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December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Importance of the 3rd Sunday of Advent

A Joyful Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word “*gaudete*” is derived from the Latin words “*gaudium*,” joy, and “*gaudeo*,” to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

The Term “*Gaudete*.” *Gaudete* is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father’s house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

A Joyful Color. Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for *Gaudete* Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of grace for Christmas. *Gaudete* Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

Joyful Scripture Texts. In the first reading Isaiah says that he was sent “to bring glad tidings” (Is 61:1) and that “my God is the joy of my soul” (Is 61:10); in the Responsorial Psalm the Blessed Virgin Mary prays, “My spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Lk 1:47); and in the second reading St. Paul insists that we should “rejoice always” (1 Thes 5:16). The gospel is John the Baptist’s joyful declaration that he was sent by God to testify to the light, the one who is coming after him, the Christ! (Jn 1:7,27).

Source: [Gaudete Sunday – The Third Sunday of Advent - TheCatholicSpirit.com : TheCatholicSpirit.com](http://TheCatholicSpirit.com)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM - **St. Jules Church**
Sunday : 8:30 AM - St. Jules, 10:30 AM - St. Elizabeth
and 6:00 PM St. Elizabeth Oct 3 —Dec 21

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 Oschwald

Admin Assistant: Wendy Ourso, **Bookkeeper:** Heidi Mattingly, **DRE:** Lisa Landry, **Music:** Emma Prejean,

Housekeeper: Sharon Landry,

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, Friday

Reconciliation

December 13 Monday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm @ St. Jules = (2 Priests available)
December 17 Friday from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm noon @ St. Elizabeth = (Fr. Tomi)



Living Nativity by St. Elizabeth Students

The students of St. Elizabeth will be putting up a living Nativity on **Thursday, December 16th** after the 6:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Church. All are welcome to attend and encourage our students.

A Special Mass for Widows and Widowers with a Christmas Dinner

December 18th , Saturday 4:00 pm Mass followed by dinner at 5.00 pm.

Please sign up or call the office by December 13th. Please invite your neighbors who are widows or widowers.

Thank You Sharon!

Sharon Landry who has been housekeeper for St. Elizabeth and St. Jules for 31 years has resigned from her job due to health reasons. We will certainly miss her at the Church. We will be thanking her on **December 18th, Saturday at 4:00 pm Mass**. Please join the parish family to thank her for her dedicated and selfless service to our Church. If you would like to send her a thank you, get well or happy retirement card, her address is: 2006 Highway 70 S., Pierre Part, LA 70339

Children's Christmas Party on Sunday December 19th after 10.30 Mass

There will be a Christmas Party for Children age 0 to 8th grade on **December 19th, Sunday** after the Mass at St. Elizabeth Community Center. Please sign up at the Church or send an email to: drek12@sesjchurch before December 15th .

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses



Christmas Eve, December 24th, Friday

St. Elizabeth - 4:00 pm

St. Jules - 6:00 pm

No Saturday Vigil Mass

Christmas Day, December 25th , Saturday

St. Elizabeth - Midnight (12:00am)

St. Jules - 8:30 am

St. Elizabeth – 10:30 am



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>

Minister Coordinator and Scheduler—Jeannie Morris. Contact her at ministries@sesjchurch.com .

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>READERS</i>	<i>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</i>	<i>ALTAR SERVER</i>	<i>SACRISTANS</i>	<i>USHERS</i>
12/18/21 St. Jules	Saturday 4:00 PM	Melanie Gros Megan LeBlanc	Suzanne Giroir Robin Guillot	Parker Goodwyne Noah Giroir Samantha Almeida	Glenda B. & CMC Sisters	Adult Volunteers
12/19/ 21 St. Jules	Sunday 8:30 AM	Maddox Blanchard Austin Paine	Alaina Paine Jeannie Morris	Aiden Paine Brayden Hidalgo	Glenda Blanchard & Volunteer	Mayble Landry Maddox Blanchard Anderson Paine Haden Cedotal
12/19/21 St. Elizabeth	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sophie Simoneaux Sarah Blanchard	CMC Sisters	Brennan Blanchard Vaughn Blanchard	CMC Sisters	Joshua Delhommer Alex Blanchard Seth Strubb Chloe Caminita
12/19/21 St. Elizabeth	Sunday 6:00 PM	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

Religious Education Reminder: December 16, 2021 - Adoration
St. Elizabeth Church 5:00-6:00pm.



Giving Tree

Please bring all giving tree items to the church by December 19, 2021. They can be placed by the trees in church. The gift cards can be mailed to office or put in slot on office door.

Additional Mausoleum at St. Elizabeth Cemetery

Since we have a lack of space at St. Elizabeth Cemetery, we plan to build an additional mausoleum. There will be a board placed in the back of St. Elizabeth Church for the Mausoleum. Please add your name if you are interested in purchasing a crypt. There will be crypts and cremation niches in this new mausoleum. Please ask your family living out of town if they want to have a crypt at St. Elizabeth.

Wish list for St. Elizabeth and St. Jules Churches

St. Elizabeth:

- ◆ St. Joseph Photo frame and pictures for 150 pieces: \$ 240
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- ◆ Requesting 25 donors to sponsor 4 missalettes, cost of \$100 for St. Elizabeth Church . **11 taken = 14 needed**
- ◆ Wireless Microphone:\$ 300



St. Jules Church:

- ◆ St. Joseph Photo frame and pictures for 100 pieces: \$ 160
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- ◆ Requesting 13 donors to sponsor 4 missalettes, cost of \$100 for St. Jules Church **6 taken = 7 needed**

Stewardship for December 5, 2021

	Mass	Online	Total
St. Elizabeth Regular Collection	\$2,052.00	\$1,173.00	\$3,225.00
Improvement Fund	\$385.00	\$55.00	\$440.00
Christmas Flowers	\$70.00	-	\$70.00
St. Jules Regular Collection	\$2,268.00	\$1,431.00	\$3,699.00
Improvement Fund	\$63.00	\$118.00	\$244.00
Christmas Flowers	\$150.00	-	\$150.00

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11

4:00 PM - +Eric "CoCo" Rousseau, +Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rousseau, Sr., +Brittany Landry, +Carol M. Aucoin, +Elaine Landry, +Clem Hebert

Sunday, December 12

8:30 AM - For the People

10:30 AM - +Connie and Jimmy Barrient, +Henry, Sr. and Tillie C. George, Henry George, Jr., +Carrie Broussard, +Mederic and Mildred LeBlanc, +Lenny LeBlanc, +Julie LeBlanc, +Dr. and Mrs. Julius W. Daigle, +Brett Michael Batulis, +Susan Daigle, +Lloyd "Casey" Dugas, Jr. and Lloyd Dugas, Sr., +Linda Johnson, +Arlyn Rousseau

6:00 PM - Healthcare workers

Monday, December 13

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walter C. Orlowski, Nolan Guillot

Tuesday, December 14

7:45 AM - Bouffard Family

Thursday, December 16 (St. Elizabeth Mass)

5:00 PM - Adoration

6:00 PM - Velliparampil Family

6:30 PM - Living Nativity by St. Elizabeth School

Friday, December 17

7:45 AM - Greeny Blessent

Saturday, December, 18 (St. Jules Church)

4:00 PM - Mari Adele Rivere and Morris, Maudry Hebert, Yvonne Simoneaux, P.J. Domingue

Sunday, December 19

8:30 AM - Leonard Simoneaux and UTE Sanchez Families, +Julie Blanchard Acosta, +Patrick Cancienne, + Rita And Kim Charlet, +Reposal of the soul of Fr. Danny Roussel, For Alzheimer Patients and their caregivers.

10:30 AM - For the People

6:00 PM - Healthcare workers

This week's sanctuary light is in memory of:

St. Elizabeth: For the People

St. Jules: For the People

Please Pray For:

Sandy George, Special Request, Kathleen Rousseau, Brayden Hood, Gaige Adams, Shirley Hebert, Steven Gauthe', Marlene Newchurch, Jamie Borne, Alice Bourg, *Sharon Landry*, Lionel Naquin, Addie Landry, Gabby Daigle, Milton Metrejean, Maggie Plauche, Bonnie Knobles, Dianne Landry Cross, Colby Gravois, Warren Dugas, Jane Boudreaux, Blake Hebert, Chasely Rose Diez, Patricia Cavalier, Andrew Cavalier, Dennis Cavalier, Joey Campo, Kim Arvel, Jeremy Landry, Tucker Dupre, Margaret Law, Beth Boudreaux, Todd Daigle, Sondra Cavalier, Ivy Landry, Robert Helms, Sharon Thibodaux, Mary Day



Giving Tree for Nursing Home in St. Elizabeth and St Jules

Please take an ornament to purchase a gift for someone in the nursing home. Please write your name and number in the notebook next to the tree.

If you have any questions, call Penney Savoie at 985-369-7384 or on her cell at 225-572-8146

St. Elizabeth School Memorial Fund

A gift to the St. Elizabeth School Memorial Fund lives on in the service of others. Those who send gifts as memorials for deceased family members, friends and relatives can be assured that they are helping St. Elizabeth School to continue its role in Catholic education for future generations.

The Christmas Memorial Mass in honor of your loved one (s) will be **Friday, December 17, 2021 at 7:45 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.**

To send a memorial gift, simply send in your donation along with the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered to:

St. Elizabeth School, P.O. Drawer M, Paincourtville, LA 70391.

Please make checks payable to **St. Elizabeth School Memorial Fund**. You may also drop it off in the office or send it to school with a student in his or her green envelope by Monday, December 13, 2021.