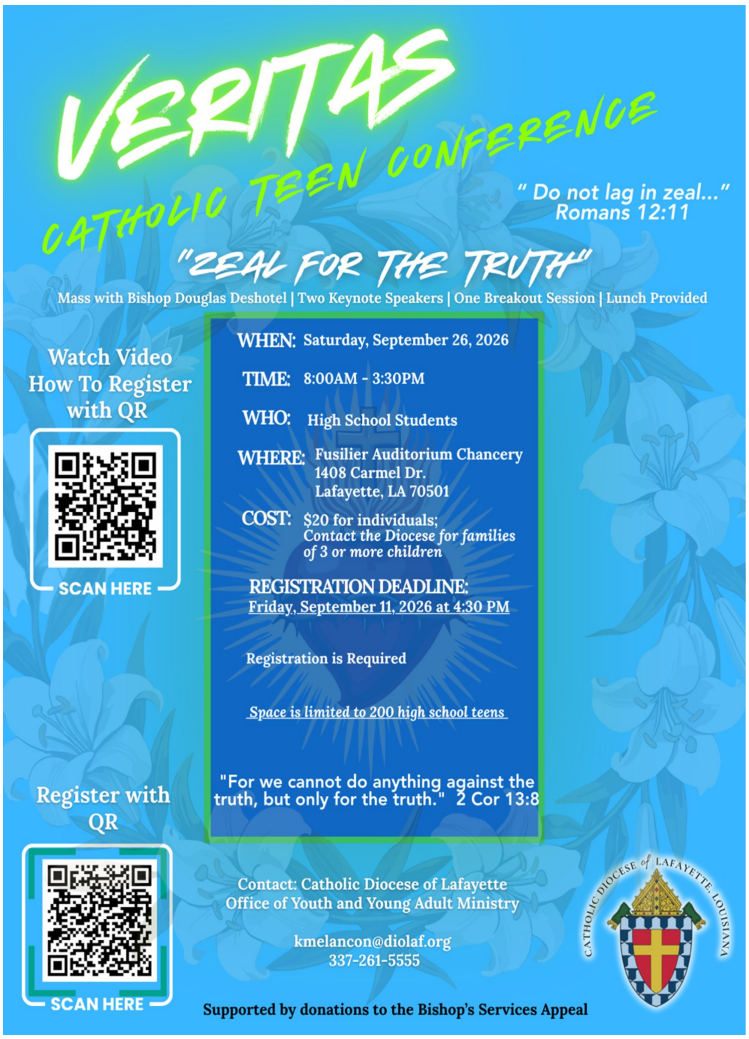
What he says is this: "Do not be upset that, as I send you out among the wolves, I bid you be as sheep and doves. I could have managed things quite differently and sent you, not to suffer evil nor to yield like sheep to the wolves, but to be fiercer than lions. but the way I have chosen is right. It will bring you greater praise and at the same time manifest my power." That is what he told Paul: *My grace is enough for you, for in weakness my power is made perfect.* "I intend," he says, "to deal the same way with you." For, when he says, *I am sending you out like sheep,* he implies: "But do not therefore lose heart, for I know and am certain that no one will be able to overcome you."

The Lord, however, does want them to contribute something, lest everything seem to be the work of grace, and they seem to win their reward without deserving it. Therefore he adds: *You must be clever as snakes and innocent as doves.* But, they may object, what good is our cleverness amid so many dangers? How can we be clever when tossed about by so many waves? However great the cleverness of the sheep as he stands among the wolves – so may wolves! – what can it accomplish? However great the innocence of the dove, what good does it do him, with so many hawks swooping upon him? To all this I say: Cleverness and innocence admittedly do these irrational creatures no good, but they can help you greatly.

What cleverness is the Lord requiring here? The cleverness of a snake. A snake will surrender everything and will put up no great resistance even if its body is being cut in pieces, provided it can save its head. So you, the Lord is saying, must surrender everything but your faith: money, body, even life itself. For faith is the head and the root; keep that, and though you lose all else, you will get it back in abundance. The Lord therefore counselled the disciples to be not simply clever or

innocent; rather he joined the two qualities so that they become a genuine virtue. He insisted on the cleverness of the snake so that deadly wounds might be avoided, and he insisted on the innocence of the dove so that revenge might not be taken on those who injure or lay traps for you. Cleverness is useless without innocence.

Do not believe that this precept is beyond your power. More than anyone else, the Lord knows the true natures of created things; he knows that moderation, not a fierce defense, beats back a fierce attack.



Question of the Week?

How can I nurture the kingdom of God in my community, drawing more and more others to dwell inside it?

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 18/19, 2026

In today's second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can't come up with appropriate words; even when we don't have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?

CATHOLIC engaged encounter
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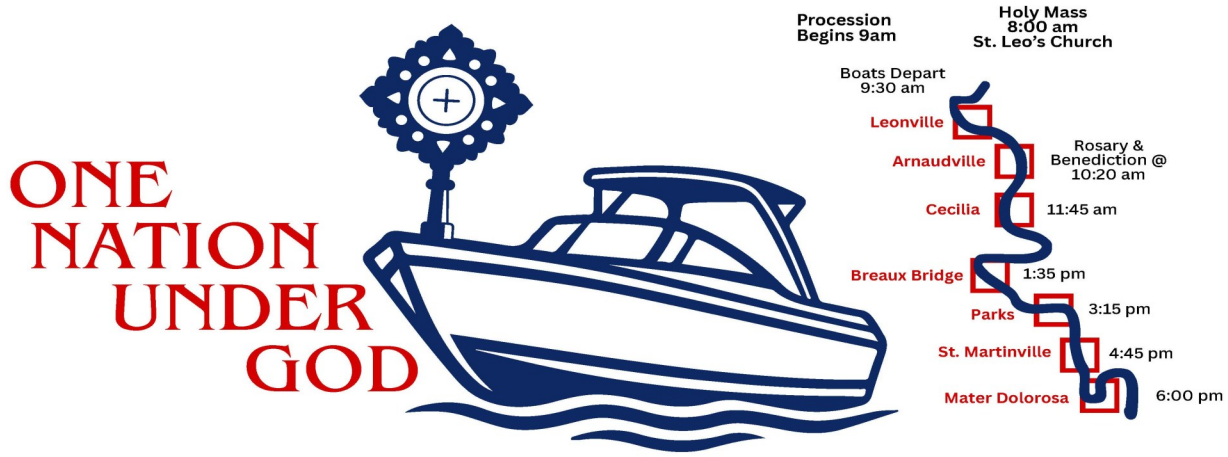
Fête-Dieu du Teche

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION ALONG THE BAYOU TECHE

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

250 YEARS OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE



Adore the Lord as he processes on Cajun water and soil. This annual Eucharistic Procession by boat on the waters of the Teche on the Feast of the Assumption recalls our rich Acadian history and, in a way, re-enacts the journey made by the Acadians over 250 years ago.

Itinerary

- Begins with French Mass by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D., Bishop of Lafayette, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Leonville at 8:00 am
- Walking Procession to Landing at 9:00 am, Boat Procession departs at 9:30 am
- Stops at Each Church on the Bayou: Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, and Parks for Rosary and Benediction
- Disembark and Walking Procession into Notre Dame Catholic Church, St. Martinville for Benediction
- Walking Procession into St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church for Benediction
- Process Down Main Street to Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel for Vespers and Benediction
- Confessions will be Available at All Stops Along the Teche

www.fetedieuduteche.org

St. Elizabeth Seton Thoughts

IN the multitude of Thy mercies I have again entered Thy house, and worshipped in Thy holy temple. Receive the longing desire of my soul. Merciful Lord! What a privilege!

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 20th - Rev. Michael Delcambre
* Tuesday, July 21st - Rev. Mark Derise
* Wednesday, July 22nd - Rev. Msgr. Keith Derouen
* Thursday, July 23rd - Rev. Kenneth Domingue
* Friday, July 24th - Rev. Michael Dooley, SJ
* Saturday, July 25th - Rev. Dustin Dought
* Sunday, July 26th - Rev. Blake Dubroc

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, July 20th - Dcn. William Hebertt
* Tuesday, July 21st - Zack Hebert
* Wednesday, July 22nd - Dcn. Eric Hernandez
* Thursday, July 23rd - Michael Johnson
* Friday, July 24th - J. Brady LeBlanc
* Saturday, July 25th - Jacob LeBlanc
* Sunday, July 26th - Christopher Lee

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.

Tuesday, July 21 - Wednesday, July 22 - Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, July 21 at 8AM thru Wednesday, July 22 at 4PM.

Tuesday, July 28 - Wednesday, July 29 - Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, July 28 at 8AM thru Wednesday, July 29 at 4PM.

Saturday, August 1 - First Saturday Mass held at 8:00AM.

Tuesday, August 4 - Seton Rosary Group meets at 10:00AM in the Ministries Building.

Tuesday, August 4 - Wednesday, August 5 - Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, August 4 at 8AM thru Wednesday, August 5 at 4PM.

Friday, August 7 - First Friday Mass held at 7:00AM.

Tuesday, August 11 - Wednesday, August 12 - Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, August 11 at 8AM thru Wednesday, August 12 at 4PM.

Tuesday, August 11 - "Remember Me" meets at 12:00NOON in the Ministries Building.

Sunday, August 16 - Knights of Columbus Sausage PoBoy pickup from 10:00AM until 12:30PM in the Family Center.

Sunday, August 16 - Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting from 4:00-5:30PM in the Family Center.

Tuesday, August 18 - Wednesday, August 19 - Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, August 18 at 8AM thru Wednesday, August 19 at 4PM.

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July 11/12, 2026

Offering	8,372.00
Catholic Communications	1,246.00
Other Donation	724.63
Total	$10,342.63

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