



# SIMPLY SETON

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church Weekly Bulletin

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30am –1:00pm  
Closed: Friday – Sunday

## MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday (anticipated):** 4:00pm  
**Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm  
**First Saturday:** 8:00am

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 7:00am  
**Wednesday:** 5:30pm

## Confessions:

**Sunday** 7:30-7:45am, 9:30-9:45am, 5:30-5:45pm  
**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:** 6:30-6:45am  
**Wednesday:** 5:00-5:15pm  
**Saturday:** 3:15 – 3:45pm  
**First Saturday:** 7:30 – 7:45 am  
**By Appointment**

**Children’s Church** is held at 10:00AM mass. Children 4 years old up to first communion are invited to participate in their own celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. Simply bring your children to the baptistry 10 minutes before Mass begins.

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10:00 Music Minister



## BAPTISM

Registration during the early stages of pregnancy for the Baptism course is strongly recommended.

## CONFIRMATION

All students, including those in public and Catholic schools, register in August of their eighth-junior year of school. Call the office for registration requirements.

## FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST COMMUNION

All children, including those in public and Catholic schools, register at the beginning of their second grade in order to participate in the sacramental preparation.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (1st thru 11th grades, including Confirmation)

- Registration for all sections of Religious Education is in the Summer of 2024
- First through fourth grades Religious Education classes meet on Sundays after the 10:00 Mass (11:00 – 12:15PM).
- Fifth through seventh grades attend EDGE on Sundays 2:30 – 3:45 PM.
- Confirmation classes meet on Sunday 4:15 – 5:45PM.
- Vacation Bible School, for children ages 4-10, is held for one week each summer, when scheduled.
- Adults wishing to learn more about their Catholic faith, including those wishing to become members of the Catholic Church, should call the office.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The church can be reserved only after meeting with the Priest/Deacon to begin marriage preparation for the couple. It is recommended that an appointment be made one (1) year in advance of the anticipated date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requirements, policies and guidelines are reviewed and must be completed prior to any marriage in the church.

## COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the office to speak with Diane Triche.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** Are encouraged to call the office to register.

**ADORATION** Held every Tuesday at 8AM until Wednesday at 4PM.

Second Sunday of Lent



March 16, 2025

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## 2025 Seminary Mission Fund

The Knights of Columbus will again this year be selling tickets for the Seminary Mission Fund. This year's Raffle will be drawn on **Saturday, May 3, 2025**. The tickets are \$5.00 each. The Louisiana Knights of Columbus will sponsor the raffle with the proceeds going to benefit Notre Dame and St. Joseph Seminaries Mission trip. Last year the fund raised over \$80,000. The raffles prizes are:

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- Grand Prize: \$5,000**
- Second Prize: \$2,500**
- Third Prize: \$1,000**
- Fourth Prize: \$500**
- Fifth Prize: \$250**

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Raffle tickets will be sold: March 15/16 and March 22/23 after all Masses.

## Please Support Our Future Priest

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, March 17

7:00AM No Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, March 18

7:00AM No Mass Intentions

#### Wednesday, March 19

5:30PM David E. Black, Jr.; Lulap & AJ Matte; Mae & Leo Nolan; Bob Puckett

#### Thursday, March 20

7:00AM Bennett Meyers (AD)

#### Friday, March 21

7:00AM No Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 22

4:00PM Lee & Jane Hebert; Fred & Roy Souther; Roy & Georgette Caubarreaux; Slim & Lois Souther; Shine & Mary & Charlotte Domingue; Ashton & Deneige Breaux; Pete & Lucille Hebert; Paul & Ina Savoie; Agnes, John & Rena Lemaire; Keith Lemaire; Alozia Benoit; Camilla Chaisson; Valex Guilbeaux; Wayne Lemaire; M/M Michael E. Meche; Souls in Purgatory; Earline Campbell; Norman "Billy" Braud

#### Sunday, March 23

8:00AM Mass for the People

10:00AM Will Benoit; Otis & Helen Broussard; Gerald Landry; Gerald Landry, Jr.; Gary Olivier

6:00PM Scott Thomas Dore'; Francis LeBlanc

*BD=Birthday, WA=Wedding Anniv., AD=Anniv. of Death*

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Held every Wednesday evening during Lent directly after the 5:30PM Mass. Everyone is invited.**

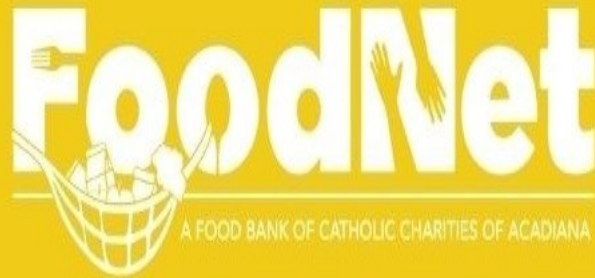
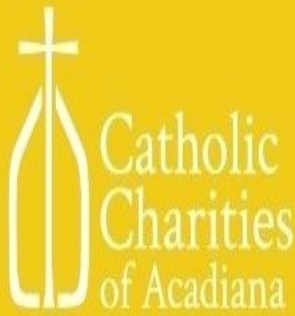
Each Day with Mary and Her Saints

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>MAR 16</b> Religious Ed/CCD (11AM—12:15PM), FC EDGE 2:30-3:45PM, FC K of C Seminarian Raffle Ticket Sale (after all Masses)		5:30AM "That Man is You", FC 6:30PM Knights of Columbus Mtg, KC Hall	6:00PM Stations of the Cross, C 6:15PM Christian Initiation of Adults, FC		Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, FC	3:15PM Confession K of C Seminarian Raffle Ticket Sale (after all Masses)
<b>23</b> Religious Ed/CCD (11AM—12:15PM), FC 1st Communion Session #6 (11AM—12:15PM), FC Confirmation 4:15-5:45PM, FC		5:30AM "That Man is You", FC	6:00PM Stations of the Cross, C 6:15PM Christian Initiation of Adults, FC		Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, FC	3:15PM Confession Hospice of Acadiana Raffle Ticket Sale after each Mass

**SUN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:00AM Mass)**

**TUES ADORATION (After 7AM Mass until Wed 4:00PM)**

**WED - ROSARY GROUP (WAY OF THE CROSS) (10:00AM)**



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Catholic Church

# CONFIRMATION GROUP FOOD DRIVE

*We're collecting:*

**Canned meats:  
chicken, turkey, tuna,  
salmon, pork, beef, etc...**



Drop your donations in the  
bins at the main or side  
entrances of the Church

Drive begins: March 1, 2025

Drive ends: March 31, 2025

# Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass: Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 50: Transubstantiation

**FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**

I often hear people ask why it is that, for so many priests, the Consecration is their favorite moment of the Mass. How exactly does the **Consecration** “work”?

Thanks for asking! Some years ago, I was in the midst of a large assignment by myself and was struggling with some health issues. I was working long days to try and cover all that was needed, but I felt myself regularly falling short. Around that time, I was gifted with a wonderful confession from one of our wise priests, who reminded me that the best and most important part of my day is always what happens at the altar. He said I could end the day with unfinished projects and unanswered messages, but if I prayed the Mass faithfully at the altar, then it will have been a great day. What great words of consolation!

At the moment of the Consecration and the elevation that follows, I am always reassured that I am exactly where I am supposed to be: I am answering the call God gave to me to serve as a priest. As we all are, I am a work in progress, and some days feel like much more progress is needed. However, in that moment of the Mass, I am always comforted and strengthened, humbled and invigorated. Because I can be a perfectionist, I don't always receive compliments well; because I have a quick mind, I'm often thinking of problems to solve and things that need to be done. But in that moment of the Mass is true rest and peace. If you are like me and often have a preoccupied mind, I invite you in that special moment of the Mass to enjoy resting in his peace. Remind yourself that there is no better place to be in that moment than united with Jesus truly present on the altar.

## **How the Consecration Effects Transubstantiation**

How exactly does the Consecration work? Let's turn to our *Catechism* for some helpful wisdom. “It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament. The Church Fathers strongly affirmed the faith of the Church in the efficacy of the Word of Christ and of the action of the Holy Spirit to bring about this conversion. Thus St. John Chrysostom declares: ‘It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered’” (CCC, 1375).

The *Catechism* tells us that the word of Jesus is what changes the bread and wine into his Body and Blood. The *Catechism* continues, “The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: ‘Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation’” (CCC, 1376).

For many of us, *transubstantiation* can be a big and intimidating word. The reason we use words like these is that they help us describe with precision what we believe is true. Transubstantiation helps us know that the “what it is” is what changes during the Mass. As we said before regarding the gifts, what they are before the consecration is simple bread and wine. Those words of Jesus change the bread and wine into his Body and Blood. Even though the appearances remain, we believe that the whole Christ is present in the consecrated host and chalice. As our *Catechism* teaches, the reason we believe that Jesus is present is because Jesus said it. We believe him when he says: “This is my Body.” We believe him when he says “This is my Blood.” We believe that the Eucharist really is Jesus. The same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, the same Jesus who offered himself on the Cross—Jesus is truly with us!

## Seeing with Eyes of Faith

“But Father, the host still ‘looks’ the same!” some may say. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (314–386) teaches, “Do not think these are just plain bread and plain wine. They are the body and blood of Christ, as the Lord asserted. Faith must convince you of the latter even though your senses suggest to you the former. Do not judge about this according to your preferences but, based on your faith, believe with firmness and certainty that you have been made worthy of the body and blood of Christ” (*Understanding the Mass*, pp. 140–141). If your faith feels unsure, ask the Lord to help you see with the eyes of faith that he is truly there. Let the genuflections and reverence from your body help remind your mind of what we believe is true. Let the model of faith from the saints and the martyrs inspire you. Let our hearts be filled with joy after the consecration, and let us rejoice in recalling that Jesus is sacramentally present. Let us shout with joy the words of St. John, “It is the Lord!” ([John 21:7](#)).

## For Reflection:

1. Study the Church’s teaching on Christ’s presence “under the Eucharistic species” in the *Catechism*, paragraphs 1373–1381, or even the entire section on the Eucharist (1322–1419). Consider inviting others to join you in this study to strengthen your faith in the Eucharist and participation at Mass. Consider checking out [episodes 180–194](#) of Fr. Mike Schmitz’s *Catechism in a Year*, which leads listeners on a journey into the mystery of the Eucharist.

2. Bring St. John’s words, “It is the Lord!” ([John 21:7](#)), in your heart to Mass to seek and find Christ’s presence during the Consecration.



**Sts. Leo-Seton KC Council 5345 will have Fish Fry Fridays each Friday until April 11th.**

**Pickup will be at St. Elizabeth Family Center. Plates will consist of 3 pieces of fish, coleslaw, potato salad and bread. Sales will start at 5:00PM for a cost of \$10.00 per plate and continue until all plates or sold.**



**Annual “Hit the Road with Hospice of Acadiana” Raffle**

Please join us in supporting **Hospice of Acadiana’s Annual “Hit the Road with Hospice” Raffle!** Your \$20 ticket purchase gives you a chance to win a car, a camper, or a trip for 2! As Acadiana’s **ONLY** non-profit hospice, your purchase will provide patients with the care they need, regardless of the cost or their ability to pay. Hospice of Acadiana also offers several programs & services to the community at-large, free of charge, including Grief Counseling, Loss & Transition Workshops, Camp Brave Hearts, our We Honor Veterans program, and much more. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please visit our website at [www.hospiceacadiana.com](http://www.hospiceacadiana.com).



**Raffle Tickets will be sold at all Masses the weekend of March 29 –30.**

***Parish Directory Photos***

Photo appointments are still available **April 1-5**. Everyone photographed receives a free 8x10 and a printed Parish Directory. Sign up online by scanning the QR code. Enter the Church ID: **LA157** and the password: **photos** to register.



**2024 Financial Tax Report**



It’s that time of the year again. Those in need of a copy their 2024 financial report can request it by calling the office at 235-1483. Please allow 2 to 3 days for it to be prepared.

**Question of the Week**

Looking at my Lenten journey as an exodus from sin and worldly values, what specifically is holding me captive and preventing a truly new life in the risen Lord?



## St. Elizabeth Seton Thoughts



**P**ENANCE is the purifier of the soul.

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

All are encouraged to pray for the priests who work in the Diocese of Lafayette each day. Every day there is a specific intention for one of our priests for special consideration; the specific intentions this week are:

- \* Monday, March 17th - Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF
- \* Tuesday, March 18th - Rev. Michael Arnaud
- \* Wednesday, March 19th - Rev. Singarayar Arockiam
- \* Thursday, March 20th - Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, SVD
- \* Friday, March 21st - Rev. Matthew Barzare
- \* Saturday, March 22nd - Rev. Reed M. Bellingham
- \* Sunday, March 23rd - Rev. Herbert Bennerfield

**Prayer:** Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## SEMINARIANS PRAYER CALENDAR

All are encouraged to pray for our Seminarians as they study to become faith-filled followers and leaders of Christ. Below is a list of those to pray for this week:

- \* Monday, March 17th - Nicholas Broussard
- \* Tuesday, March 18th - Dcn. Ricky Castaneda
- \* Wednesday, March 19th - Haden Coleman
- \* Thursday, March 20th - Sebastian Cramer
- \* Friday, March 21st - Carter Domingue
- \* Saturday, March 22nd - Seth Dupre
- \* Sunday, March 23rd - John Michael Fruge, Jr.

**Prayer:** O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit God forever and ever. Amen.



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**Tuesday, March 18** - “That Man is You” held at 5:30AM in the Family Center.

**Tuesday, March 18 – Wednesday, March 19** Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, March 18 at 8AM thru Wednesday, March 19 at 4:00PM in Church.

**Tuesday, March 18** - Knights of Columbus Meeting held at 6:30PM in the KC Hall.

**Wednesday, March 19** - Christian Initiation of Adults held at 6:15PM in the Ministries Building.

**Friday, March 21** - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Dinners sold in the Family Center starting at 5PM.

**Saturday/Sunday, March 22/23** - Knights of Columbus 2025 Seminary Mission Fund Raffle Tickets sold at all Masses.

**Sunday, March 23** - **CCD Classes** held from 11AM—12:15PM in the Family Center.

**Sunday, March 23** - **1st Communion Session #6** held from 11AM—12:15PM in the Family Center

**Sunday, March 23** - **Confirmation Sessions** held from 4:15PM—5:45PM in the Family Center.

### *Advertiser of the Week*

## Melancon Funeral Home

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## WEEKLY DONATION

March 8-9, 2025

Offering	8,320.00
Building Fund	713.00
Ash Wednesday	5,193.00
Black & Indian Mission	1,190.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,416.00</b>

Online donation for February 2025 is \$6,469.46

**Thank you for your continued support.**