

ST. ELIZABETH

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ST. JULES

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Rev. Andrew Merrick, Pastor WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 pm - St. Jules

Sunday Mass:

8:30 am - St. Jules

10:45 am - St. Elizabeth

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, 6:00 pm - St. Jules Tuesday, 6:30 am - St. Elizabeth Friday, 7:40 am - Sisters Convent Holy Days: As Announced

ADORATION:

Monday, 4:45 pm - St. Jules

Tuesday, 7:00 am- 5:00 pm - St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, 3:00 to 3:50 pm - St Jules Monday, 5:00-5:45 pm - St. Jules

By Appointment

NEW FAMILIES: Should register at the parish office

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 <u>www.sesjchurch.com</u>

Director of Religious Education/Music:

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SISTERS OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE MOTHER OF CARMEL:

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ST. ELIZABETH INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Grades Pre-K through Eighth Principal: Mrs. Mollie Landry Phone: 985-369-7402

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Dear Family,

As I sit down to write my last bulletin letter at SESJ it is still hard to believe that I will not be doing this anymore. And when I say "this" that includes stressing out the ladies in the office because my letter is always ready so far in advance...or maybe pushing the deadline just a tad...it's one of those, but the memory is cloudy at the moment. Anyhow, there are a lot of things that I would like to say, but I will try to keep it to just three basic things.

Firstly, **THANK YOU** so very much for EVERYTHING. You have been so darn good to me it is hard to believe. You welcomed me with open arms when I came and have continued to be supportive of me as both a man and a priest. When I arrived on Bayou Lafourche I was still very much a young priest (still one of those presently) and a rookie administrator and pastor. There were so many things that I was pretty clueless about and had never done before. Most everyone was really patient, supportive, and helpful. For that I am super grateful. You have loved me with your words and your actions. That has been such an amazing gift for me.

Secondly, **PRAY FOR ME!** I will never stop asking for more prayer. As I have said in the past and will say until the Lord takes me home, I am convinced that my conversion, call to the seminary, perseverance through seminary, ordination as a priest, and to this date eight years of priestly ministry have very much been the fruit of people interceding for priests, especially before the Blessed Sacrament. There have been moments that I have felt carried by prayer. The entire Church is the Body of Christ and **those that intercede are the hidden heart of the body that pumps the blood to every other cell**. If the heart stops, so does the body. Keep praying and know that I will continue to pray for you. No matter the distance we are united in Christ through the Holy Spirit. If you feel so called, please visit www.foundationforpriests.org. It is a wonderful website dedicated to the apostolate of praying for priests. Our diocese in particular needs your prayers!

Lastly, **BE A SAINT! No joke, BE A SAINT**. By now hopefully one of the things, or maybe the only thing, that you will remember that I said is that **God has** created each and every one of us to be saints. That's all of our fundamental vocation – to be holy. Don't ever let that scare you, because it is not your responsibility to do it alone. God is the Sanctifier. He is the one who saves, redeems, and makes us holy. Our job is to only allow Him to do so. To humbly and joyfully confess our sins and love Him and our neighbor with His very love, so that He may set us free to become the unique, irrepeatable saints He knit us in our mother's wombs to be (c.f. Psalm 139). Stay close to the Sacraments, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Word of God, and other disciples. The process of becoming a saint is very much that – a process. Our weaknesses qualify us much more to receive grace and be sanctified than our strengths and virtues do, "for [God's]power is brought to perfection in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). Soon to be Saint Mother Teresa says that, "The task of holiness is simple. To learn to love is to learn to be holy." How do we learn to love? By receiving the love of our God. When we know that we are loved in and by Him in the midst of our sinfulness, that becomes a transforming power to truly purify our hearts so that they become like the Heart of Christ. What has been SO DARN COOL is that I have seen this happen!! (continued)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 26, 2016

(continued) So many of you are responding so well to the Love of God and His call to holiness. Truly, you have inspired me so much these past years, and you have also confirmed to me that genuine conversion and growth in holiness is absolutely possible. It is not some theological concept that remains in the abstract, but it becomes incarnate in those who generously respond to God's Infinite Mercy. You are witnesses to me and the world that this is true, that this is possible!!! I will take this with me into the Vocations Office and Christ the King. I will take this witness, your witness, with me for the rest of my life. I have seen the fire of Christ begin to more deeply transform this community because of your individual and communal 'yes' to Christ. The words of St. Catherine of Siena are becoming true in your lives, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

I finish by taking the words of St. Paul, the holy words of Scripture inspired by the Holy Spirit, as my own in speaking of you – my partners in the Gospel!

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:3-11).

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Fr. Andrew I love you!

JOB OPENING (ST. ELIZABETH/ST. JULES)

Coordinator of Evangelization and Formation (Director of Religious Education):

The purpose of this position is to serve our parishioners by providing leadership and coordination in the evangelization and formation efforts of the parish in cooperation with and under the direction of the pastor in order to more fruitfully and efficiently assist all parishioners in living their baptismal call to holiness and drawing others into the Church through a relationship with Christ. Areas of focus would be evangelization, RCIA, adult formation, religious education, and youth. Experience in teaching, formation, or ministry is preferable. Hourly pay working 20-25 hrs/week. Must be willing to work evenings and weekends when needed. To apply send resume to dleblanc@sesjchurch.com or P. O. Box 38, Belle Rose, LA 70341.

SCHEDULED MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

			EXTRAORDINARY		
			MINISTERS OF HOLY		
DATE	TIME	READERS	COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTANS
7/2/16	4:00	Mark Dubreuil		Jacob LeBlanc	Robin Guillot
1 ' '			Alice & Stanley Sternfels	Brendan LeBlanc	Peggy & Samantha Frey
St. Jules	PM	Meg Prejean		Ashleigh LeBlanc	Myrna Looney
7/3/16	8:30	Ivy Landry	Patsy Breaux	Austin & Aiden Paine	Marian Landry
St. Jules	AM	Brady Landry	C. J. Daigle	Alex Hood	Elenora LeBlanc
			Sister Anija	Madison George	
7/3/16	10:45	Sandy George	Linda Aucoin	Logan Falsetta	Cictor Aniia
St. Elizabeth	AM	Alicia Falsetta	Katelyn Simoneaux	Trey Jones	Sister Anija
				Andrew Thibodeaux	

STEWARDSHIP REPORT						
June 18-19, 2016						
	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules				
Offertory	\$2,249.49	\$2,454.84				
Improvement	\$140.00	\$13.00				
WNLC		\$140.00				
Peter's Pence	\$10.00					

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Pat Fontenot, Al Ladner, Danny Traigle, Rita Charlet, Dolores Yoder, Annie Russo, Brent Tauzin, Alice Woods, Susan Grier, Chris Roques Matassa, Benjamin Coty, Johnny Blanchard, Vivian Giroir, Dolly Gaspard, Emmett Greene, Dalton Alleman, Michael Rivere, Brenda Blanchard, Carolyn Rice, John Yoder, Ken Reynolds, Anita Acosta, Marie Bergeron, Joe Rivet, William "Beagle" Dupré, Robbie Bourg, Carrie & Michael Patureau, , Camille "Boddie" Esneault, Harry Yoder, DeDe & Steve Fitzgerald, George Waguespack, Lester Sedotal, Michael Pizzolatto, Trudy Coupel, Reese Aubin Landry, Gaynell Airhart, Harvey Giroir, Lenora Simoneaux, Janet Landry, Vin Bruce, Louise Fremin, Luke Giroir, Lois Sanchez, Gunnar Landry, Michael Cire, Edwina Lagattuta, Jeanette Beard, Nolbert Prejean, Mary Margaret Bains, Gerry Landry, Eric Watts, Linda Green, Dianna Andras, Lynette Martinez, Kim LeBrun-Flores, Loretta Foret, Karen Breaux, Tammy Riggs, Jean Lake, Janet Merritt, Percy Falcon, Jr., Russell Rivere, Jr., Brenda Landry, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Theriot, Erick Spears, John Harris Savoie, Lucy Mae Dupre', Helman Ackman, Joyce Cavalier, Mimi Barton, Kelly Landry, Patti Campbell, Travis Quinn Norsworthy, Lorraine Giroir, Emily Landry, Kathleen Rousseau, Gary P. Landry, Jim Looney, Sue Chenvert Blanchard, Daniel Giroir, Mary Williams, Brayden Patureau, Pearl Aucoin, Lovce Daigle LeJeune, Nicole Owers, Patricia Simoneaux Hotard, Brett & Dalee LeBlanc, Mike Thibodeaux, James Patureau, Marjorie Thibodeaux, Sarah Hotard, Joey Boudreau, Mary Randazzo, Timothy Randazzo, Corrine Sanchez, Eric Hue, Elzie Rivere, Betty Rodrigue, Lauren Lapeyrouse Guidry, Sharon Fortenberry, Gloria Rivet, Merry Antoon, Tom Simoneaux, Jordan Domingue

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

You're Not Alone - Are you and your spouse currently experiencing the pain of infertility or the inability to maintain a pregnancy? There is support available! Come join us for a Catholic Women's Infertility Support Group, now being offered on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7pm - 8pm at St. George Catholic Church, 7808 St. George Drive, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact Julie at stellajuliedot@gmail.com.



FAITH FORMATION/PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS

First Eucharist pictures can be picked up at the St. Jules office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday between 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM-1:00PM for lunch).

All children and adults who will need to prepare for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation must register at the Parish Office prior to the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

You may begin registering for K-8 and High School PSR. Registration forms can be found on the website at www.sesjchurch.com - CLICK FAITH FORMATION - CLICK PSR - CLICK PSR REGISTRATION FORM 2016-2017. These can be turned in with registration fee to the office at St. Jules by drop off or mail.

A VOCATION VIEW

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 26, 2016

Jesus still speaks the invitation "Come, follow Me!" Pray for the strength and the grace of discernment if you feel He is calling you to be an ordained or consecrated person. Call or email Father Matt Dupré at 225-336-8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2016

Ascension of Our Lord/St. Francis is having "Following Jesus, the Light of the World" on July 18-22 from 9AM - 12PM. Contact Susan Jumonville for information on how to register or volunteer to help. High school teens are welcome for service hours.

St. Anne Church is having "Cave Quest" on July 25-29 from 9am - 11:30am. Contact St. Anne Church at 985-369-2130 or 985-369-6656 for information and how to register. Registration begins on June 1, 2016.

ST. JULES CEMETERY

There are now 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.

ASSUMPTION PARISH SHERIFF'S RECREATION PROGRAM 2016

Sheriff Leland J. Falcon welcomes the children of the Parish to register for the 2016 Recreation Program. Registration forms are available at all Parish Schools and all of the Sheriff's office locations. The program will be on the campus of Belle Rose Middle School and will be held on July 5 through July 18 from 9am until 2pm. We are accepting registration forms from youths between the ages of 6 and 16. This program is free of charge and parishwide transportation will be provided. Buses will leave from Pierre Part and Bayou L'ourse at 8am and from Belle Rose and Labadieville at 8:15am. All children must be registered to attend. For more information please contact Capt. Phillip August at 985-637-4597.

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-JULY

St. Jules: Robin Guillot, Peggy & Samantha Frey

St. Martin: Elnora LeBlanc

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

St. Elizabeth: (Week of June 26) - Alma & Paul Daigle, Sr.

St. Jules: (Month of June) - Alma & Paul Daigle, Sr.

FORMED.ORG

New on formed: HAPPINESS

Hosted by Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, this program features interviews with well-known psychiatrists, celebrities, New Testament scholars, physicist, and priests as they uncover the deeper answers to life's most profound questions.

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

SUPPER & SUBSTANCE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Please join us for an evening of fun and spiritual nourishment at our first Diocesan-wide Supper and Substance event for married couples on Saturday, July 30th from 7-10pm at Premier Lanes in Gonzales. \$65 per couple includes food, a live band, and open bowling lanes. There will be a witness by David and Kate Dawson. There will be a cash bar. Arcade and bumper car also available. Register online packages are at www.MFLDiobr.org. If you have any questions, please contact Jason and Emily Froeba at 225-620-5291 emilyfroeba@vahoo.com.

ATTENTION: ALL SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

St. Albert Catholic Student Center is located on campus at 409 W. Dakota Street (next door to Cardinal Newman Hall). Let us be your "home away from home" while you are here. See our website to join your Catholic Student Association or to contact us: www.stalbertselu.org.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 25

4:00 PM - St. Jules - For the People of the Parish

Sunday, June 26

8:30 AM - St. Jules - Lawrence E. Bergeron, Sr., Family, Anthony R. Grisaffe, Family, Mr & Mrs Eneaux Blanchard, Audrey Sedotal, Adam & Marie Bergeron and deceased families, Albert & Lellia Richard and deceased families, Shelby, Lucita & Judy Lewis, Gilbert Blanchard, Grace Graugnard, Anita Sedotal, Joan Newchurch, Paul Cancienne

10:45 AM - St. Elizabeth - Jimmie & Connie Barrient, Eves & Mary St. Germain, Virgie & Camille "East" Esneault & Heidi Callegan, Mr. & Mrs Paul R. LeBlanc, Pete & Petey Simoneaux, Chickie Alleman, Ores Rivere, Louis LeBlanc, Sister Barbara

Monday, June 27

6:00 PM - St. Jules - For the intentions of the Holy Father

Tuesday, June 28

6:30 AM - St. Elizabeth - Sister Barbara

Friday, July 1

7:40 AM - St. Elizabeth -Purgatorial List

Saturday, July 2

4:00 PM - St. Jules - Charles Malarcher, Alma & Paul Daigle, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cancienne, Sr., Virgie & Camille "East" Esneault & Heidi Callegan, Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Dato, Pete & Petey Simoneaux, Chickie Alleman, Carol Aucoin, Joan Newchurch, Grace Graugnard

Sunday, July 3

8:30 AM - St. Jules - Elmina Landry, Sister Barbara, Gilbert Blanchard, Joan Newchurch, in honor of 70th birthday for Barbara Batulis

10:45 AM - St. Elizabeth - Jimmie & Connie Barrient, Eves & Mary St. Germain, Virgie & Camille "East" Esneault & Heidi Callegan, Mr. & Mrs. Paul R. LeBlanc, Pete & Petey Simoneaux, Chickie Alleman, Ores Rivere, Louis LeBlanc, Sister Barbara, James & Laurie Bullock, Alma & Cullen Landry, Camille & James Reavis, Emmett Landry, Jackie & Crystal Landry, Julius Theriot

ST ELIZABETH FUMAGATION

Fumagation of St. Elizabeth Church will be Monday, July 11th and Friday, July 15th. Due to the fumagation, St. Elizabeth Church, will have the 10:45am Mass on July 17th at St. Jules Church.

ST. ELIZABETH FOOD PANTRY

If you would like to volunteer to help or would like more information, call Mona Woods (985)269-6825.

