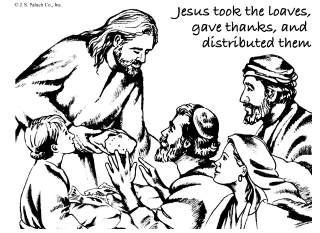




St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Shreveport, Louisiana

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December 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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A message for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary's visit to Elizabeth. There is a saying, "He (she) who is on fire cannot sit on a chair." Mary, filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit, hurried to the mountain country where Elizabeth lived, thereby conveying the Holy Spirit to her cousin and Elizabeth's unborn child. Like all good Jews, whatever Mary did was prompted by her commitment to God's word in her life. The trip from Nazareth in Galilee where Mary lived to a village in Judea where Elizabeth lived would take four days. (Later Christian tradition identified Ain Karim, about 5 miles west of Jerusalem, as the place; *Jerusalem Bible* note on Luke 1: 39). Since travel alone was not safe, Mary must have gone with a caravan. The two cousins greeted one another, one running to assist the other, both pregnant with life and Faith. Mary's formal salutation served both as a prophetic gesture and as a prophetic oracle. Elizabeth's unborn child leaped with joy in recognition that salvation was near. Already, before his birth, John had been touched by the Holy Spirit. No wonder, John would be the first to recognize the presence of Jesus as He began His public ministry! Elizabeth then prophetically interpreted this event, pointing away from her own motherhood to reveal the hidden identity of her visitor and the baby she carried. We too can "leap for joy," because Jesus has come to us to forgive our sins. Elizabeth, in turn, gave Mary assurance and confirmation to strengthen the young woman's Faith in the early stages of her pilgrimage. She pronounced a blessing over Mary. Having been both blessed and favored, Mary was now in a blessed and happy condition. Mary was blessed both because of her Faith and because of her bearing of the Christ-child. Mary became the true believer, model of Faith and first among her Son's disciple-followers. **Mary helped Elizabeth in her time of need and served her till John was born. That was her perfect, loving, and sacrificial gift to Elizabeth.** This story teaches us the importance of mutual ministry. Each of us has a unique call, leaving us no reason for envy. Mary brought the Savior; John recognized and identified Him; and Elizabeth gave prophecy, mediating God's word by interpreting this event.

The new Ark of the Covenant. Mary's journey to visit Elizabeth had enormous significance for Luke's Jewish and Gentile readers. It showed them that Mary's womb was truly the locale of God's presence. This story suggests a mysterious parallel between Mary's journey into the hill country and the movement of the Ark of the Covenant to the same locale on its way to Jerusalem (II Samuel, Chapter 6). Both the Ark and Mary are greeted with "shouts of joy;" both are sources of joy for the households into which they enter; both the Ark and Mary remain in the hill country for three months. As a temporary vessel housing the immanent presence of God, Mary appears to fulfill the same purpose as the Ark of the Covenant. The Jewish Christians believed that God dwelt in the Temple in Jerusalem, but now, the evangelist tells them, God is present in Mary. Like the Ark of the Covenant, God is journeying throughout His land, visiting His chosen people, and blessing them with His presence.

~Fr. Joseph Ampatt

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Readings for the Week

Sunday	Mt 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 kmlaLk 1:39-45
Monday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Wednesday	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
Thursday	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Saturday	1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intentions

+ indicates Deceased
(SI) indicates Living

Saturday, December 22

4:00 PM +George Lukacs
+Marian Pierce

Sunday, December 23

8:15 AM +Abraham Jerome & Dortha Lov Nicholas
11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5:00 PM +Jeanne Auer Browne

Monday, December 24

4 PM AM +Harriet, Jim & Michael Cook
6:30 PM Vocations
9 PM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday, December 25

9 AM (SI) SVdP Benefactors

Wednesday, December 26

7:30 AM + Nan Bledsole
+Joe G. Casciola Sr. & Laurie James Casciola

Thursday, December 27

7:30 AM +Russell Pedro

Friday, December 28

7:30 AM +Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, December 23-30

✠ Sunday, December 23

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

✠ Monday, December 24

Church Office Closed

4 PM, Christmas Vigil Mass

6:30 PM, Christmas Vigil Mass

9 PM, Christmas Vigil Mass

✠ Tuesday, December 25

Church Office Closed

9 AM, Christmas Day Mass

8 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous in the Youth House

✠ Wednesday, December 26

✠ Church Office Closed

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 27

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

6:00 PM, Book of Acts Bible Study

✠ Friday, December 28

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

✠ Saturday, December 29

4:00 PM Mass

✠ Sunday, December 30

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, 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, Joan Kislack, Lynn Lawrence, Joanne Levitte, Edward Loreson, Dwayne Malone, Bill Maroma, Carol Ann Marsala, Joseph Roy Maxey, Dustin Maxey, Helen & Nancy Meshell, Alvin Michiels, 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, Gene Slucher, 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

Second Collection

December 24th & 25th

Diocesan Infirm Priest Fund

*100% of these collections remain
in our Diocese.*

Please be generous

Mission Statement of

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

*We gather in praise and worship of the Father,
called by our baptism in Christ and living in His Spirit.
We become the Body of Christ,
sent forth to embody the universal mission of the Catholic
Church.
Our Christian life calls us to challenge and support persons in
their efforts to love and serve the Lord through abiding
love of one another, to share joyfully His Word and
Sacrament, and to heal and witness the love and peace of
His kingdom through generous outreach and selfless
service to all, especially the least among us.*

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is on Facebook. Be sure
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**Look for us on Instagram as
@seasshreveport. Be sure to
follow us!**



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.
- ☼ **Knight of Columbus** will meet **Monday, January 7th at 6:30 PM** for a Rosary prior to their 7:00 PM Meeting in the Burleigh Center.
- ☼ **Our Lady's Ladies** will meet **Wednesday, January 9th**. Rosary will be in the Chapel at **6:00 PM** and we will meet in the RCIA room at 6:30 PM. Please join us. For more information please contact Donna Collins, (318) 426-6336.
- ☼ **Your Fellowship Group** will meet **January 17th**, for dinner and a presentation by Deacon Mike Straub in the Burleigh Center at **6:30 PM**. For more information please contact Ann Weeks, (318)797-3757.

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 AM.** 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



First Friday, January 4
8 am – 5 pm
Chapel in the Burleigh Center
Benediction is at 5 pm
Sign up in the church foyer

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of the
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPONSORS

Feed My Lambs
weekend of January 5 & 6

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

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
(318) 798-1887*

Upcoming Events

December

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

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.

SEAS Valentine's Day Dance

*"Fly Me to the Moon" by way of the
Burleigh Center at the SEAS Valentine's Day
dance on Feb. 16th from 6:30 – 9:00!
Details coming soon!*