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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

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ST. JULES

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December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

If your schedule has been like mine, it has been a very busy couple of weeks of Advent between penance services, projects around the office, hosting and attending some Christmas gatherings, and making sure to take some time to pray a little more. On Tuesday, our parishes hosted a Christmas Gathering and Mass for all of the parish staffs around our area that make up our Deanery. Bishop Duca was able to attend and was the celebrant and homilist at our Mass. He pointed out that one thing the secular society has not been able to do is to commercialize Advent like it has done with Christmas. He said this season is truly ours and should be highly valued.

I appreciate those words he spoke to us and it has helped to motivate me to continue my Advent practices and truly try to prepare myself for the true celebration of Christmas. Even as a priest, it is difficult and very easy to get wrapped up with all the festivities that it can be easy to forget to pray and carry out my plans for this season. My hope is that we will all maintain those items we set out to do for this short but beautiful season of Advent.

To close my article this week, I wanted to thank Ms. Darlene Landry, her family, and all volunteers who made the Living Nativity last Sunday a tremendous success. It was truly moving to see the number of people who came despite how cold it was and hear how they were moved by the performance. A recording of the Living Nativity is available for purchase at a cost of \$10. Please contact Darlene Landry at ??? to place an order.

A pray all of you have a blessed weekend and look forward to seeing you next weekend was move closer to Christmas.

Fr. Matthew

Notice: December 28th will be a Day of Adoration and Prayer at the Sister's Chapel.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
November 24-25, 2018**

	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules
Offertory	\$2,915.00	\$3,197.00
Special Collections	\$813.00	\$707.00

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, Darian Gros, Cameron Daigle, Butsy Suarez, Sharon Landry, Randy Landry, Owen Smith, Kathleen Rousseau, Joan "Pookie" Rome, Connie Bellina, Rene Landry, Mark Caballero, Robert Brower, Sally Cancienne

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.

The Third Sunday of Advent



The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to **Laetare Sunday** and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming.



"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, **January 14, 2019**.

Please contact our office at 225-473-8569 by Monday, **January 17, 2019** to register for this Seminar.

Baptism News

We would like to congratulate Jayce Joseph Cedotal for his recent baptism on December 9th, 2018.

Allons Manger Cookbooks for Sale!

They are \$15.00 per cookbook and make great Christmas presents. You can pay by cash or check made out to St. Jules Church. You can get one at office or by calling 225-473-8569

Cubs Giving Annual Fund

Help St. Elizabeth School through the gift of your donation. Started on Giving Tuesday (11/27) and will continue throughout December.

- Gifts can be made out to St. Elizabeth School and mailed to P.O. Drawer M., Paincourtville, LA 70391
- Or, for your convenience, your gift can also be made online using the secure PayPal services. The link can be found on our website at www.sescubs.com

Decorating both St. Elizabeth and St. Jules

- Monday, December 17th – St. Jules Church
After the 6:00 pm Mass
- Thursday, December 20th– St. Elizabeth Church
Starting around 10:00 am, most of the day



Mass Schedules for December 24th through January 1st

Christmas Masses

- Christmas Eve Vigil @ St. Elizabeth - 4:00 pm
- Christmas Eve Vigil @ St. Jules - 6:00 pm
- Christmas Midnight Mass @ St. Elizabeth - 12:00 am
- Christmas Morning Mass @ St. Jules - 8:30 am

The office will be closed

Monday, December 24th, through Monday December 31st.

*The Feast of Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Monday, December 31st @ St. Elizabeth – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1st @ St. Jules – 9:00 am

SCHEDULED MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

The July - September Ministers Schedule is posted on our website www.sesjchurch.com. Go to: *Ministries - Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Minister Schedule Dec 1 – Dec 30*. If you would like to receive a schedule via email, you can request a copy by email office@sesjchurch.com. Or call **(225) 473-8569**.

DATE	TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTAN
12/22/18 St. Jules	4:00 PM	Suzanne Giroir Marian Landry	Robin Landry Mark Dubreuil	Mabel Landry Andre' Giroir Noah Giroir	Volunteers
12/23/18 St. Jules	8:30 AM	Terry Bouchereau Joyce Bergeron	Jeanie Morris Alaina Paine	Aidan, Anderson & Austin Paine	Volunteers
12/23/18 St. Elizabeth	10:45 AM	Diane LeBlanc Donald Cire	Tina Landry Nadine Boudreaux Sr. Vandana	Louie Viallon Brennan Simoneaux Braden Pujol	Norma Blanchard

ADORATION

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

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

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

St. Elizabeth: For the People

St. Jules: Rita Charlet

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 16, 2018

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious to announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Flocknote Information

We use Flocknote.com to help gather information and send out information via email and text messaging. There are 2 easy ways to register on Flocknote (pick one):

1. Visit our network at flocknote.com/sesj
2. or Text SESJ to 84576 from your phone and follow the instructions. Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full terms and conditions at www.flocknote.com/txt

Living Nativity



A special thanks to all of those who worked so hard to put on the Living Nativity in Belle Rose.

A video can be purchased for \$10.00 from Darlene Landry. Her number is 225-473-4877

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 15

4:00 PM – St. Jules – Rachel, Margaret and Kent Morris, Albertine Giroir and family, Herman and Nelia Cedotal, Alma and Paul Daigle, Sr. Elmina Landry, George Waguespack, Floyd Wayne Turner, Jr., Genevieve Maurin, Carol Aucoin

Sunday, December 16

8:30 AM – St. Jules – Mr. and Mrs. Eneaux Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Luggier Sedotal, Gilbert Blanchard, Cleve Landry, Rita Charlet, Gary Hidalgo, Lawrence Boudreaux, Genevieve Maurin

10:45 AM – St. Elizabeth – For the People

6:00 PM – St. Elizabeth – For the People

Monday, December 17

6:00 PM - St. Jules – Father's Intentions

Tuesday, December 18

6:30 AM - St. Elizabeth– For the People

Thursday, December 20

7:40 AM – St. Elizabeth – Faculty, Staff, and Students of St. Elizabeth School

Friday, December 21

7:40 AM - St. Elizabeth –For the People

Saturday, December 22

4:00 PM – St. Jules – Father's Intentions

Sunday, December 23

8:30 AM – St. Jules – Philip and Eva Simoneaux and family, Felix Baker and Vivian Simoneaux and family, EJ Dugas, Rita Charlet, Randolph Landry and Norbert Landry family, Genevieve Maurin, Marie LeBlanc

10:45 AM – St. Elizabeth – Heidi Callegan, Mr. and Mrs. Camille Esneault and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alez Callegan and parents, Edward and Edna Alleman, Chickie A. Alleman, Pete and "Petey" Simoneaux