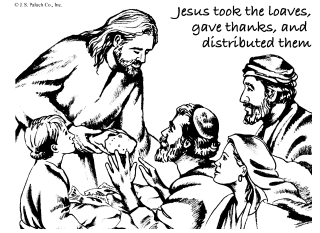




St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Shreveport, Louisiana

# EUCCHARISTIA Plus



**December 9, 2018      2nd Sunday of Advent**

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### *A message for the Second Sunday of Advent*

The Second Sunday of Advent challenges us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts for the Messiah so that we may receive him as our saving God during Christmas. We should also be prepared for his daily coming into our lives in the Holy Eucharist, in the meditative reading of the Sacred Scripture and our involvement in the church, the Body of Christ. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet him as our Judge on his *Second Coming*, at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.

**Let us take a look at the Readings for this Sunday.** In the first reading, the prophet Baruch introduces Yahweh, the God of Israel, preparing the way for, and leading the Babylonian exiles to, Jerusalem. Hence, the prophet invites the weeping Jerusalem to rejoice and go to high places to watch the return of the exiles. We, too, are asked to return to the Lord from our slavery to sin during this Advent season. Baruch's prophecy announces the return of the whole human race to God.

Saint Paul advises the Philippian community members through the Second reading to prepare themselves for Christ's Second Coming by practicing Christian love and by leading pure and blameless lives. John the Baptist, in today's Gospel, challenges the Jews to prepare their lives for receiving their long-awaited Messiah. They have to prepare a highway in their hearts for their Messiah. They are to get ready by repenting of their sins, renewing their lives, and expressing renewal of their life-styles.

The Sacred Scriptures invite us to produce a corresponding renewal of our lives. We need to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus our Savior to be reborn in us during this Christmas time. We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls, formed from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist way of living our faith. We have to straighten out whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make adequate restitution. If we have been harboring grudges or hatred, or refusing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris. As individuals, we might have to overcome deep-seated resentment, persistent fault-finding, unwillingness to forgive, dishonesty in our dealings with others, or a bullying attitude in relationships. And we all have to level the "mountains" of pride and egocentrism by practicing true humility of rendering humble service to others. We also need to repent and seek forgiveness from God and fellow-human beings: John's message calls us to confront and confess our sins. We need to turn away from them in sincere repentance and receive God's forgiveness and mercy. Further, we need to forgive others who have offended us and ask forgiveness for our offenses. Jesus is very explicit about this in Matthew 6:14-15. He says, *"For if you forgive men their transgressions, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."*

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## Readings for the Week

Sunday	Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6
Monday	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

## Mass Intentions

+ indicates Deceased  
(SI) indicates Living

### Saturday, December 8

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
4:00 PM (SI) Ray Vallillo  
+Wilmer, Jean & Wanda Powell  
+Thomas & Ann Laughlin

### Sunday, December 9

8:15 AM +Joe & Josephine Provenza  
11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
5:00 PM +Ronnie Alexander

### Monday, December 10

7:30 AM +Mason Stehr  
9:30 AM +Paul & Angelina Cush, The Oaks

### Tuesday, December 11

7:30 AM +Russell Pedro  
9:30 AM (SI) Arlene Lowery, Azalea Estates

### Wednesday, December 12

7:30 AM + Elizabeth Ing

### Thursday, December 13

7:30 AM +Vincent Marsala

### Friday, December 14

7:30 AM +Holy Souls In Purgatory

## The Week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, December 9-16

### ✠ Sunday, December 9

Masses: 4 pm 8:15 AM ; 11 AM; 5 PM

### Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM, G.I.F.T

9:30 AM, Christmas Boutique/Island of Misfit Toys

9:30 AM, Adult Faith Sharing in the Library

9:30 AM, Christian Initiation in the Burleigh Center

9:30 AM, Discerning God's Voice, Burleigh Center

### ✠ Monday, December 10

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

9:30 AM, Mass at Oaks

6:30 PM, High School Youth, 8th grade classroom

6:30 PM, St. Vincent de Paul, 7th grade classroom

### ✠ Tuesday, December 11

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

9:30 AM, Mass at Azalea Estates

5:30 PM, Rosary in the Chapel

8 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous in the Youth House

### ✠ Wednesday, December 12

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

9:30 AM, Bible Study in the Library

1:00 PM, Yarn Angels in the Burleigh Center

### ✠ Thursday, December 13

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

6:00 PM, Book of Acts Bible Study

### ✠ Friday, December 14

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

### ✠ Saturday, December 15

4:00 PM Mass

### ✠ Sunday, December 16

9:30 AM, G.I.F.T Christmas Program

9:30 AM, Adult Faith Sharing in the Library

9:30 AM, Christian Initiation in the Burleigh Center

9:30 AM, Discerning God's Voice, Burleigh Center

Knights of Columbus Raffle

*The flowers on the altar this  
weekend are in memory of  
Norma Jean Lenard*



*In Memoriam*

*Constance Duncan, Parishioner*

*Esches Duffey, Sister of Virginia Graham*

*Paul Snelling, Brother-in-law of Kathy Snelling*

*Chester Kirkland, Brother-in-law of Pat & Barbara Pledger*

## G.I.F.T. Boutique & Island of Misfit Toys

Blessings to you and all your families! As the holiday season quickly approaches, let us be thankful for all we have. With that in mind...allow me to invite you to participate in SEAS **"GIFT Boutique" and "Island of Misfit Toys!"**

Every year, SEAS hosts a Christmas Boutique for our younger GIFT children (Pre-K 4 thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade) to "shop" for gifts for their families. We are currently accepting gently used gift items, Christmas items, toys AND gift bags for this ministry. We will accept anything, as long as it is clean and unbroken. Please help our parish and donate some items and gift bags for this fun and sweet program. There is nothing too big OR too small; from babies to Great Grandparents. Families come in all shapes and sizes and we would like to be able to provide a gift for everyone! Please consider giving to this worthy cause. Thanks so much!

Donations will be taken from NOW until Friday, December 7th. You may drop off items at the MDO building or with Claire Bissell at the church.

**The Boutique and Island will officially open Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30-10:45am for our**

**G.I.F.T. students.** Please join us after 11am mass for our Christmas Boutique leftover sale! Christmas Boutique is FREE to our G.I.F.T. children, but after mass...all remaining items will be sold for a "suggested" donation of \$1 an item! We will be raising money for the Diocese of Shreveport Vocations. Please come shop and help raise money for our Seminarians. After this, all items will be donated. Please help a wonderful cause this Advent. We count on generous hearts such as yours!

Many Blessings,

Kristy Dye – Director SEAS MDO

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*Please pray for our sick, including Shirley Anderson, Ashley Assuline, Joe and Betty Bianca, Bernadette Biting, Marklyn Boucher, Al Boudreau, Kathleen Bouton, Shelby Ann Brakefield, Linda Brown, Kathy Littlejohn Cobb, Bill and Carmen Cocke, Mike Crevak, Emily Dean, Dale Dupuy, Emilie Epard, Gerald Govin, Butch Graham, Charlotte Emma Graham, Kim Green, Lily Green, Teresa Grigsby, Lynn Gautier, Martha Hannigan, Doug Hill, Imelda King, Lynn Lawrence, Joanne Levitte, Edward Loreson, Dwayne Malone, Bill Maroma, Carol Ann Marsala, Joseph Roy Maxey, Dustin Maxey, Helen & Nancy Meshell, Joe Miciotto, Mallori Miciotto, Dottie Murray, Father Joseph Nasser, Louise Overly, Catherine Nelson & Family, Pattie Neurauter, Cole Pasquier, Dale Phillips, Nicholas Politz, Ron Rice, Randy Richter, Normand Roy, Matt Savage, Tressie Sepeda, Randy Sorrell, Ray Vallillo, Shelly Zippi Werner*

## **2018 Advent Reconciliation Schedule**

St. John School	Wed.	Dec. 5	8:15am
Loyola Prep School	Wed.	Dec. 5	9:30am
Christ the King	Wed.	Dec. 5	6pm
Blessed Sacrament	Thur	Dec. 6	6pm
St. Joseph School	Fri.	Dec 7	9:30am
Cathedral of St. John Berhman	Mon.	Dec. 10	5:30pm
St. Elizabeth	Tue.	Dec. 11	6:30pm
St. Pius	Wed	Dec. 12	6:30pm
Mary, Queen of Peace	Wed.	Dec 12	6pm
St. Mary of the Pines	Thu.	Dec. 13	6:30pm
St. Joseph	Mon	Dec. 17	6:30pm
St. Jude	Tue.	Dec.18	6:30pm
Holy Trinity	Wed.	Dec. 19	6pm
Sacred Heart	Thur.	Dec. 20	6:30pm

## **Upcoming Events**

### **December**

- 9 GIFT; Christmas Boutique  
Turn in Giving Tree Presents
- 16 GIFT; Children's Christmas Pageant 9:30 AM  
Catechist Christmas Luncheon, 12:00 noon
- 23 *No GIFT – Christmas Eve*
- 30 *No GIFT – New Year's Eve*

\*Note: GIFT religious education classes begin promptly at 9:30 AM!

### **Christmas Program Rehearsals**

Monday December 10 - 5:30 PM – full dress rehearsal

### **Children's Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 16**

9:30 AM in the Church (During GIFT)

All are welcome!

## **What's Up Elsewhere**

### **☒ Protecting God's Children**

A session is scheduled for the following date:

**December 12th, 6 PM, Catholic Center, 3500 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104**

All employees and volunteers with or responsible for children, who have not yet done so, are required to attend. Concerned parents, grandparents and other adults are strongly encouraged to attend. To pre-register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), click "Registration" on the left side of the screen, and follow the instructions in the middle of the screen.

## Holiday Food Basket Donors 2018

Thank you for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in providing holiday food baskets! Donors include: Drs. Kenneth & Fleurette Abreo; Linden Adams; Jimmie & Yeona Dacosta Auld; Kathy Barberousse; John & Susan Beal; Joe & Betty Bianca; Joel & Terri Bianca and Family; Doug & Linda Bible; Elizabeth Zippi Bida; Carl Bigner; Michelle, Jill & Hillary Brown; Morris & Beverly Bruce; Jim Burleigh; Don & Toni Cameron; Armand & Dr. Virginia Quinones Canales; Ken & Debbie Canatella; Gracie Cason; Jim & Debbie Chiartano; Linda Childers; Beth Chiles; Cloyce Clark; Joe & Kathy Cobb; Zena Cobb; Brian & Elana Davidson; David & Marie Davies; Lingay Davis; Nancy Day; Susan Easterling; Wayne Ebarb; Bob & Bess Elder; Judy Ferguson; Kristin Fiser; Collier Franklin; Susan Gill; Harold & Patricia Gilley; Ron Gleason; Jimmy & Diane Gosslee; Eugene & Mary Guy; Stephen & Casey Hyde & Family; Phil & Virginia Israel; Joseph & Cindy Jarzabek; Lyle & Cindy Jeansonne; Joe & Cindy LaSalle; Frank & Renae Leone; Arlene Lowery; Debby Macy; Rodney & Susan Matthew; Mark & Judy McCarter; Marie McFarland; Bill & Marge McGill; Troy & Michelle Menard; Joe & Becky Moltz; Richard & Shirley Murdaugh; Kevin Murphy; Donald & Tina Nici; Our Lady's Ladies; Robin Perrero; Catlos-Elvira Previgciano; Diane Rachal; Larry & Mary Agnes Rambin; Kenny Roos; Tony & Brenda Roppolo; Paul Ruda; Clint & Patricia Schoolfield; Michael & Terri Spence; David Stringer; Marty & Joan Stroud; Dr. Fred & Deborah Stucker; James & Sheryl Sweeney; Ross & Cornelia Tilbury; Jay and Camille Titone; Deacon Homer & Karen Tucker; Anthony & Linda Tuminello; Henry & Patricia Voorhies; Tom & Lauri Wallace; David Wimberly; and Barbara Zaffater.

Some of the above donors provided ***much*** more than the suggested donation!! SVdP will also deliver Christmas baskets because of our parishioners overwhelming generosity. Michele, Jill & Hillary Brown prepared and delivered their own basket.

Special thanks to all our wonderful St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners (Casey Hyde; Ron Gleason; Joel & Terri Bianca; Tony & Linda Tuminello; and Barbara Zaffater) who helped us deliver! Peter Hawboldt continued the tradition of providing delicious smoked birds to two lucky families. It was a great and wonderful day blessed by our parish working together!

To all, may God bless you abundantly for your generosity and kindness!!

## What's Up in the Parish

☛ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Tuesdays at 8PM in the Youth House; for more information please contact Bob, (318) 393-1400.

☛ **Rosary Tuesdays** As a product of studies involving Mary and the recognized need for communities at prayer, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton members are starting A Rosary Prayer Group. Join us every Tuesday. All are encouraged to come join us. Our World Needs Prayer. Let's do our part.

☛ **Our Lady's Ladies** We will meet for our annual Christmas Party Wednesday, December 12th at 6:00 PM. For more information please contact Donna Collins at (318) 426-6366.

☛ **Youree Fellowship** We will have our December gathering on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 PM at Jimbeaux and Son's Restaurant located at 1817 East 70th Street. The cost is \$20 per person for a complete meal. Please plan on joining us for a night of food, fun and fellowship as we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our very special church family group. Jo Ann is collecting money and will need to have yours by December 7th. RSVP Jo Ann: 347-8675. Contact Ann Weeks for more information.

☛ **Choir Christmas Party** Sunday December 16th after 11 AM Mass at Marlene & Charley Bourgeois 10014 Ferry Creek in Ellerbe Road Estates.

## Knights of Columbus Coat Drive a Huge Success

The Knights of Columbus Children's Coat drive was a huge success thanks to the generosity of the children and families of the SEAS GIFT classes. Forty-three new and gently used coats were donated to the coat drive. These coats, along with twelve new coats purchased by the Knights of Columbus, will be given to the Shreveport Police Department. These coats will be distributed by the Police Officers to needy children in the community that they come in contact with. This aids the officers in their efforts to be a positive presence in the communities they serve. Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate!

## Bake Sale Success

Our Lady's Ladies would like to thank everyone who helped make our bake sale a success. SEAS members are always so supportive of this event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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