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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 9:10-9:45am, 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 27
7:00AM Doris Chapman

Tuesday, July 28
7:00AM Fr. Gary Schexnayder (BD)

Wednesday, July 29
5:30PM M/M Renei Olivier

Thursday, July 30
7:00AM No Mass Intentions

Friday, July 31
7:00AM No Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1
4:00PM Lee & Jane Hebert; Velma Gaudet; M/M Michael Meche; Souls in Purgatory; Fred & Roy Souther; Roy & Georgette Caubarreaux; Leroy Caubarreaux; John & Rena Lemaire; Keith Lemaire; Alozia Benoit; Camellia Chaisson, Valex Guilbeau; Wayne Lemaire; Shine, Mary & Charlotte Domingue; Ashton & Deneige Breaux; Pete & Lucille Hebert; Paul & Ina Savoie; Wade Brignac (BD); Floyd & Billie Soileau; Becky Meyers; Beatrice Meyers; Benett Meyers

Sunday, August 2
8:00AM Mass for the People

10:00AM Melvin J. Clause; Amy Veillon; Verna Mae Olivier; E.J. Olivier; Becky Meyers; Beatrice Meyers; Bennett Meyers; Archie Simon (BD); Roy LaPointe (BD); Therese M. Johns Sands; Kathleen Chauvin & fly.; Karson Estilette; Janice & George Martin; Darron Duhon; Sandra Belaire; Jeannie Widmar

6:00PM No Mass Intentions

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

Parish Census

Help Us Know Our Sheep by Name: Join Our Parish Census Committee!

Our parish will need a dedicated team of volunteers to ensure our parish records are accurate and up-to-date so we can better serve the pastoral, sacramental, and spiritual needs of every family in our community.

How can you help?

We are looking for friendly, organized individuals to join our **Census Committee**.

Volunteers will help distribute informational materials and staff registration tables to assist fellow parishioners during our official **"Census Weekend"** on September 12 & 13.

To volunteer or learn more, please contact the Parish Office by August 5.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JULY 26 **Knights of Columbus PoBoy Ticket Sale, (all Masses)**	27	28	29	30	31	AUG 1 **3:15PM Confession** **8:00AM First Saturday Mass, C**
2	3	4 **10:00AM Seton Rosary Makers, MB**	5	6	7 **7:00AM First Friday Mass, C**	8 **3:15PM Confession**

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)

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

SUNDAY'S BEGINS IN AUG. 2026

CONFIRMATION

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

EDGE

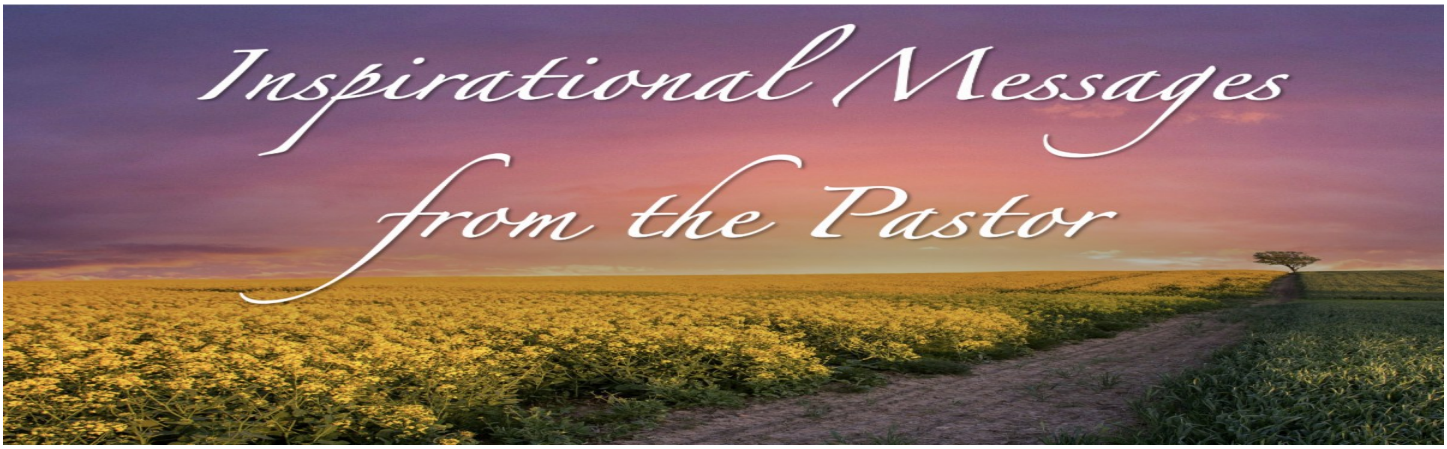
SUNDAY'S BEGINS IN AUG. 2026

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

Salt of the earth and light of the world

You are the salt of the earth. It is not for your own sake, he says, but for the world's sake that the word is entrusted to you. I am not sending you into two cities only or ten or twenty, not to a single nation, as I sent the prophets of old, but across land and sea, to the whole world. And that world is in a miserable state. For when he says: ***You are the salt of the earth,*** he is indicating that all mankind had lost its savor and had been corrupted by sin. Therefore, he requires of these men those virtues which are especially useful and even necessary if they are to bear the burdens of many. For the man who is kindly, modest, merciful and just will not keep his good works to himself but will see to it that these admirable fountains send out their streams for the good of others. Again, the man who is clean of heart, a peacemaker and ardent for truth will order his life so as to contribute to the common good.

Do not think, he says, that you are destined for easy struggles or unimportant tasks. ***You are the salt of the earth.*** What do these words imply? Did the disciples restore what had already turned rotten? Not at all. Salt cannot help what is already corrupted. That is not what they did. But what had first been renewed and freed from corruption and then turned over to them, they salted and preserved in the newness the Lord had bestowed. It took the power of Christ to free men from the corruption caused by sin; it was the task of the apostles through strenuous labor to keep that corruption from returning.

Have you noticed how, bit by bit, Christ shows them to be superior to the prophets? He says they are to be teachers not simply for Palestine but for the whole world. Do not be surprised, then, he says, that I address you apart from the others and involve you in such a dangerous enterprise. Consider the numerous and extensive cities, peoples and nations I will be sending you to govern. For this reason I would have you make others prudent, as well as being prudent yourselves. For unless you can do that, you will not be able to sustain even yourselves.

If others lose their savor, then your ministry will help them regain it. But if you yourselves suffer that loss, you will drag others down with you. Therefore, the greater the undertakings put into your hands, the more zealous you must be. For this reason he says: ***But if the salt becomes tasteless, how can its flavor be restored? It is good for nothing now, but to be thrown out and trampled by men's feet.***

When they hear the words: ***When they curse you and persecute you and accuse you of every evil,*** they may be afraid to come forward. Therefore he says; "Unless you are prepared for that sort of thing, it is in vain that I have chosen you. Curses shall necessarily be your lot but they shall not harm you and will simply be a testimony to your constancy. If through fear, however, you fail to show the forcefulness your mission demands, your lot will be much worse, for all will speak evil of you and despise you. That is what being trampled by men's feet means."

Then he passes on to a more exalted comparison: ***You are the light of the world.*** Once again, "of the world": not of one nation or twenty cities, but of the whole world. The light he means is an intelligible light, far superior to the rays of the sun we see, just as the salt is a spiritual salt. First salt, then light, so that you may learn how profitable sharp words may be and how useful serious doctrine. Such teaching holds in check and prevents dissipation; it leads to virtue and sharpens the mind's eye. ***A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do men light a lamp and put it under a basket.*** Here again he is urging them to a careful manner of life and teaching them to be watchful, for they live under the eyes of all and have the whole world for the arena of their struggles.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 25/26, 2026

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?

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A Wedding is a Day... A Marriage is a Lifetime®

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worldwide marriage encounter

Question of the Week?

What sacrifices am I willing to make and what hardships am I willing to endure in order to gain the kingdom of heaven?

♦ Looking for something to liven up your relationship?

♦ A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you all the tools you need for a better, stronger, more loving marriage.

♦ Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience at Rosaryville Retreat Center on August 28-30, 2026.

For more information visit our website at: **wwme.org** or call **225-892-4782**

♦ Early registration is highly recommended

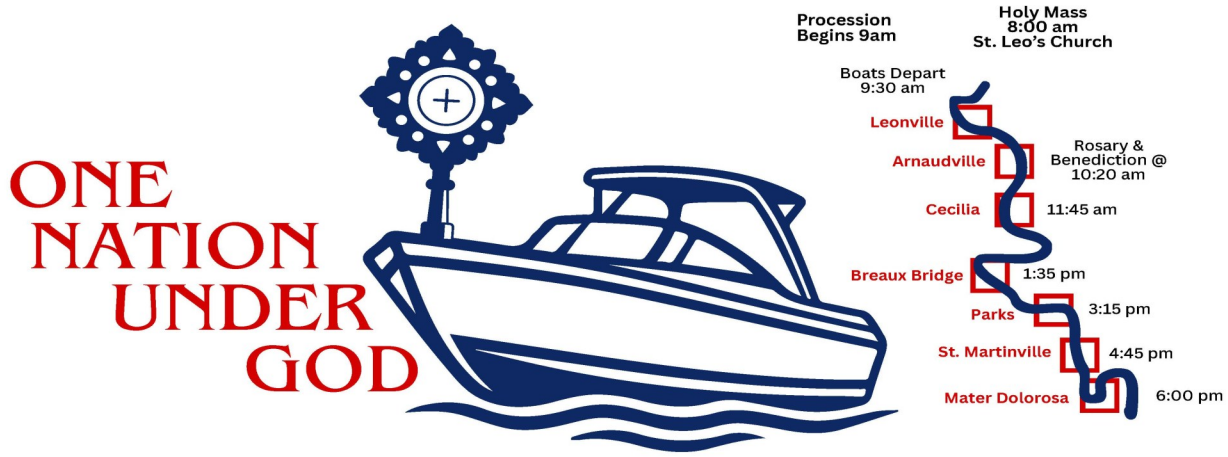
Fête-Dieu du Teche

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

UPON my word, it is very pleasant to have the name of being persecuted and yet enjoy the sweetest favors. Neglected and forsaken, yet cherished and most tenderly indulged by God's most favored servants and friends.

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. Wayne Duet
* Tuesday, July 28th - Rev. Casey Dugas
* Wednesday, July 29th - Rev. John Karol Dugas
* Thursday, July 30th - Rev. Edward Duhon
* Friday, July 31st - Rev. Nicholas Dupre
* Saturday, August 1st - Pope Leo XIV
* Sunday, August 2nd - Bishop Douglas Deshotel

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 27th - Isaac LeJeune
* Tuesday, July 28th - Tyler Listi
* Wednesday, July 29th - Roman Mayard
* Thursday, July 30th - Ian McElwee
* Friday, July 31st - Dominic Pagan
* Saturday, August 1st - Rev. Blake Dubroc, Dir of Voc.
* Sunday, August 2nd - Seminary Faculty & Parents

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 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.

Wednesday, August 19 - Knights of Columbus Meeting held on Wednesday, August 19 at 5PM in the Family Center.

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WEEKLY DONATION

July 18/19, 2026

Offering	6,268.00
Bishop Services Appeal	1,107.00
Other Donation	234.00
Total	$7,609.00

Thank you for your continued support.