



## ST. ELIZABETH

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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 - Sister's Chapel

Friday, 7:40 am - Sister's Chapel

Holy Days: As Announced

### ADORATION:

Monday, 4:45 pm - St. Jules

Tuesday, 7:00 am- 5:00 pm - Sister's Chapel

### CONFESSIONS:

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

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

By Appointment

### OFFICE HOURS:

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## ST. JULES

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**November 11, 2018**

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Death and Purgatory

In my last article, I discussed the tradition of the month of November being dedicated to praying for the dead and its importance for us as Catholics. One of the areas that I did not get a chance to discuss has to deal with death and purgatory. Now, some might say that the Church has done away with this belief because we usually do not hear about it anymore. All the talk seems to be around heaven and hell. There are also misunderstandings on what purgatory is and its purpose. So here is a brief catechesis to help us as we pray for the dead in the month of November.

First of all, death is something that we all must face. Death is part of our lives physically. There is a natural end to our lives, and we should not fear this. While the world seems to avoid talking about death or tries to find ways to “cheat death,” it is something that is important to our lives as Christians. As Christians, we realize that we are more than just a physical body; we are a body and soul. Therefore, even though this body dies, we live on through our immortal soul. We believe that at death we receive our particular judgment for the life we have lived. As Catholics, there are three options: heaven, hell, and purgatory. Now throughout scripture, we are promised that those who believe in Jesus Christ will have eternal life (cf. John 6:37-40). So how does purgatory factor into all of this?

Well, think of the image of a bride going to her wedding. She wants to be beautiful and spotless in her white dress in front of everyone, especially in front of her groom. The same imagery can be used for the Church as the Bride awaiting to be presented to her Spouse, Jesus. The white dress in this case would be our soul. In order for it to be spotless it has to be free from all the stain of sin. This is the role of purgatory. Purgatory is not the same as the “fires” of hell. It is a place that one’s soul is purified of the remaining stain of sin that we carry over from this life. These souls in purgatory are on the path to heaven but need a time of purification to make them perfectly clean for the eternity with God that awaits them.

Purgatory, then, is a temporary place for the soul to go in anticipation of the eternal reward in heaven. One can see it as a safety net provided to us on our journey to the New Promised Land. This brings to mind a warning as well. Our aim in this life should not be purgatory but heaven. Our goal should be to become a Saint like those we celebrated at the beginning of the month on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Never doubt that you are called to become a saint. This is what all the faithful desire for you. Most importantly, this is what your Lord and Savior desires for you. He will provide you the path, you just have to follow.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
**October 27 - 28, 2018**

	<b>St. Elizabeth</b>	<b>St. Jules</b>
Offertory	\$3,807.00	\$2,938.00
Special Collections	\$810.00	\$254.00

*The annual collection for Campaign for Human Development will be collected on November 17-18, 2018.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Linda Johnson, Nick Tullier, Iris Breaux, Linda Johnson, Carroll Hebert, Robert LeBlanc, Armond "Ziggy" Landry, Lavita Washington, Agnes Lambert, Barrett Leonard, Patsy Breaux, Russel Hymel, Charles Blanchard, Darian Gros, Cameron Daigle, Butsy Suarez, Sharon Landry, Randy Landry, Owen Smith, Kathleen Rousseau, 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](mailto: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.

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*"You are sealed by the holy spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever."*

If you are expecting or just recently had a child, please call the Church Office about arranging a baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Seminar if you have not done so in the last 3 years. The seminar lasts approximately one hour. Our next Baptism Seminar is scheduled for Thursday, **November 15, 2018**. Please contact our office at 225-473-8569 by Monday, **November 12, 2018** to register for this Seminar.

**Mass Request Form / Sanctuary Lamp Form**

These forms can be found in the back of each church. Also the dates that are not available for an intention are on the back of each form.  
2018 form is in color orange  
2019 form is in white



**Homebound Ministry**

Our Church parish is blessed to have a homebound ministry to visit our parishioners who are sick or who are unable to leave their homes. The prayers of our parishioners who are sick and homebound are so powerful and needed by our Church. The Homebound Ministry needs rosary groups to visit our sick and homebound. For more information or to arrange a homebound visit please contact Linda Aucoin at (985) 369-9762



We want to thank all our veterans, who have sacrificed and served to keep our nation free. We recognize the Catholics who have served in combat. Stories abound of their example of faith. We recognize the Catholics who did not face the horrors of war, and the dangers of sudden death. While spared this suffering, they still sacrificed, leaving families, comforts, and luxury behind to serve. They accepted a spartan life, filled with strict routine, boredom, and sharp commands to stand ready to do harm to any who would harm to us. Whether standing by with a weapon, or a broom, each person has served in an essential role to guarantee the safe and smooth operation of the vast machine that is our military. Let it be remembered always, in the words of John Milton, "they also serve who stand and wait."

So, for our veterans, let us now pray:

*Heavenly Father, we ask you to look down upon our brothers and sisters in arms and bless them as they stand ready to defend your children from the agents of evil.*

*For our wounded veterans, who bear scars in their hearts, minds, and bodies, we ask your blessing. Lord, cherish this wounded legion, invited to share in the suffering of Christ. May they see Christ through their pain and find hope in His promises. We await the day you make their bodies and their hearts whole once again.*

*For those who have left their uniform hanging in the past, who move with difficulty, who reflect with a distant gaze upon times better unknown, we ask you to send peace. Let ancient wrongs be pardoned and forgot. Give these veterans comfort and peace. May they live long as examples of courage and faith, and may they inspire their children and grandchildren to stand ready to defend our Constitution, our God-given rights, and our faith.*

*We thank you Lord, for the multitude of blessings you have given us. We are grateful for the time you have given us with these courageous people.*

*May you raise up all our dear veterans in the palm of your hand and bless them as we turn their swords into plowshares. We give thanks to you O Lord, Our God.*

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**SCHEDULED MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

The July - September Ministers Schedule is posted on our website [www.sesjchurch.com](http://www.sesjchurch.com). Go to: *Ministries - Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Minister Schedule October 6 – November 26, 2018*. If you would like to receive a schedule via email, you can request a copy at [office@sesjchurch.com](mailto:office@sesjchurch.com). Or call (225) 473-8569.

DATE	TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTAN
11/17/18 St. Jules	4:00 PM	Jamie Louque Mark Dubreuil	Nadine Boudreaux Elenora LeBlanc	Jacob and Megan LeBlanc	Ivy Landry Patsy Daigle
11/18/18 St. Jules	8:30 AM	Ellen Dupeire Terry Bouchereau	C.J. Daigle Alicia Falcetta	Logan Falsetta Hayden Cedotal Kollin Landry	Ivy Landry Patsy Daigle
11/18/18 St. Elizabeth	10:45 AM	Jill Prejean Zane Blanchard	Lenis Theriot Cathy Theriot, Norma Blanchard	Maddex and Vaughn Blanchard, Wyatt Diaz	Cathy Theriot

## ADORATION

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

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

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### THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

**St. Elizabeth:** For the People

**St. Jules:** Percy Landry, Jr.

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### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 11, 2018

As the Scriptures remind us today, Jesus is always looking for a few honest, dedicated and humble people who will give the best they have in response to His call to service. If you feel God might be calling you to serve your brothers and sisters as a priest, sister, brother or deacon, then be sure to call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [framerrick@gmail.com](mailto:framerrick@gmail.com), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 10

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

### Sunday, November 11

**8:30 AM** – *St. Jules* – Mr. and Mrs. Eneaux Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Luggier Sedotal, Charles Melarcher, Gilbert Blanchard, Philip and Eva Simoneaux and Family, Felix Baker and Vivian Simoneaux and Family, Hayward Phillip Guillot

**10:45 AM** – *St. Elizabeth* – Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. LeBlanc, Jerry, Justileon and Lena Blanchard, Barrie Ann Maggio Hebert, Dr. and Mrs. Julius W. Daigle, Brett M. Batulis, Edward and Edna Alleman, Chickie A. Alleman, Pete and “Petey” Simoneaux, Michael Cire, Evelyn R. Antoon

**6:00 PM** – *St. Elizabeth* – Father’s Intentions

### Monday, November 12

**6:00 PM** - *St. Jules* – Marilyn and DC Mattingly

### Tuesday, November 13

**6:30 AM** - *St. Elizabeth*– Departed Souls of CMC

### Friday, November 16

**7:40 AM** - *St. Elizabeth* –Thanksgiving Mass for CMC, Edna Alleman

### Saturday, November 17

**4:00 PM** – *St. Jules* – Rachel, Margaret and Kent Morris, Albertine Giroir and family, Herman and Nelia Cedotal, Thomas J. and Enna B. Richard, Alma and Paul Daigle, Sr. , Elmina Landry, George Waguespack, Charlie and Bevi Fridge, E J Dugas, Carol Aucoin

### Sunday, November 18

**8:30 AM** – *St. Jules* – For the People

**10:45 AM** – *St. Elizabeth* – Sam Klack, Albert and Bernice Comeaux, Edith and Denis Guillot, Jimmy and Connie Barrient, Jphn S. Rogers, Edward and Edna Alleman, Chickie A. Alleman, Pete and “Petey” Simoneaux

**6:00 PM** – *St. Elizabeth* – Father’s Intentions