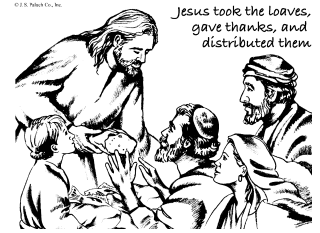




St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Shreveport, Louisiana

EUCCHARISTIA Plus



Jesus took the loaves,
gave thanks, and
distributed them

January 20, 2019

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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A message for the 2nd Sunday in

This is a season of "epiphanies," in which the Liturgy shows us God's revelation of Jesus as the Messiah to the shepherds, the Magi, King Herod, John the Baptist and those gathered around John at the Jordan. This week we are at a wedding where Jesus reveals his Divine power by his first miracle. Pope St. John Paul II gave us a beautiful gift when he introduced the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. The second mystery is the subject of today's Gospel, the Wedding Feast at Cana where Jesus changed water into wine. The miracle at Cana is the first of seven "signs" in John's Gospel - miraculous events by which Jesus showed forth his Divinity. Jesus, his mother and his disciples were guests at the wedding feast. When the wine "ran short," Jesus' mother told him about it. At first Jesus seemed to refuse to do anything about it. But later he told the servants to fill six large stone jars with water and take some to the headwaiter. When they did so, the water had become wine, better wine than that which had run out. The Bible begins with one wedding, that of Adam and Eve in the garden (Genesis 2:23-24), and ends with another, the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9, 21:9, 22:17). Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the Covenant relationship between God and His chosen people. God is the Groom and humanity is His beloved bride. We see this beautifully reflected in today's first reading, where Isaiah uses the metaphor of spousal love to describe God's love for Israel. God's fidelity to his people is compared to a husband's fidelity to his wife. The prophet reminds his people that their God rejoices in them as a Bridegroom rejoices in His Bride and that He will rebuild Israel, if they will be reconciled to Him and repair their strained relationship with Him. By our Baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to her Groom (II Cor. 11:2). In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that the new wine that Jesus pours out for us is the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to his bride. Jesus' first sign at Cana and Paul's advice to the Corinthians challenge us to become more sensitive to the many signs of God's power and glory around us, to open our eyes and hearts to perceive them as coming from God and to give glory to God for them.

Mary's intervention: When Mary pointed out the problem to Jesus, his reply seems, on the surface, to be a bit sharp. This, however, is to misunderstand the passage. Although Jesus addressed his mother as "Woman" or "Dear Woman," the term was roughly equivalent to our word "lady" or "madam", and was not, in itself, unnecessarily harsh. It was, in fact, a term of respect and is the same word Jesus used when he addressed his mother from the cross, saying of John, "Woman, behold your Son." Jesus' next words are also easily misunderstood. He asked Mary, "What is it to me and to you?" This implies no rudeness on Jesus' part. Probably, it means, "We are guests, and guests are not expected to supply the things needed at a feast." Jesus further protested, "My hour has not yet come," The "hour" of Jesus includes his passion, death, Resurrection and exaltation taken as one great event. In spite of Jesus' detachment from the problem, Mary instructed the waiters, "Do whatever He tells you," showing Faith that her son would do what the newlyweds and their families really needed. The Church uses the account of this miracle to remind us that, by virtue of her position as the Mother of God and our Heavenly mother, Mary's intercession for us with God has great power.

~Fr. Joseph Ampatt

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Readings for the Week

Sunday	Is62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-1 Jn 2:1-11
Monday	Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Heb 7:1-3 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12
Friday	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18
Saturday	2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Is62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-1 Jn 2:1-11

Mass Intentions

+ indicates Deceased
(SI) indicates Living

Saturday, January 19

4:00 PM +Normand Roy
+Declan James LeBlanc

Sunday, January 20

8:15 AM +Ines Zuniga
11:00 AM +Mary Rambin Laffitte
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday, January 21

7:30 AM +Eric Millen
9:30 AM, (SI) Ray Vallillo, The Oaks

Tuesday, January 22

7:30 AM, +Grace Ann Titone

Wednesday, January 23

7:30 AM +Ken, Marge & Bobby Snyder
+Mary Lloyd

Thursday, January 24

7:30 AM +Chris Cerda

Friday, January 25

7:30 AM +Russell Pedro

The Week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, January 20-27

† Sunday, January 20

NO G.I.F.T.

KC Quarterly Communion

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, January 21

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
9:30 AM, Mass at the Oaks
4:00 PM, Children's Choir Practice
6:30 PM, HS Youth Group in the Burleigh Center
6:30 PM, SVDP

† Tuesday, January 22

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
8 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous in the Youth House
Wednesday, January 23

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
9:30 AM, Bible Study in the Library
1:00 PM, Yarn Angels in the Burleigh Center
6:30 PM, Choir Practice

† Thursday, January 24

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

† Friday, January 25

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

† Saturday, January 26

10:00 AM, 1st Reconciliation
7:30 AM-3:00 PM, SVdP, in the Burleigh Center
4:00 PM Mass

† Sunday, January 27

9:30 AM, G.I.F.T., 8th Grade Parent Meeting
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
5:00 PM, Service of Commitment

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, Matt Savage, Tressie Sepeda, Ray Vallillo, Shelly Zippi Werner

Religious Education Upcoming Events

January

- 19-20 High School Retreat at Clara Springs
- 21 MLK Holiday
- 26 10 AM—Noon, First Reconciliation
- 27 GIFT; Confirmation Parent Meeting 9:30 AM in the Burleigh Center
- 27 5 PM, Service of Commitment, 8th graders

First Communion News – Mark your calendar

- First Reconciliation, Saturday, January 26, 10 AM – Noon
 - First Communion, Sunday, April 28, 2019, 5 PM Mass
 - May Crowning, May 5, 10:45 AM, led by 2nd grade
 - Last Day of GIFT, Parish Picnic, May 5, 2019
- ### Confirmation News – Mark your calendar
- 8th grade parent meeting, January 27, 9:30 AM
 - Service of Commitment, January 27, 5 PM Mass
 - 8th grade Confirmation Retreat, February 2, 2019

Volunteers needed:

MS/HS volunteers are needed after all the Masses the weekend of **February 2/3** to collect donations for St. Vincent de Paul on Super Bowl Sunday during the annual Souper Bowl of caring. **To sign up, contact Claire Bissell in the church office (318) 798-1887**

Mother's Day Out Registration 2019-2020

MDO Registration is about to begin! Our program is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am to 2pm. We follow Caddo Parish school holiday schedule and teacher in-service days. We are open August through May and accept children from newborns to 4 years old. Please come join the SEAS MDO family! **Contact Kristy Dye at seasmdoinfo@yahoo.com or call (318) 797-7087.**

*"The Holy Mass is the most precious
Gift one may offer"*

*All are encouraged to have Mass offered for
loved ones who have died, or even for the
living who have some need. Please contact
the church office to request a Mass intention.
(318) 798-1887.*

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 meet **every Tuesday at 5:30 PM in the Chapel** for a Rosary Prayer Group. All are encouraged to come join us. Our World Needs Prayer. Let's do our part.

☼ **"2019 Lenten Prep"**

Join fellow parishioners for a 6 week spiritual preparation for Lent. We will explore ways of fasting, prayer, meditation, etc. to be ready to begin a special Lent this year! Begins **Sunday January 20th at 9:30 in the Burleigh Center**. Contact Michelle Brown for more details. mbrownjd@bellsouth.net

☼ **The Gospel of Luke**

We will begin a Bible study on the Gospel of Luke on **Tuesday, February 5th**. We will meet in the Fr. Phil Michiels Library beginning **at 6:30 and end no later than 8:00 PM**. Because of the length of the Gospel, we will cover the first half of the Gospel this Spring and finish the second half during the Fall of the year.

The book we will use is *The Gospel of Luke* from the Catholic Commentary of Sacred Scripture written by Fr. Pablo Gadenz. Fr. Gadenz is an associate professor at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University. We will conclude the first half of the Gospel of Luke in early May. You can attain a copy of the book from Amazon.com or order through Jacob's Well.

☼ **Our Lady's Ladies** will meet **Wednesday, February 13th**. 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.

☼ **SEAS Valentine's Dance 2019**

"Come Fly with Me" to "New York, New York" on **Saturday, Feb. 16th** at the SEAS Valentine's Day dance at the Burleigh Center. **Doors open at 6:30, music from 7:00 – 9:00**. Tickets available in the lobby at \$10 per couple (**cash only**) or \$15 at the door. Come and enjoy the music of Frank Sinatra, Harry Connick Jr. and others!!

**Contact Theresa Gill for questions
(318-200-9050; Home 678-467-1486 Cell)**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Do you have a heart for hospitality and service? Have you ever wondered how you might participate even more fully in the celebration of the Mass? Maybe God is calling you to the ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. EMHC are integral to the sacramental sharing that is the highlight of the Mass—they assist the smooth distribution of Holy Communion. The EMHC serves at the will of Christ and the Church to sanctify the people of God. If you feel that God is calling you to this vital ministry, **if you would like more information, please contact Bess Elder, (334)399-6730.**

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY FEBRUARY 10, 2019

As we celebrate the examples of happy married life, we especially honor those who have made "special" anniversaries in 2018 (5, 10, 15, etc., and any anniversary over 50 years). Please sign the sheet in the foyer or telephone the office if you are one of these. Help us perpetuate this most fundamental sacrifice of love. (318) 798-1887

Second Collection

January 26 & 27

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Please be generous

Palm Branches

Please bring your palm branches from last year to be burned for Ash Wednesday

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Look for us on Instagram as @seasshreport.



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SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, February 2—3

We are on a mission to fight hunger and poverty. You can help. On February 2 & 3, our youth will hold soup pots at our church doors on Souper Bowl Sunday. They will join young people in churches all across the country to collect money and canned goods for those who are hungry and hurting. All of the money and food items collected at St. Elizabeth's will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul. None of the money is sent to Souper Bowl headquarters. Organizers only ask that each Church report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring became a national grassroots event in 1993, more than \$33 million has gone to help those in need.

Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar and/or a canned good in the soup pot as you leave church on Souper Bowl Sunday (and Saturday). It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Those who need help may not know that you cared, but God will. And our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

Note: This event replaces the usual Feed My Lambs collection.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PRAYS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY especially:

Linden Adams, Dennis & Timothy Banks, Michael Bargmann, Marc Bradle, Jeffrey Bragg, Rodney Brown, Warren Carroll, Terry Christiansen, Mark Church, Kenneth & Trisha Cobb, Patrick Cobbs; Kateline Collier, Jack Delo, Todd Derrick, Gabby Dimaio, Chris Emery, Dillon Ezernack, Michael Farley, Nicholas Godfrey, John Graham, Randy Green, William & Waverly Hock, David Hume, David, Matthew, & Thomas Jeansonne, Melanie Jones, Aaron & Adam LeBlanc, Jonathan S. Lee, Andrew Ligon, Alex & Jessica Luyando, Scott Maytan, Jay Mitchell, Sean Murphy, Robert Nordberg, Chris Occhiuzzo, Alex Pimboeuf, Matthew Rambin, TJ Remedés, Joseph Roe, Dana Romero, Beau Skonieczny, Randy Sorrell, Bradley Stevens, David Stringer, Matthew Titus, M. T. Turner, Danny Vento, Scott Wilson, Jonathan Wyche, Josh Yarbrough, Dennis Zabka

