

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2015

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - St. Henry Mass Schedule and Intentions



Monday, Sept. 7,	6:30 AM:	NO Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 8,	6:30 AM:	Bernard Von Hagel RIP by Margaret Moody
Wednesday, Sept. 9,	6:30 AM:	Mother of Jamey Cather RIP by Fr. Deering and Parish Family
Thursday, Sept. 10,	6:30 AM:	James Deering RIP by Fr. Michael Deering
Friday, Sept. 11,	6:30 AM:	
Saturday, Sept. 12,	5:00 PM:	Scottie Blackstone RIP by Sarah Moody
St. Henry Sunday, Sept. 13,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, Sept. 13,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

September's Parish Calendar was in error—There will be No 6:30am Mass on Labor Day Monday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

### ALTAR FLOWER OPEN DATES

Would you like to donate flowers for our Altar in memory or honor of a loved one or in honor of a special event: birthday, wedding anniversary, etc.? The **OPEN dates for the remainder of 2015 are: September 27 and Nov. 15 & 24.** Some dates have one opening, and some have two openings: one arrangement at \$25 or \$50 for two. Call the Church office, 631-9398, for more information or to reserve a date.

### Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers! (RCIA)

**RCIA takes place every Tuesday evening at 7pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall!**

Come renew your faith and invite family and friends to come with you so they can hear for themselves the teachings and truths of the Catholic Church.

### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL PSR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13**

Grades 1-8 classes are every **Sunday** at 9:30am

**HIGH SCHOOL PSR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16**

Grades 9-12 classes are every **Wednesday** at 6pm

### Bible Time Line Continues: Thursday evenings, 6pm

at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall. Contact Dc. Tim 904-7743 or Penny Vaughn, 919-0914.

### EMPOWERMENT WEEK—DAY OF SERVICE

**Friday, September 11, 2015—12 Noon until 4pm**

Join Bishop Robert Baker, Mayor William Bell, Sr., and the people from around the Diocese of Birmingham at the **Catholic Center of Concern, 712 4th Court West** for a Call to Serve Volunteer Rally and Service Projects Day

And proclamation dedicating the event in honor of **Pope Francis** (12 Noon). For information: (205) 297-8383

### SAVE THE DATE—September, 26 & 27, 2015

**SEAS Sodality's biggest Fund-Raiser SPAGHETTI DINNER, SILENT AUCTION And RAFFLE**

**The Church Office is Closed Labor Day, Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

### FATHER DEERING'S SUNDAY HOMILIES

are now available on our website: [www.seasgardendale.org](http://www.seasgardendale.org)

## “From the Pastor’s Desk”

Many days a week I see a little silver car pull in and park right in front of our **Sacred Heart statue**. Some person stays there for a while praying and then they slowly pull away.

Is it good to pray before an image of Jesus? Absolutely! But it's even better to pray before **Jesus Himself!** And that's what that person could do if they just got out of their car and went inside the Church ... for there, waiting in the Tabernacle 24 hours a day is the **sacramental Presence of Jesus!**

It's a great **mystery** and a great **miracle** ... that the infinite God is fully contained in the finite Host!

But that's the way it is ... by God's design ... so that we His people have access to him as Spiritual Food for our journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

And by storing the remaining Hosts that are not consumed at Mass in a **Gold Tabernacle** we continue to have the **True Presence of Jesus** constantly in our midst ... He's there in every Catholic Church everywhere in the world!

How wonderful to stop into Church at any time and pray ... not just in God's House ... but in God's **True Presence!**

Most of the time Jesus remains hidden in the Tabernacle. But there are times where we bring Him out and expose Him in a gold Monstrance on the altar.

This affords the Faithful the special privilege of actually looking upon the Sacramental Presence of the one that they are praying to ... **Jesus, The Lord.**

Some big Parishes are able to offer this prayer opportunity to their people around the clock in something that is known as **Continuous Adoration** ... with **2 Adorers** present at all times (48 people/ day or 336 people / week)!

While we don't have the people to do this, we can offer **Adoration of the Lord** for short windows of time during the week at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church** in Gardendale ... namely **Monday thru Friday from 5:30 AM - 6:25 AM**

This provides some extra prayer time for those already coming to 6:30 Morning Mass and some early prayer time for those unable to stay for Daily Mass.

And beginning **September 15<sup>th</sup>** we'll begin to offer once again our **Tuesday evening Exposition of the Lord** for 2 hours ... from **5:30 PM - 7:30 PM.**

You're welcome to stay for 2 hours or 2 minutes. And while you're there, pray for those across the parking lot in the RCIA class, so they'll come to believe in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and get out of their car and come into the Church to pray in the presence of the Lord!

God bless you! Love, Father Deering

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## Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Mary Bauer Kelly Jones Donald Sanders Walter Shapielak  
Frances Horton Rose Parks Hazel Melendez Raymond Vaughan  
Dwayne Leslie

**YOU MAY ADD TO OUR LONG TERM CAREBOOK** located on the table at the side entry-way of the Church.

## PARISH MEETINGS

**FINANCE COUNCIL: To be announced**  
**PARISH COUNCIL: Monday, Sept 21, 6pm**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**  
**General Council: Wednesday, October 7, 6:30pm**

**LADIES SODALITY: Wednesday, September 9, 6pm**  
**Please note the change of day and date for our September meeting.**



### Right to Life

*Abortion is nothing more than a "choice" to kill. Pray for all who have made the wrong "choice", that they will find God's forgiveness and love. Pray that we will have the courage to rise up in love and protect life from conception to natural death.*

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Alabama

How about some time just for the two of you? A weekend that will focus on love, caring and relationship. Go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back refreshed and full of passion! **October 16-18, 2015 at St. Bernard's Abbey, Cullman.** Register online today at [www.ALFL.wvme.org](http://www.ALFL.wvme.org).



### Pass It Forward!

Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts of time, treasure, and talent in guiding and instructing our children, who are the future of our Church, by **becoming a Catechist (teacher)** for our Parish School of Religion. PSR Classes take place on Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30am. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. **Classes begin September 13.** If interested or for more information, contact the Parish Office at 631-9398.

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas More Society *cordially invite all judges, lawyers, law students, legal related professionals and the public they serve* to the annual **Red Mass on Friday, October 9, 2015 at 12:10pm at The Cathedral of St. Paul, 2120 Third Avenue No., Birmingham, AL.** The Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year to invoke divine guidance for all who seek and administer justice. This Thirteenth Century European custom received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the celebrant and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. The Red Mass came to the United States in 1877 and has been celebrated in Alabama since 1974. The celebrant will be The Most Reverend Robert J. Baker. A reception for the legal professionals in attendance will follow in the Family Life Center. For more information contact Rick DiGiorgio, 205-271-7105, [rdigiorgio@corywatson.com](mailto:rdigiorgio@corywatson.com).

**Bring your CANS to SEAS!**  
**We recycle for Catholic Education!!**  
**NO FOOD CANS**

**GET YOUR CANS TO CHURCH!**  
Bring empty aluminum drink cans to area behind Parish Hall, between storage sheds.

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS



### SAVE THE DATE!

Come serve as an **"Angel in the Outfield"** at **Gardendale's Miracle League this Thursday Sept. 10!** Meet at church to ride the vans at 5:20pm or meet at the field at 5:40pm. If you ride the vans, you must have a

travel form completed.

For more information, contact Andy and Laura Hollis at 205-482-7414 or [laurahollisot@gmail.com](mailto:laurahollisot@gmail.com).

### Youth Mass will take place Sunday, September 27

at the 11am Mass at SEAS. If you would like to serve as a lector for the readings or petitions, please let Andy and Laura know as soon as possible. Following Mass please join your family at the Ladies Altar Sodality Spaghetti Dinner.

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## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS C: Captain ALTAR SERVERS
Sat. Sept 12 5 pm	Shawn Holly	Shawn Holly Barbara McCray Two additional needed	Tom Townes C Skip Hall <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Sam Pritchard
Sun. Sept 13 11 am	Ken Friedrich	Ken Friedrich Caroline Gerson Deanne King Jeanne Busby Mary Margaret Rohling	Michael Wallace C Joel Busby Allen Belrose Mike Brasher <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Ezra Bishop Kevin Hand
Sat. Sept 19 5 pm	Kirsten Casella	David Slovinsky Barbara McCray Two additional needed	Larry Grimmett C Donald Hand Jimmy Slovinsky One additional needed <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Sam Pritchard
Sun. Sept 20 11 am	Kelly Doss	Kelly Doss Dan S. Gardner Paulette Gardner Melissa Cameron Dan L. Gardner	Ken Friedrich C John Rogers Jaimie Hand Jerry Ingram <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Duncan Hodges Tyler Putnam Ben Hand