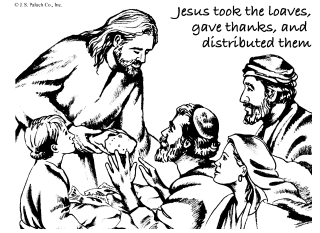




St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Shreveport, Louisiana

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February 3, 2019

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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A message for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The central theme of today's readings is that we should have and show the courage of our Christian convictions in our day-to-day lives in our communities, when we face hatred and rejection because of our Christian Faith. In both the first reading and the Gospel, Jeremiah and Jesus are presented as prophets, chosen, consecrated and sent to their brothers and sisters as emissaries of the Word of God. The first reading tells us how God called Jeremiah as His prophet and equipped him to face opposition and rejection. In his prophetic vocation, which he lived out while encountering rejection and persecution, Jeremiah anticipated Jesus, the greatest of all prophets. Today's Responsorial Psalm (71), expresses the feelings of one who encounters opposition but trusts deeply in God's protection, and determines to continue his proclamations of God's Justice and wondrous deeds in spite of the negative response. In the second reading, we hear Paul speaking with the courage of his convictions in correcting the Corinthian Christian community where the exercise of God's gifts was causing competition, jealousy and divisiveness. He courageously presents to them a "way" which surpasses all others, namely, the *way of love*. He warns them that, if exercised without love, even the gifts of tongues, knowledge, Faith and generosity are useless. Then Paul spells out for them and us the true nature of love. Today's Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's Gospel, presenting his own people's reaction to Jesus' "*Inaugural Address*." The reading shows us how Jesus faced skepticism and criticism with prophetic courage. Along with Jeremiah, Jesus and Paul believed that they were commissioned by God to proclaim a disturbing prophetic message (Jer 1:4-5, 17-19). No matter how strong the opposition, the three had the conviction that God was with them.

Amazement turning to hatred. The first reaction of the people in the synagogue to Jesus' words was one of astonishment. They were amazed that one of their fellow villagers could speak with such grace and eloquence and with such authority. Luke says they were "*amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips,*" because they knew him only as a carpenter from a poor family, with no formal training in Mosaic Law. But their amazement turned into displeasure when, during his "Inaugural Address" or "Mission Statement," Jesus took upon himself the identity of a prophet, different from the image of the miracle-worker that people wished to see. Like the other prophets of the past, Jesus called upon people to relinquish their selfishness, faithlessness, their lack of justice and mercy (Mic 6:6-8), and their sinfulness. Hence, their displeasure turned into anger when Jesus claimed that he was the promised Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy. They challenged his Messianic claim, asking, "*Isn't this the son of Joseph?*" They could not understand how a mere carpenter could be the *Messiah* who would liberate them from Roman rule and reestablish the Davidic kingdom. Jesus explained their attitude by saying "*No prophet is accepted in his native place.*"

~Fr. Joseph Ampatt

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Readings for the Week

Sunday	Jer 1:4-5,17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13 Lk 4:21-30
Monday	Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	Heb 13:15-14, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

Mass Intentions

+ indicates Deceased
(SI) indicates Living

Saturday, February 2

4:00 PM +

Sunday, February 3

8:15 AM Parishioners St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

11:00 AM +

5:00 PM +

Monday, February 4

7:30 AM +

9:30 AM, +, The Oaks

Tuesday, February 5

7:30 AM, +

+, The Glen

Wednesday, February 6

7:30 AM +

Thursday, February 7

7:30 AM +

Friday, February 18

7:30 AM +Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, February 3—10

✠ **Sunday, February 3**

Feast of St. Blaise

Souper Bowl of Caring

9:30 AM, 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, February 4**

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

7:00 PM, Knight of Columbus

✠ **Tuesday, February 5**

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

9:30 AM, Mass at the Glen

8 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous in the Youth House

Wednesday, February 6

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

9:30 AM, Bible Study in the Library

1:00 PM, Yarn Angels in the Burleigh Center

6:00 PM, Embrace Grace in the Burleigh Center

6:30 PM, Choir Practice

✠ **Thursday, February 7**

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

10:00 AM, St. Anne's

6:00 PM, Book of Acts Bible Study

✠ **Friday, February 8**

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

✠ **Saturday, February 9**

4:00 PM Mass

✠ **Sunday, February 10**

World Marriage Day

9:30 AM, 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, Charles Deshotels, Dale Dupuy, Emilie Epard, Heath Goff, Gerald Govin, Butch Graham, Charlotte Emma Graham, Kim Green, Lily Green, Lynn Gautier, Martha Hannigan, Robert Hermes, Doug Hill, Terri Howard, Imelda King, Joan Kislack, Lynn Lawrence, Joanne Levitte, 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 Val-lillo, Shelly Zippi Werner

First Communion News – Mark your calendar

- 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

- No 8th grade GIFT, February 3rd
- Confirmation will be at the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, February 24, 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.**


Join us for a night of food, fun and inspiration
- Louisiana style!

FÊTE FOR LIFE

A MARY’S HOUSE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, February 19 6pm | Bossier Civic Center

Catering by Silver Star Smokehouse
Buy Tickets Now!
Call (318) 220-8009



"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.

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.

☼ **Knight of Columbus** will meet **Monday, February 4th at 6:30 PM** for a Rosary prior to their 7:00 PM Meeting in the Burleigh Center.

☼ **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.
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☼ **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.

☼ **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!! **Great news!** Liz Haynes-Scroggins, a parishioner and dance instructor, will be giving basic tips on dance from 6:30 - 7:00. **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

Financial Assistance for Catholic Students

Application packets for tuition assistance from the Theresian Endowment, the Daughters of the Cross Educational Fund, and the Bishop's Tuition Assistance are now available for the 2019-2020 school year. Partial tuition assistance is available on a needs-basis for Catholic students in the Diocese of Shreveport. Parents may contact any Catholic school office for information, or may apply online at www.tuitionaid.com. **Deadline for application is April 15, 2019.** For more information, contact the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office at 219-7253

Annual Diocese Stewardship Appeal

Time to plan now for our upcoming Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal which occurs in two weeks. This year, let St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church do our part to support to our goal of "Continuing the Mission," as we seek to fund programs and ministries available through no other source. Strong Appeal support from the faithful allows the Church to allocate Appeal funds to support a variety of programs and ministries that are a key component of sharing the love of Christ with others. Please take time to prayerfully consider your pledge to the 2019 Appeal campaign that will take place on Appeal weekend, February 16-17, 2019.

Spring Semester of Embrace Grace began January 30th

Embrace Grace is a ministry for unwed, pregnant, young women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. It allows the church to be a safe place for these girls to turn where they can feel welcome and supported and we will teach them about God's abundant love and grace. Embrace Grace is a 12-week program that allows these girls to begin to know God and his love for them and their babies and at the end of the program we give them a baby shower to honor them for choosing life and to help provide for their baby's needs. We also provide love and support for mothers who choose to bless a loving couple through the gift of adoption. Our first semester of Embrace Grace was very successful thanks to the generosity of our parishioners! Our second semester will run from January 30th through April 27th. To learn more about Embrace Grace visit www.embracegrace.com or contact group leader Claire Bissell at 318-798-1887 ext. 116 or cbis-sell@seasshreveport.com. If you would like to be a part of the Embrace Grace team or help out in some way, please contact Claire Bissell in the church office or by calling 318-286-7850. Together we can make a difference in the lives of these precious little ones!



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

