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April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past Tuesday, April 21, the Church celebrated the Memorial of St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109). He was a Benedict monk, abbot, philosopher, theologian, and an archbishop. He was also a Doctor of the Church. He gave us a great phrase that we all can relate with and aid us in our journey with him - fides quaerens intellectum which is Latin for "faith seeking understanding." This phrase, "faith seeking understanding", is a great classic definition of theology in that our faith in God helps for a deeper understanding. Simply, I believe so that I may understand.

He developed this in a book called the Proslogion which looks into the arguments for the existence of God. Here is a small sample of what I read recently on his feast day that I wanted to share with all of you. Especially in this time in history, many are searching for God and even questioning if He is truly present in this pandemic. I hope you can use this as your prayer and can share it with those you might be in contact with.

Please know of my prayers for each of you!

Fr. Matthew

From St. Anselm in the "Proslogion"

My soul, have you found what you are looking for? You were looking for God, and you have discovered that he is the supreme being, and that you could not possibly imagine anything more perfect. You have discovered that this supreme being is life itself, light, wisdom, goodness, eternal blessedness, and blessed eternity. He is everywhere, and he is timeless.

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St. Elizabeth & St. Jules churches are open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Office is closed to the public

Office Hours: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri {Closed 12:00 -1:00 pm} Office Closed on Wednesday www.sesjchurch.com

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 - Sister's Chapel Friday, 8:00 am - St. Elizabeth Church, 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 Church**, Monday, 5:00 to 5:45 - **St. Jules Church, By Appointment**

Pastor: Rev Matthew Graham
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Lord my God, you gave me life and restored it when I lost it. Tell my soul that so long as I long for you what else you are besides what it has already understood, so that it may see you clearly. It stands on tiptoe to see more, but apart from what it has seen already, it sees nothing but darkness. Of course, it does not really see darkness, because there is no darkness in you, but it sees that it can see no further because of the darkness in itself...

O supreme and inaccessible light, O complete and blessed truth, how far you are from me, even though I am so near to you! How remote you are from my sight, even though I am present to yours! You are everywhere in your entirety, and yet I do not see you; in you I move and have my being, and yet I cannot approach you; you are within me and around me, and yet I do not perceive you. O God, let me know you and love you so that I may find my joy in you; and if I cannot do so fully in this life, let me at least make some progress every day, until at last that knowledge, love and joy come to me in all their plenitude. While I am here on earth let me learn to know you better, so that in heaven I may know you fully; let my love for you grow deeper here, so that there I may love you fully. On earth then I shall have great joy in hope, and in heaven complete joy in the fulfilment of my hope.

COLLECT PRAYER

May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

How do we pray with Sacred Scripture?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.

The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.

The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or
public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord. **Amen**



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Mass Intentions

**Sunday, Mass April 26, 2020 -
For the People**

STE - LeRoy LeBlanc

STJ - Thomas J. and Erna B. Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Luggier Sedotal, Mr. and Mrs. Enaux Blanchard, Rene Landry, Ruth Dupre, Martin Cancienne, Mullet Landry

**Sunday, Mass May 3, 2020 -
For the People**

STE - Sharon Oncale, Yvonne Simoneaux, Mederic and Mildred LeBlanc, Lenny LeBlanc, Julie LeBlanc, Henry, Sr. and Tillie C. George, Henry George, Jr., Carrie Broussard, Dr. and Mrs. Julius W. Daigle, Brett Michael Ratulis, Edith and Dennis Guillot, Robert Landry, Departed Sisters of CMC

STJ - Albertine Giroir and Family, Marie Adele Rivere and Morris, Maudry Hebert, Elmina B. Landry, Herman and Nelia Cedotal, Dianne Cedotal Jones, Gracie Coupel, Clem Hebert, Mullet Landry

This week the sanctuary of light donation is in memory of:

St. Elizabeth: Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. LeBlanc

St. Jules: For the People

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“They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.” Through the ministry of priesthood, brotherhood or sisterhood, people will continue to find Jesus. If you think He may be calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Please Pray For:

Robert Brower, Sandy George, Special Request, Dorthy Caballero, Percy Falcon, Kathleen Rousseau, Spencer Guillot, Max Prejean, Brayden Hood, Lauren Duiery (Special Intention), Beth Boudreaux, Butsy Suarez

**STEWARHIP REPORT
April 20, 2020**

	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules
Regular Collection	\$2,148.00	\$1,595.00
Online Collection	\$839.00	\$918.00
Special Collection	\$300.00	\$10.00

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- * *Online Giving*
- * *Envelopes can be put through the slot in Rectory door.*
- * *If you mail in a donation, please send a check, not cash.*