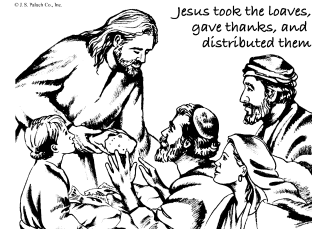




St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Shreveport, Louisiana

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December 16, 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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A message for the Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath and the Celebrants may wear rose vestments to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus, as our Savior. The theme of the third Sunday of Advent is *rejoicing in hope*. Advent is a time for joy, not only because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but also because God is already in our midst. Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain or trouble, but from an awareness of the dynamic presence of Christ within our souls and in our Community. In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah says, "Shout for joy, O Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel." Zephaniah made this prophetic proclamation at the height of the Jewish exile when things appeared hopeless and unbearable. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Is 12), the prophet gives the same instruction, "Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." St. Paul echoes the same message of joy in the second reading, taken from his letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice... The Lord is in your midst... Fear not... be not discouraged... The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all..." Please bear in mind that Paul was imprisoned when he made this appeal for rejoicing. In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as wholehearted commitment to God's way by doing His will. In fact, a sad or gloomy Christian is a contradiction in terms. According to the Baptizer, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others and sharing our blessings with people around us. John's call to repentance is a call to experience true joy and lasting restoration. *Repentance* means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. Filled with joyful expectation that the Messiah was near, the people asked John, "What should we do?" He told them to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting their lives reflect their inner transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggested.

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Readings for the Week

Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
Monday	Gn 49:2, 8-18 Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday	Jgs 13:2-7 Lk 1:5-25
Thursday	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45
Saturday	1Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
Sunday	Mt 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 kmlaLk 1:39-45

Mass Intentions

+ indicates Deceased
(SI) indicates Living

Saturday, December 15

4:00 PM +Joe, Nellie & Linda Roppolo
+Norma Jean Lenard
+Marian Pierce

Sunday, December 16

8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
11:00 AM C.J. & Dru Auer
5:00 PM +Sam Anthony Sardisco

Monday, December 17

7:30 AM +Andrew Rambin
9:30 AM (SI) Ray Vallillo, The Oaks

Tuesday, December 18

7:30 AM +Tony & Marie Miciotto
9:30 AM +Joan Conway, The Glen

Wednesday, December 19

7:30 AM +Timothy J. Maney
+Russell Pedro

Thursday, December 20

7:30 AM +Hazel & Frank Campisi

Friday, December 21

7:30 AM +Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, December 16-23

✠ Sunday, December 16

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

Third Sunday of Advent

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

✠ Monday, December 17

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
9:30 AM, Mass at Oaks
6:30 PM, High School Youth, 8th grade classroom

✠ Tuesday, December 18

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
9:30 AM, Mass at The Glen
5:30 PM, Rosary in the Chapel
8 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous in the Youth House

✠ Wednesday, December 19

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 20

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
6:00 PM, Book of Acts Bible Study

✠ Friday, December 21

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

✠ Saturday, December 22

4:00 PM Mass

✠ Sunday, December 23

No G.I.F.T.
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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick, including Shirley Anderson, Ashley Assuline, Joe Bianca, Bernadette Bitting, Marklyn Boucher, Al Boudreau, Kathleen Bouton, Shelby Ann Brakefield, Linda Brown, Bill and Carmen Cocke, Mike Crevak, Emily Dean, Dale Dupuy, Emilie Epard, Gerald Govin, Butch Graham, Charlotte Emma Graham, Kim Green, Lily Green, Terresa Grigsby, Lynn Gautier, Martha Hannigan, Robert Hermes, Doug Hill, Imelda King, Lynn Lawrence, Joanne Levitte, Edward Loreson, Dwayne Malone, Bill Maroma, Carol Ann Marsala, Joseph Roy Maxey, Dustin Maxey, Helen & Nancy Messhell, 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

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, Christmas Vigil Masses
4 PM, 6:30 PM, 9 PM

December 25, Christmas Day Mass
9 AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule

December 31, Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day Anticipated Mass
4 PM

January 1, Mary, Mother of God Holy
Day Mass
9 AM

ALL SEAS HIGHSCHOOL SENIORS

The Knight of Columbus are glad to announce that applications for the CYLA/Catholic Youth Leadership Award are available now online at <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/> and also at SEAS in the pocket in front of Claire Bissell's office. Applications must be turned into the SEAS office by JAN 15, 2019 in order for them to be processed properly. Please call Peter Hawboldt at 686-7722 if there are any related questions. There is a \$500 cash award to a winner in both the boy and girl division. Winners will go on to possible Area and State Awards.

Sincere THANKS from OSOT, Inc.

Due to the generous contributions of non-perishable food items, hygiene products, candy, children's artwork, letters of support and monetary contributions from local individuals, churches, schools, clubs and organizations, 112 boxes have been shipped (at the cost of \$4,815.62) to deployed troops in remote areas of the Middle East in time for Christmas holiday delivery!

On behalf of Operation Support Our Troops (OSOT), Inc. (the national organization and Shreveport chapter), our dedicated military troops and their families, **THANK YOU** for helping us brighten the spirits of those far from home and away from their families for yet another Christmas. Please keep them **ALL** in your holiday prayers.

May you, your family and friends experience all the joys of the season!!!

2018 Advent Reconciliation Schedule

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

- 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:

January 9th at 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, click "Registration" on the left side of the screen, and follow the instructions in the middle of the screen.

☒ ACTS Retreat 2019 Women's Retreat March 21

-24, 2019 Men's Retreat April 4-7, 2019

Please contact Melissa Olivier to register or for more information at (318) 402-2464

☒ Annual Mardi Gras Celebration

Even though we have no bishop we will be having our annual Mardi Gras @ St. Pius X Catholic Church. It is open to the general public. Mass begins on the first Saturday of January corresponding to the Feast of the Epiphany, 9:00 a.m. Sponsored by The Manno Family. The Mass will be in honor Msgr. Carson LaCaze. Celebrating the mass will be Msgr. Earl Provenza, Father Joe Martina, Father Carl Daigle and the main celebrant will be Father Charles Glorioso. King Cake, juice and coffee will be served to all in the St. Pius Community Hall. There is no charge and Mardi Gras jackets are encouraged, but crowns and tiaras are not.

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.

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

☛ **First Annual Valentine's Day Dance**
Captivate your date with the romantic music of Frank Sinatra, Harry Connick Jr, and others (requests accepted). When: Saturday, Feb. 16th
Where: The Burleigh Center
Time: Gather at 6:30. Dance from 7:00 to 9:00.
Food: Light appetizers, punch, iced tea
Cost: \$10 per couple. Reserve your seats now!
Tickets will be sold in lobby after mass.

Prayer for a New Bishop

Let us join together in praying at every Mass for our new bishop. Indeed there is something inspiring about knowing the future third Bishop of Shreveport is out there working in the Church so it makes our prayers very concrete. Pray for him in his pursuit of holiness and for his zeal for and love of the Church as Jesus Christ founded it.

All glory to You, Lord our God, our eternal Shepherd and Guide. In your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Shreveport a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly Zeal will be a constant witness of faith and love to the people entrusted to his care. In Your love for us, may he strive to live more and more each day with holiness of life and heroic virtue so that he will lead Your holy people in all truth by being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and mind of justice.

Prepare him, we humbly pray, to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to actively work to build up your holy Church. Through Jesus Christ.
Amen

Thank You!

Thanks everyone who helped make the annual Christmas Boutique for our young ones such a great success. The children so enjoyed "shopping" for their parents. Thanks to everyone who sent up donations with such generosity – it really was an overwhelming response. What a wonderful way for the children to experience God's abundant love and to learn to share it just as lavishly! A special thanks to coordinator Kristy Dye and the many volunteers who helped keep the boutique running smoothly.

Thanks also to all who made the Children's Christmas Program such a great success – all the children who participated, our adult music ministers and children's choir, and all of the parent volunteers. The program was awesome! Thanks for helping keep this beautiful St. Elizabeth Ann Seton tradition going!

Finally, a heartfelt thanks to each of you for your generosity in providing for the children whose names were featured on the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton **Giving Tree** as well as our **Warm Clothing Drive** and our **Island of Misfit Toys**. Your generosity lovingly touched the lives of many children in our community as well as our own Parish Family. What a lovely way to embrace the Spirit of Christmas!

Feast Day Celebration

Saturday, January 5th, after the 4 PM Mass in the Burleigh Center

The Knight of Columbus have graciously offered to prepare the meats for this event. Parishioners are invited to bring the side dishes and salads to share.

*For more information please contact the church office
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