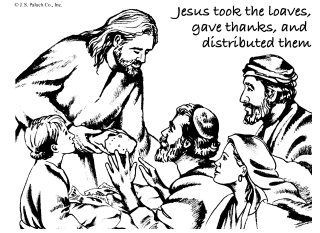




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December 30, 2018

Feast of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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A message for the Feast of the Holy Family

On the last Sunday of the calendar year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We offer all the members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing. Today's feast reminds us that Jesus chose to live in an ordinary human family to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church. The first reading from the book of Samuel describes how Elkanah and Hannah presented their child Samuel in the Temple, consecrated him to the service of the Lord as a perpetual Nazarite and left him in the Temple under the care of Eli the priest. The reading instructs us that we are to live as God's children, "*chosen ones, holy and beloved.*" In today's responsorial psalm, the psalmist reminds us that happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord. In the second reading, John reminds us that, as children of God the Father, we are members of God's own family, and, as such, we are expected to obey the greatest commandment of God, "Love one another," so that we may remain united to God in the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel (Lk 2:41-52) describes how Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem at the age of twelve to make him "a son of the Law" so that he might take on the obligations of the Mosaic Law. After telling us how the boy Jesus got lost and found later in the Temple, today's Gospel explains how the Holy Family of Nazareth lived according to the will of God, obeying all the Jewish laws and regulations and bringing up Jesus in the same way, so that he grew in wisdom as well as in the favor of God and men. Jesus' obedience to his earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of his heavenly Father.

The Holy Family's round-trip to the Passover feast: We have the description of an ideal family in today's Gospel. Luke concludes his detailed story of Christ's infancy, with Jesus' visit to the Temple in Jerusalem at the age of twelve to become "a son of the Law" and to take on the obligations of the Law. Every adult Jew (12 years old and above), who lived within fifteen miles of Jerusalem had to attend the Passover feast. Adult Jewish men were obliged to participate in three festivals: the Festival of Unleavened Bread (Passover), the Festival of Weeks (Pentecost), and the Festival of Booths (Tabernacles) (Dt 16:16; Ex 23:14-16). Jerusalem was 80 miles from Nazareth, the journey took three to four days in each direction, and the family stayed in Jerusalem for the eight days of the Passover feast.

The tragedy: Since women and children in a caravan started earlier than men, on the return leg of the trip, Joseph and Mary each thought that Jesus, newly promoted to adult status, was with the other group. But Jesus had actually lingered behind in the Temple, attending the Sanhedrin classes on religious and theological questions as an eager student of Mosaic Law. Finally, when Mary and Joseph had found him in the Temple after three days of anxious search, Jesus explained to them that he was in his Father's House and was "about His Father's business." It was as if he had had a blaze of realization about his Divine Sonship. Jesus takes the name "father" from Joseph and gives it to God very gently, but very definitely. But the Gospel tells us that he returned with his parents to Nazareth and there grew up like any other young man. He obeyed his parents and discharged all his duties to God, to his parents and to the community, faithfully, "*advancing in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.*" ~Fr. Joseph Ampatt

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Readings for the Week

Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52
Monday	1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
Thursday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34
Friday	1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
Saturday	1 Jn 3:110-21 Jn 1:43-51
Sunday	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a. 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

+ indicates Deceased
(SI) indicates Living

Saturday, December 29

4:00 PM +Angel & Marie Vallillo
+Marian Pierce
+Joe, Nellie & Linda Roppolo

Sunday, December 30

8:15 AM +Wilbert Maxey
11:00 AM (SI) Laura Bilderback
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday, December 31

7:30 AM +Mary Margaret Maney
4 PM AM +Parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday, January 1

9 AM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday, January 2

7:30 AM + Russell Pedro
+Joe G. Casciola Sr. & Laurie James Casciola
(SI) Kathy Snelling

Thursday, January 3

7:30 AM +Nick & Ina Pedro

Friday, January 4

7:30 AM +Timothy Maney

The Week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, December 30-January 6

✠ Sunday, December 23

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

Feast of the Holy Family

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 31

Church Office Closed

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

✠ Tuesday, January 1

Church Office Closed

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

9 AM, Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Mass

8 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous in the Youth House

✠ Wednesday, January 2

✠ 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, January 3

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

6:00 PM, Book of Acts Bible Study

✠ Friday, January 4

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

8 AM, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

✠ Saturday, January 5

4:00 PM Mass

5 PM, Feast Day Celebration

✠ Sunday, January 6

Feed My Lambs

No G.I.F.T.

9:30 AM, Adult Faith Sharing in the Library

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 Mershell, 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, Randy Sorrell, Ray Vallillo, Shelly Zippi Werner

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**

Religious Education Upcoming Events

January

- 1 Mary Mother of God Holy Day
- 7 GIFT resumes
- 13-15 High School Retreat
- 15 No GIFT – MLK Holiday
- 21 GIFT; 1st Communion Parent Meeting 9:30 AM; Burleigh Center
- 27 10 am, First Reconciliation
- 28 GIFT; Confirmation Parent Meeting 9:30 AM in Church Sanctuary
- 28 5 PM, Service of Commitment, 8th graders
- 28 SEAS Feast Day Celebration, 6 PM

Baptismal Prep

If you are expecting or if your baby has already been born and you are seeking baptism for your child, please call the parish office to set up an appointment for a baptismal preparation session. Contact Cathy Cobb, catcobb@seasshreveport.com

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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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
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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*

Monthly Service Opportunity For Middle School and High School Youth and their Families

Monthly Service Opportunity
Saturday, January 12, 2-3 PM

Azalea Estates

We will visit and

Play games with the residents.

Contact Amy Dean deanandcrew@aol.com

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!*