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St. Jules

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Second Sunday of Lent

Safe Haven Sunday 2021

Can any parent here imagine being asked to sacrifice one of your children? All parents must shudder when they hear the story in our first Scripture reading today from the book of Genesis where God asks Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Of course, Isaac is spared in the end. But the visceral reaction of the parents who hear this story might linger as they imagine losing their child especially through their own actions.

Yet, there is a stark reality that many of our children are being sacrificed without parents even knowing. I am referring to the pornography industry which is intent on snaring our children in a highly charged and potentially addictive habit.

It is startling to learn that the average age of first exposure to pornography is 11 years old. Most children are exposed either by accident or through a friend. And once exposed, they begin to seek it out. Studies have shown that of the top 10 websites in the country, 3 of those top 10 are porn sites, which account for almost as much activity as Google.

This highly profitable industry completely distorts the purpose of sexuality. It increases the view that sex is just an enjoyable way of connecting with another person. As a result, it decreases the view of sexuality that we understand through our faith, namely, that sex is meant to be an expression of unity between husband and wife as well as a means of creating new life in children.

Exposure to pornography has a negative effect on children, leading to a sense of shame and agitation. Their shame leads them to disconnect from parents and from a sense of a loving God. This disconnection and its relationship to pornography is often undiscovered and may even continue into adulthood.

Because of the serious impact that pornography can have both emotionally and spiritually on individuals and families, our Diocese has designated this Sunday as "Safe Haven Sunday" to empower parents to make their homes a "safe haven" from the effects of pornography.

It is easy to see how this evil in our society is a powerful tool of the Devil that is meant to draw us away from God and alienate us from one another. However, we are not alone in dealing with this threat. As St. Paul reminds us today in the reading from his letter to the Romans, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" By His death and resurrection, Jesus overcame the power of the Devil and He will share that power with us since, as St. Paul reminds us, He "is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us."

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM - St. Elizabeth
Sunday : 8:30 AM - St. Jules, 10:30 AM - St. Elizabeth and 6:00 PM St. Elizabeth Oct 4th —Dec 20th

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

Saturday 3:00 to 3:50 and 30 min before every
weekday Mass or by appointment

ADORATION

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

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

DRE: Celeste Esneault, **Music:** Emma Prejean, **Housekeeper:** Sharon Landry **Admin Assistant:** Wendy Ourso,
Bookkeeper: Claire Blanchard **Sisters of the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel:** (985) 369-7069

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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With Christ's help, parents are the first line of defense in establishing their home as a "Safe Haven." At the same time, parents often feel ill-equipped to address these issues. Today, through the generosity of our parish and our Diocese we are able to provide parents with a very practical booklet entitled, "Confident: Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure." This online booklet is intended to guide parents who have discovered that a child has been exposed to pornography. It offers some guidelines on how to prepare to talk to your child without shaming them.

English: <https://cleanheart.online/sites/default/files/CVE-PR-2021-01-19-Confident%20Flyer-r1.pdf>

IMMIGRANTS IN LOUISIANA: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Wednesday, March 10

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Join Bishop Michael Duca of the Diocese of Baton Rouge; David Aguillard, Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge Executive Director; and Jeb Richard, ILS Legal Director, virtually to learn about:

- The Church's stance and history on immigration
- What we are currently doing to help immigrants
- What you can do in the future to help immigration reform

Email: stewardship@diobr.org to register

Baptismal Seminar

Our next Baptism Seminar is scheduled for Sunday, **March 7, 2021** after the **10:30 Mass at the Mount Carmel Hall** (on right side of St. Elizabeth Church).

Email office@sesjchurch.com if you wish to attend. **walk-ins are also welcome**

Divine Mercy Novena



Every Monday evening after the 6 p.m. Mass
Will be held through the season of Lent at Jules Church in Belle Rose.



Day/Time: Wednesday at 6:00pm.

Place: Mount Carmel Hall on the side of the St. Elizabeth Church.
There are 13 sessions covering various topics.

Collection for Operation Rice Bowl Feb 17 - April 4, 2021

Stewardship for February 21, 2021

	Mass	Online	Total	2019 Collection Same Week
St. Elizabeth				
Regular Collection	\$1,072.00	\$1,578.00	\$2,650.00	\$2,234.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$489.00		\$489.00	
Sacrificial Lenten Offering				
Improvement Fund	\$140.00	\$128.00	\$268.00	
St. Jules				
Regular Collection	\$1,564.00	\$655.00	\$2,219.00	\$1,557.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$105.00	\$53.00	\$158.00	
Sacrificial Lenten Offering				
Improvement Fund	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	

St. Elizabeth & St. Jules Ministers Schedule

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
03/06/21 St. Elizabeth	Saturday 4:00 PM	Jamie Louque Megan LeBlanc	Barry Aucoin	Noah Giroir Jacob LeBlanc	Linda Aucoin
03/07/21 St. Jules	Sunday 8:30 AM	Erica Charlet	Darlene Landry	Haden Cedotal Zachary Charlet Brayden Hidalgo	Volunteer
03/07/21 St. Elizabeth	Sunday 10:30 AM	Diane LeBlanc	Sandy George	Sam Blanchard Kaleb Falcon Addison Falcon	Erin Gros

[This week at St. Elizabeth & St. Jules Churches](#)

March 1 Monday	March 2 Tuesday	Mar. 3 Weds.	March 4 Thursday	March 5 Friday	March 6 Saturday
5:00 PM Adoration & Reconciliation - STJ 6:00 PM Mass at - STJ 6:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena - STJ	7:45 AM Mass – STE 8:15 AM Stations of the Cross - STE		5:00 PM Adoration & Reconciliation - STJ 6:00 PM Mass - STJ 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross STJ Families with last names G Money Counters	7:45 AM Mass – STE 8:15 AM Stations of the Cross - STE 9 – 6:00 PM First Friday Adoration STE 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - STE Families with last names H-L Staff & Students of SES	<u>Public Stations of the Cross by LA 1</u> 6:00 AM 8:30 AM First Saturday Mass STJ 3:00 PM – Reconciliation – STE 4:00 Mass

Catholic Sisters Week

Nationally, we are celebrating Catholic Sisters Week during the week of March 8 - 14, 2021. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to remember in prayer the women who have devoted their lives to Christ and served our community. In the Diocese of Baton Rouge we are blessed to have 13 religious congregations serving our community. One of these 13 is our own **Sisters of the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel (Paincourtville)**

On Monday, March 8, 2021, Bishop Duca will dedicate his 8 a.m. mass from St. Joseph Chapel at the Tracy Center to these women. The mass will be streamed on Catholic Life TV Baton Rouge. Please join us in prayer Monday morning.

Parent and Children Retreat **Saturday, March 13, 2021**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm with Mass beginning at 4:00 pm
St. Elizabeth Church/Community Center/Mount Carmel Hall

St. Elizabeth Church will be hosting a retreat for parents and children on Saturday, March 13. We will be discussing how to pray together as a family unit. We will begin at the Community Center. Children in grades 1st – 4th will be escorted to Mount Carmel Hall with the Sisters. Children in 5th grade and higher will remain with their parents for the duration of the retreat starting at the Community Center.

1:00 – 2:00 ----Talk on “How to Pray as a Family”

2:00 – 2:15 ----Break

2:15 – 2:30----History of the Rosary

2:30 ----- Praying of the Rosary

3:00 ---- Guided adoration – Here the 1st – 4th grade children will be brought back to the parents.

4:00 ---- Mass

This week the sanctuary light donation is in memory of:

St. Elizabeth: For the People

St. Jules: For the People

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27

4:00 PM - Marie Adele Rivere and Morris, Maudry Hebert

Saturday, February 28

8:30 PM - Frank and Katie Sotile, +Rita Charlet, Lawrence E. Bergeron, Sr. Family, Anthony R. Grisaffe Family, +Karen Newchurch Dizney, UTE and Regina Sanchez and Family

10:30 AM - For the People

Monday, March 1

6:00 PM - +Departed Sisters of CMC

Tuesday, March 2

7:45 AM - +Leonard Verret, Susan Daigle

Thursday, March 4

6:00 PM - .Departed Sisters of CMC

Friday, March 5

7:45 AM - +LeRoy LeBlanc

Saturday, March 6

4:00 PM - Albertine Giroir and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. LeBlanc, Jerry, Justileon and Leona Blanchard, Carol M. Aucoin, D.C. and Marilyn Mattingly

Sunday, March 7

8:30 AM - For the People,

10:30 AM - Dr. and Mrs. Julius W. Daigle, Brett Michael Batulis

Please Pray For:

Robert Brower, Sandy George, Special Request, Percy Falcon, Kathleen Rousseau, Max Prejean, Brayden Hood, Lauren Duiery (Special Intention), Beth Boudreaux, Johnny LeBlanc, Tommy L Smith, Jr., Mr. Daryl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Brett Smith, Gaige Adams, Shirley Hebert, Polly Johnson, Warren Dugas', Kayla Buchen, Scott P. Falcon, Maggie Plauche, Margaret Law, Steven Gauthé', Marlene Newchurch, Trey Prejean, Russell Crochet, Jamie Borne, Alice Bourg

Ladies Altar Society

The St. Jules Altar Society are collecting dues. Dues are \$10.00 for the year.

Responding to God's Call

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah-called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister, or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing and think God is calling you, contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Church Wish List



St. Elizabeth Church

Lenten Prayer Books - 2 at \$150.00 each

St. Jules Church

Lenten Prayer Books - 3 at \$150.00 each

FM Radio for weekend Masses

For those who want to participate in the Mass from your car, just tune your radio to FM 90.9 from the parking lot. Communion will be brought to

