

St. Elizabeth

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August 16, 2020

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

My Dear Friends,

I am extremely happy to serve you as your priest. Fr. Matthew Graham has done phenomenal work leading you to be Christ-centered by loving God and neighbor for the past four years. He has been so kind to take the time to introduce me to the Parish. I personally thank him for all he has been to St. Elizabeth and St. Jules Church. He has been a beloved Pastor here, and we wish him God's blessings for his ministry at Denim Springs.

I was ordained a priest on April 19, 1994. I belong to the Indian Missionary Society (IMS), a religious order founded in India in 1941 to work for the evangelization of people, especially people of other faiths. I worked in the villages of North India for 6 years and taught in seminary for two years before going to Connecticut in 2002. While I was working in the Diocese of Bridgeport as a parochial vicar, I obtained a PhD in Social Work in 2009 from the University of Utah. In 2011, I returned to India to assume the position of Director General of the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) for a five-year term. I returned to the Bridgeport Diocese in July of 2016 and worked as parochial vicar there until January 2020. In 2017, Pope Francis appointed me to the Pontifical Academy for Life in the Vatican for a period of 5 years. I came to the Diocese of Baton Rouge in the middle of January 2020. On July 1, 2020, Bishop Michael Duca appointed me as Administrator of St. Elizabeth and St. Jules Parish.

I was born in Kerala, India to a middle-class Catholic family. I had 7 siblings. The Lord called both my parents and two siblings to their eternal reward. My other siblings are married; I have four nieces and six nephews and they all live and work in India. So here, in the U.S., you are my family. During the past 26 years, the Lord blessed me with great people to work with. A priest's greatest blessing is the people whom he is sent to serve: YOU. I am aware of my limitations and weaknesses. I am no saint. I am certain that with your faith you will enable me to grow closer to Christ. My pastor for 15 years at St. Matthew Church, Norwalk, CT, Msgr. Walter, used to tell us that when we do everything for His glory and not for ours, everything will work out well.

My call as a priest is to bring you and your families to Christ. My role as priest is to intercede for you and pray for you. One of my favorite Bible passages is from The Letter to the Hebrews (5:1-5): *"Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by*
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM - St. Elizabeth (3:00pm Confessions),
Sunday : 8:30 AM - St. Jules and 10:30 AM - St. Elizabeth

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:00 PM - St. Jules, Tuesday: 7:45 AM - St. Elizabeth, Thursday: 6:00 PM - St. Jules,
Friday 7:45 AM - St. Elizabeth ****Confessions 30 min before every weekday Mass****

Administrator: Rev Tomi Thomas, IMS Deacon Associate: Ehren Oschwald

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Office Hours 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

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weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: 'You are my son; this day I have begotten you'.

Please pray for me as I take over this responsibility. I am confident that the Lord will give me the strength to be an instrument in His hands. You are always welcome to contact me. Each of you will be in my daily prayers. Those of you who would like to get involved in the activities of the Parish, please contact me. During these uncertain times, we need to be closer to Jesus than ever before, through our reception of Sacraments, Scripture Readings and Daily Prayers. I really look forward to meeting you in your homes, sooner rather than later.

A warm welcome to Deacon Wheeler to the staff of our parish.

Fr. Tomi Thomas, IMS



Continuation from last weeks bulletin...

Sister Valerie was sent to Paincourtville in 1878. When yellow fever forced the school to close on October 1 of the same year, young Sister Valerie wrote to her beloved Mother General Mother Therese, asking permission to go out into the stricken homes of the country folks and nurse yellow fever victims.

From October 1 to December 17, 1878, Sister Valerie...went forth from house to house, nursing whole families.... Very little help could be found. Many a night was she alone, save for a man or two who would call under cover of night to find out if there were any corpses to be removed.

In small towns such as Paincourtville, the sisters' work and influence was interwoven into the town's fabric. But the historian also suspects that there was an immeasurable quality to the sisters' work. He wonders how many Louisianians could echo the thought of Mr. John Benoit who recalled his days at the sisters' school in Carencro around the turn of the century and, from the vantage point of old age, mused, "They not only teach you school knowledge, but also they teach you the religion, the thing you need for life. They point you in the right direction."

Adoration of the Most Sacrament will begin again. At this time we will focus on times before Mass. With the current situation, we will not be restarting all day adoration on Tuesdays. Here is the schedule:

- Monday—5:00 pm at **St. Jules**
- Thursday - 5:00 pm at **St. Jules**
- Friday—7:00 am at **St. Elizabeth**



St. Elizabeth & St. Jules Ministers Schedule for July 4 – August 30, 2020

If you are not able to serve your scheduled time, please call someone to take your place*
 Entire schedule is posted on <https://sesjchurch.com/liturgical-ministers>

DATE	TIME	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	SACRISTANS
08/22/20 St. Elizabeth	4:00 PM	Jamie Louque	Suzanne Giroir	Noah Giroir Jace Esneault	CMC Sisters
08/23/20 St. Jules	Sunday 8:30 AM	Ehren Oschwald	Annette Oschwald	Aiden LeBlanc Haden Cedotal	Janelle Simoneaux & Volunteers
08/23/20 St. Elizabeth	Sunday 10:30 AM	Diane LeBlanc	Claire Blanchard	Sam Blanchard Kaleb Falcon	Erin Gros



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Are you in need of a baptismal prep seminar as a parent or godparent? St. Elizabeth and St. Jules churches have created an online option to fulfill this requirement. The program includes watching videos on Formed.org, answering questions, and having an online chat with Fr. Tomi. If you are interested in participating in this online seminar, please email Wendy at office@sesjchurch.com.

Paperwork and more information about baptisms at our parishes can be found at www.sesjchurch.com/sacrament-of-baptism

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

St. Elizabeth: For the People

St. Jules: For the People

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15

4:00 PM - Rachel, Margaret and Kent Morris, Albertine Giroir and Family, Ruth Dupre, Simon and Elmina B. Landry, Elaine Landry

Sunday, August 16

8:30 AM - Thomas J. and Erna B. Richard, Julie Blanchard Acosta, Philip and Eva Simoneaux and Family, Felix and Vivian Simoneaux and Family, Gilbert Blanchard, Ruth G. Dupre, Cleve Landry, Rita Charlet

10:30 AM - Mr. and Mrs. Roy "Lateet" Rousseau, Sr., Eric "CoCo" Rousseau, Sharon Oncale, 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 Batusis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. LeBlanc, Justileon, Lena and Jerry Blanchard, Paul Daigle, Jr. and Alma and Paul Daigle, Sr.

Monday, August 17

6:00 PM - Father's intention

Tuesday, August 18

7:45 AM - Father's intention

Thursday, August 20

6:00 PM - Father's intention

Friday, August 21

7:45 AM - Desi Clark, Susie Monaghan

Saturday, August 22

4:00 PM - Clem Hebert

8:30 AM - For the People

10:30 AM - Yvonne Simoneaux, Mederic and Mildred LeBlanc, Lenny LeBlanc, Julie LeBlanc, Henry, Sr. and Tillie C. George, Henry George, Jr., Carrie Broussard, Edith and Dennis Guillot, Charles Blanchard, Jr. and Phelonese, Paul Daigle, Jr. and Alma and Paul Daigle, Sr., Taylor Talbot

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Following Jesus sometimes means being rejected by others. Speak an encouraging word this week to someone you know who is trying to follow Jesus. Say a prayer for those who are discerning a call to Priesthood or Religious life. If God is calling you, call or email Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

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, Lynn Blanchard, Jake Daigle, Johnny LeBlanc, Tim Smith, Sr. and Family, Stephanie Landry

STEWARHIP REPORT

August 9, 2020

	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules
Regular Collection	\$1,446.00	\$1,086.00
Online Collection	\$155.00	\$1,000.00
Special Collection	\$233.00	\$5.00