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ST. JULES

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 pm - St. Jules

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

Thursday: 6:00pm - 9:00p, -- St. Jules

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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March 18, 2018

5th Sunday of Lent

My dear brothers and sister in Christ,

As you came into both St. Elizabeth and St. Jules Churches this weekend you will have noticed that all of the Crosses, statues, and images have been draped in cloth. Before I came to my assignment here I had only heard about this being done but never practiced. So the questions for many come then, why do we do this? Here is a brief article I found that provides a great explanation:

“In the *Roman Missal*, we find the instruction, ‘In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.’”

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don’t want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a “veiled” world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.” - Adapted article by Philip Kosloski (<https://aleteia.org/2016/03/19/why-do-we-cover-crucifixes-and-statues-during-lent/>)

I hope this provides some background to this long standing practice in the Church as well something to consider in your home as you prepare for the great celebration at Easter!

I pray that all of you have a blessed week!

Fr. Matthew

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 10/11, 2018

	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules
Offertory	\$2,345.70	\$2,757.00
Special Collections	\$707.00	\$173.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Harvey Giroir, Mary Sanchez, Sonny Rodso, Paul Daigle, Jr., Joselyn Yaeger, Marcia Saisorn, Jacob Mabile, Sandy George, Dean Sciambra, Kaycee Hebert Blanchard & Family, Alice Sanford, June LeBlanc, Brenda Sedatol, Dee Yoder, Nancy Swindowsky, Paul Cedotal, Jackie Daigle, Allen Daigle, Judy Landry, Cindy Marquette, Michael Cire, Jackie Daigle, Allen Daigle, Charlie Simoneaux, Ivy Cavalier, Jr., Kathleen Rousseau, Iris Breaux, Christelle Taylor, Lawrence "LJ" Arcement, Ina Rodney Totorich, Sam Dugas, Toni Sciambra Marchese, Agnes Lambert, Marguerite Baronne, Randy and Leigh Johnson, Larene Chases, Joan "Pookie" Rome

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.

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 as well as Mausoleum Vaults 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.

If you would like to purchase a Mausoleum Vault, please contact Keith Melerine (985) 860-2001 or (877) 336-3132.



ALLONS MANGER FOOD FESTIVAL

April 15th, 2018

The day kicks off with beignets and coffee at 7:00 AM with lunch being served at 11:00 AM. Entertainment will be from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Activities include a Money Raffle, Gun Raffle, and Children's Games as well as a Live Auction that begins at 1:00 PM.

Ticket books for the 5 Gun Raffle can be obtained by contacting Cheryl Martinez at (225) 339-9283.

Ticket books for Money Raffle can be obtained by contacting Jamie Louque at (225) 978-2111.

Also advanced meal tickets will be following the 4:00pm Saturday Mass and 8:30am Sunday Mass at St. Jules



ALLONS MANGER PIES and SWEETS BOOTH

We are looking ingredients such as blackberries, pecans, sugar, butter, eggs and flour for the Allons Manger Pies and Sweets Booth.

Anyone wishing to donate ingredients for the Allons Manger can call Mrs. Darlene Landry @ (337) 552-6299 or stop by Big B's Supermarket. Your contribution to this effort is greatly appreciated.

Triduum



Holy Thursday – March 29th

- 7:00pm – Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper at St. Jules
- Adoration and Confessions till 10:00pm

Good Friday – March 30th

- 8:00am – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at Sister’s Chapel
- 12:00 Noon – Stations of the cross at St. Martin Chapel
- 2:15 – Confessions and Optional Rosary at St. Elizabeth Church
- 3:00pm – Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion at St. Elizabeth

Holy Saturday – March 31st

- 8:00am – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at Sister’s Chapel
 - 8:00pm – Easter Vigil at St Elizabeth
 - ** No 4:00pm Mass**
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SCHEDULED MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

DATE	TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTANS
03/24/18 St. Jules	4:00 PM	Sandy Landry Maria Boudreaux	Dcn. Tim Grimes Robin Guillot	Ashleigh LeBlanc, Jacob & Megan LeBlanc	Patsy Breaux Volunteer
03/25/18 St. Jules	8:30 AM	Jeannie Morris Tommy Joffrion	Dcn. Tim Grimes C. J. Daigle	Aidan & Austin Paine, Kollin Landry	Patsy Breaux Volunteer
03/25/18 St. Elizabeth	10:45 AM	Diane LeBlanc Donald Cire	Dcn. Tim Grimes Sister Sudeepa Norma Blanchard	Maddex & Vaughn Blanchard	Sister Sudeepa

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)
Thursdays- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

St. Elizabeth: People of the Parish

St. Jules: People of the Parish



NEXT LENTEN MISSION NIGHT

Tuesday, March 20th
St. Anne in Napoleonville
6:30 p.m.

Topic: "Return from Exile: Words from the Prophets and Jesus"

Please bring your Bible with you. A handout will be provided as well.

A Vocation View

Fourth Sunday of Lent- March 18, 2018

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17

4:00 PM - *St. Jules* - Kim Charlet Family, Albertine Giroir and Family, Alma and Paul Daigle, Sr., Eleanor Dixon Kleinpeter, Pete and "Petey" Simoneaux, Edward and Edna Alleman and Chickie Alleman, In honor of Charlie Simoneaux

Sunday, March 18

8:30 AM - *St. Jules* - Raymond and Doris Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Eneaux Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Lugger Sedotal, Rose M. Malarcher, Elanor Dixon Kleinpeter, Gilbert Blanchard

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

Monday, March 19

6:00 PM - *St. Jules* - For the Men of St. Elizabeth and St. Jules Parishes

Tuesday, March 20

6:30 AM - *St. Elizabeth* - Edna Alleman

Friday, March 23

7:40 AM - *St. Elizabeth* - Father's Intention

Saturday, March 24

4:00 PM - *St. Jules* - For the People

Sunday, March 25

8:30 AM - *St. Jules* - Raymond and Doris Blanchard, Elanor Dixon Kleinpeter, Cleve Landry

10:45 AM - *St. Elizabeth* - John Harris Savoie

Women's Retreat

Registration has now begun for an all woman, silent, preached retreat at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, formerly known as The Cenacle. This April 6-8 retreat will feature Fr. Matt Linn as guest speaker. His topic is "*Healing our Mind and Heart with Jesus' Parables.*" This retreat will deal with the dynamics of anger, fear, guilt and shame so they will become drivers for new life. Group Prayer and healing of emotion exercises will be featured with each session. The minimum suggested donation for the retreat is \$225.00. For more information or to register, please contact: Claudette St. Amant, Retreat Captain, 225-769-3410.
