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ST. JULES

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 pm - St. Elizabeth

Sunday Mass:

8:30 am - St. Jules

10:45 am - St. Elizabeth

6:00 pm - St. Elizabeth

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, 6:00 pm - St. Jules

Tuesday, 6:30 am - Sisters Convent

Friday, 7:40 am - St. Elizabeth

Holy Days: As Announced

ADORATION:

Monday, 4:45 pm - St. Jules

Tuesday, 7:00 am- 5:00 pm - Sisters Convent

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, 3:00 to 3:50 pm - St Elizabeth

Monday, 5:00-5:45 pm - St. Jules

By Appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Couples must contact the parish office concerning pre-marriage preparation at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Expectant parents should contact the parish office for information and preparation requirements.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are made immediately. Families are asked to notify the parish office concerning parishioners who are seriously ill.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Families should contact the parish office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri

Closed Wed and 12:00-1:00 pm daily

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January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

When it comes to the Feast of the Epiphany it is a feast that sometimes signifies the end of the Christmas season like for this year. However, for our Eastern Rite brothers and sisters, those in the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches and those in the Orthodox Churches, the Feast of the Epiphany is their great celebration of the season. This is when they celebrate the Nativity of the Lord along with the appearance of the Holy Trinity during Christ's Baptism in the River Jordan. They also call this the Feast of Lights. For them, the Epiphany signifies to Christians of Christ coming into the world and now to us personally in baptism. As one website describes, "That is, in the East, the celebration centered in the Theophany of Christ witnessed by the other two Persons of the Holy Trinity and in connection with the Birth of Christ." This is the day they focus on the worship of the true Triune God as well as the day that catechumens came to be baptized.

Also on this day for the Orthodox, there is an elaborate celebration of the blessing of holy water. You can find videos online of priests blessing huge vats of holy water. You will also see videos of Orthodox Christians dunking themselves into rivers and lakes three times invoking the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They will even jump into rivers and lakes that are frozen. Truly they are much braver than I could be but you can see where their faith and devotion is. For them it is a testament to their faith and recognizing the Light of the world.

I believe that is the challenge for each of us today as we come to the end of this Christmas season. Do we see that the Light of the world has come into our everyday lives? I hope in some way that we have. That Light is what loves us, know us, and is every present among us. As we take these last few moments to look at all the Nativity scenes in our homes and churches, may we remind ourselves of the Light that has already come to us and desires to lead us to eternal joy. May we embrace that Light and incorporate it into every moment of our lives.

Through the Alliance of the Two Hearts,

Fr. Matthew

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 23-25, 2017

	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules
Offertory	\$5,122.57	\$4,511.81
Special Collections	\$1,163.00	\$205.00

December 30-31, 2017

	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules
Offertory	\$2,782.17	\$2,252.73
Special Collections	\$32.00	\$1,272.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Harvey Giroir, Sheila Scioneaux Bourque, Mary Sanchez, Sonny Rodso, Paul Daigle, Jr., Joselyn Yaeger, Marcia Saisorn, Jacob Mabile, Sandy George, Billy Faulks, Dean Sciambra, Kaycee Hebert Blanchard & Family, Alice Sanford, June LeBlanc, Brenda Sedatol, Dee Yoder, Nancy Swindowsky, Paul Cedotal

PRAYER INTENTIONS

A common feature of our weekly bulletin is our Prayer List. Please call the office or email office@sesjchurch.com with your request to add names to the list or to remove them in the future. We have begun a new policy to remove the names on the list for 2 months. Also, please let us know if you have had a prayer request answered.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If anyone is homebound and would like to have an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion bring them Communion, please call the Parish Office. We are not always aware when a parishioner has become ill and is homebound. It is very helpful when we are notified of this need.

Adult Catechism Class

On Tuesday, January 9th, Fr Joseph Vu will be presenting the topic of "The Fallen Angels: How Do They Lead Us Into Temptation? - Part 2" at St Anne's Church @ 6:30pm in the Landsman Center Classrooms. Please bring your Bible and catechism if you have them.

2018 March for Life

Please begin to pray for everyone who will be traveling to Washington DC for the March of Life. March of Life is the week of January 15th - 20th. What an amazing pilgrimage for our youth to experience.

Abbey Youth Festival 2018

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 9:30am to 9:30pm
Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary College
Pre-Registration Price: \$40 per person
(teens & chaperones) (including t-shirt and back-sack)
On-Site Registration Price: \$50 per person
(not including t-shirt & back-sack)
Please email Angelle Blanchard at dre@sesjchurch.com if you are interested in attending.

FAITH FORMATION/PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS

*Our next K-8 Meeting is on Sunday, January 14, 2018 in the St. Jules Church Hall beginning after 8:30 am mass.

*9th Grade PSR Class will be Monday, January 29, 2018

6:30pm - 8pm at the St. Jules Church Hall

A VOCATION VIEW

The Epiphany of the Lord- January 7, 2018

The Son of God is manifested to the world first through the visit of the magi. Today God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to a Church Vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

PARISH WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit our parish website at www.sesjchurch.com. Updated regularly, it's a great way to keep up with parish schedules, programs & activities, daily scripture, articles from the National Catholic Register, videos from Fr. Robert Barron, and much, much more. Add us to your favorites!

ST. JULES CEMETERY

There are burial plots available for purchase in the St. Jules Cemetery. If you would like to purchase a plot, please call the parish office at (225) 473-8569.

CEMETERY FUND

Cemetery Fund donations are now being accepted for St. Elizabeth, St. Jules, and St. Martin - suggested donation is \$35.00 per family. This helps to defer the cost for maintenance and upkeep of the cemeteries.

Louisiana Life March South 2018

Louisiana Life for March South 2018:

Saturday, January 20, 2018

State Capitol to Downtown Riverfront Levee Green

10:00am - noon

2018 Theme: Every Life Deserves a Lifetime

Due to construction in the area the route this year will be reversed. The Life March South will begin in the grassy area outside the State Capitol near Spanish Town Road and N. 4th Street. The March for Life will begin at 10a.m., proceed south on N. 4th Street, west on North Boulevard, and south on River Road to the Levee Green near the U.S.S. Kidd. A formal program will be held at the Levee Stage, beginning approximately at 11a.m. For more information, visit www.prolifelouisianan.org/events/lifemarch

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

St. Elizabeth and St. Jules will hold a mandatory Parent Meeting for all parents of children who will be receiving First Reconciliation on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7PM in the St. Jules Church Hall. If you have not registered for Sacramental Preparation, please contact Angelle Blanchard @ dre@sesjchurch.com

Gentlemen, if these are your goals, consider registering for the Men's Conference!

- *To discover authentic masculinity in Christ
- *To strengthen and protect the innocence of the family through self-mastery and support of each other
- *To make a daily offering of ourselves as men and embrace our crosses
- *To become saints!

www.catholicmenbr.com

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 MEN'S CONFERENCE 2018
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 REGISTER ONLINE AT
 MENOFTHEIMMACULATA.COM

**FEATURING: DR. SCOTT HAHN,
 FR. MITCH PACWA, & MATT FRADD!**

2018 - 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

St. Aloysius Church (2025 Stuart Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808)

Couples reaching their 25th, 50th or 65th Anniversary at any time during the year of 2017 are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass and Reception on Sunday, February 25, 2018. Couples that would like to attend should contact our office at 225-473-8569 to register. The deadline to register is Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Please contact our office before the deadline. For more information you can call our office.

SCHEDULED MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

DATE	TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTANS
01/13/18 St. Elizabeth	4:00 PM	Jeri Dupre Jamie Louque	Robin Guillot Cathy & Lenis Theriot	Louie Viallon VI John Michael Lewis	Sister Vandana
01/14/18 St. Jules	8:30 AM	Robin Landry Joyce Bergeron	Suzanne Giroir Annette Oshwald	Andre & Noah Giroir	Patsy Breaux
01/14/18 St. Elizabeth	10:45 AM	Erica Charlet Brady Landry	Nick Charlet Sister Anija Sister Alphonse	Maddox & Vaughn Blanchard Wyatt Diaz	Sister Alphonse Sister Anija

ADORATION

St. Elizabeth: Every Tuesday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Sisters' Chapel

St. Jules: Every Monday, 4:45 PM (followed by 6:00 PM Mass)

THE LORD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-January

St. Jules: Patsy Breaux & Volunteers

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

St. Elizabeth: (Week of January 7) -

St. Jules: (Week of January 7) - Percy Landry, Sr.

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.Go to www.FORMED.org.

.Scroll past first image.

.Under the question "**Does your parish already have FORMED?**" type in our parish access code, **ANM34M**, and click "**SUBMIT CODE**".

Fill out your profile information and click "**SUBMIT PROFILE**".

NEWLY BAPTIZED!!

"People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them." Luke 18:15

If you are expecting or just recently had a child, please call the Church Office (225-473-8569) and talk to Angelle Blanchard about arranging a baptism. Parents and Godparents who have not attended a baptismal seminar in the last 3 years are required to do so. The seminar lasts approximately one hour and will be scheduled upon request.

St. Jules Church

We will remove the Christmas decorations from the church on Wednesday, January 10th at 9:00am. Any help from our parishioners is appreciated. Thank You

St. Elizabeth Church

We will remove the Christmas decorations from the church on Monday, January 8th at 9:00am. Any help from our parishioners is appreciated. Thank You

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, Church History, the Sacraments, Catholic Scripture, and many more topics? Consider taking Ministry and Theology (MAT) courses! To learn more visit the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis website at ecangcatbr.org under the Certification tab. If you have any questions, call the staff at 225.336.8760

St. Elizabeth Church will host a Mass in Honor of Sister Anija's Jubilee Celebration. This mass will be held on January 13th at 10:30am. A reception will follow immediately after the mass. Everyone is invited!


congratulations

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6

4:00 PM - *St. Elizabeth* - Huey & Katie Simoneaux (in honor of 60th Anniversary), Aidan Franco (in honor of), John Harris Savoie, Jesse Dugas, Alma & Paul Daigle, Sr.

Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM - *St. Jules* - For the People of the Parish

10:45 AM - *St. Elizabeth* - For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 8

6:00 PM - *St. Jules* - Ehren "Wheeler" Oswald (in honor of Birthday)

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 AM - *St. Elizabeth* - For the People of the Parish

Friday, January 12

7:40 AM - *St. Elizabeth* - Heidi Callegan, Mr. & Mrs. Camille Esnault & Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Callegan & Parents

Saturday, January 13

4:00 PM - *St. Elizabeth* - Albertine Giror & Family, Jesse Dugas, Alma & Paul Daigle, Sr. Aidan Franco (in honor of)

Sunday, January 14

8:30 AM - *St. Jules* - Raymond & Doris Blanchard, Joan Newchurch, Anna Mae Charlet, Mr. & Mrs. Eneaux Blanchard, Mr. & Mrs. Lugger Sedotal

10:45 AM - *St. Elizabeth* - For the People of the Parish



2018 St. Elizabeth School Sporting Clay Shoot

St. Elizabeth School is excited to announce our forth annual Sporting Clay Shoot sponsored by Sagona's Hardware & Landry Brothers Farms at Southern Shooting Center in Thibodaux, Louisiana on Saturday, February 3rd, at 7:30 am. All proceeds from this shoot will benefit St. Elizabeth School, the last remaining Catholic School in Assumption Parish. We have several types of sponsorships opportunities available. Whether you are a shooter, alumni, or just a supporter, get name recognition for your business or as an individual by having your name displayed at the shooting range for the 2018 St. Elizabeth School Clay Shoot. Thank you in advance for your support of St. Elizabeth School.

Registration is now open, and we encourage you to register early in order to secure a spot and a t-shirt for the event!

For registration forms call our office at 225-473-8569 or St. Elizabeth School at 985-369-7402. Registration forms can also be printed off of the schools website at sescubs.com