

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015



The World is Waiting...
And the Glory of the Lord shall
be revealed and all flesh shall
see it together. ~ Isaiah 40:5

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

Monday, Nov. 30,	6:30 AM:	Giuse Tran Ngoc Van (RIP) by the Do Family
Tuesday, Dec 1,	6:30 AM:	Heather Roy (RIP) by Provy Richards
Wednesday, Dec 2,	6:30 AM:	Alice Friese (LIV) by Jimmy & Liz Slovensky
Thursday, Dec 3,	6:30 AM:	Clark Branch, Jr. (RIP) by Louise Tekulve
Friday, Dec 4,	6:30 AM:	
Saturday, Dec 5,	8:00 AM:	(First Saturday)
Saturday, Dec 5,	5:00 PM:	Annie P. Johnson (RIP) by Lawrence Johnson
St. Henry Sunday, Dec 6,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, Dec 6,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception—This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will take place at St. Henry on Monday, Dec 7 at 6pm and at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Tuesday, Dec 8 at 6:00pm.

Altar Flowers

In memory of **Joey Conzelman**
by Paul Eder and Leigh Langdon

Eucharistic Adoration will take place **Tuesday, December 1st** from **5:30--6:30pm** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. **NO** Adoration Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29 or Jan 5. It will resume Jan. 12, 2016.

Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers! (RCIA)
RCIA takes place every Tuesday evening at 7pm at
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall!
This week's topic: —Mary



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — St. Henry
ADULT RETREAT
January 29 - 31, 2016
Retreat Master: Fr. Leonard Mary
Cost is \$75.00 per person. **Sign up today!**

December 4, 2015, 6:30 pm in
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall
Fourth Wise Man will be showing.
Bring a snack to share.
Snack time is 6:15, movie starts at
6:30. Questions contact Dc Tim
904-7743 or Penny 919-0914



During this Christmas Season, the Ladies Altar Sodality is sponsoring an Angel Tree to provide baby gifts for the **Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center**. If you would like to participate, please select an angel from the tree located in the Church vestibule and purchase the item noted on the back. Place your unwrapped gift in the boxes beneath the Angel Tree from **November 29—January 3**.



"From the Pastor's Desk"

While the new calendar year of 2016 begins January 1st, the new liturgical year of 2015 begins today, November 29th.

And so we begin the **Season of Advent** that will run for the next 25 days right up to the day that we celebrate the **Birthday of our Lord on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day!**

Advent has a 2-fold purpose. First, it is the season where we reflect on the significance of **Christ's first coming** into our world in the little town of Bethlehem some 2015 years ago.

And Advent is the season where we prepare for **Christ's second coming** ... when He will come at the end of time.

So, **Advent** is a season of devout yet joyful expectation!

I do hope that in the midst of all the excitement of shopping and celebrating, you will use the Advent season to draw nearer to **Jesus** through prayer and reflection.

I hope you will consider attending **6:30 Morning Mass** one or more **weekdays** over the next 4 weeks!

The sacrifice you make to get up earlier to come to Mass will have infinite value for you and those whom you pray for.

In a few cases, the Church attaches an obligation to attend Mass on a Day other than a Sunday and that is indeed the case concerning the three Holy Days of Obligation that we will celebrate within the next month.

First, is the **Feast of The Immaculate Conception of Mary**, that we always celebrate on **December 8th**.

Since **Mary is the Patroness of America**, this day carries an **obligation to attend Mass** even though it falls on a Tuesday. This means that you will be obliged to attend Mass either Monday afternoon or anytime on Tuesday.

To assist you in fulfilling your obligation to attend Mass for this Feast Day, a **Vigil Mass** will be offered **Monday** afternoon, **December 7th** at **6:00 PM** at **St. Henry Church**.

Mass will also be offered twice **Tuesday, December 8th** at **6:30 AM & 6:00 PM** at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**.

It goes without saying that **Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation**. It makes every bit of sense that you would want to attend Mass on the **Birthday of the Savior of the world** ... even though it falls on Friday of the week.

We'll offer Mass at **4 PM & 8 PM** on Thursday evening, and then at **8:30 AM** and **11:00 AM** on Friday morning.

Finally, **New Years Day** is also a **Holy Day obligation**. We'll offer Mass at **5 PM** on Thursday evening and then at **8:30 AM** and **11:00 AM** on Friday morning.

May God bless you abundantly in this special season!
Love, Father Deering

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Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Mary Bauer Kelly Jones Dwayne Leslie Rose Parks
Frances Horton Annette Kitchen Carol Oldfield Brad Jantz

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, February 8, 2016, 6pm
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
General Council: Wednesday, January 6, 6:30pm
LADIES SODALITY:
Christmas Party: Monday, December 7, 6pm



Right to Life

We, the Church, must not be silent! As God's people we must take a position against abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.



Our **Knights of Columbus** are asking your help in providing **Thanksgiving and Christmas meals** to those less fortunate than ourselves during this holiday season. Donation Forms are in the Vestibule on the shelf for your convenience.
"Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." *Luke 6:38*

St. Rose Academy, a private, Catholic elementary school is seeking to fill the full-time position of Director of Institutional Advancement beginning January 2016. Candidates must have a marketing or communications degree and previous experience with fundraising. Experience using Raisers' Edge data base preferable. Please email resume and cover letter to: Sr. Mary Elizabeth, O. P. smelizabeth@saintroseacademyop.com

If you would like to send our Seminarian, **Brad Jantz**, your well wishes and prayers. His address through the end of the year is:

Mr. Brad Jantz
2857 Pump House Road,
B'ham, AL 35243

FATHER DEERING'S SUNDAY HOMILIES
are now available on our website:
www.seasgardendale.org

In our Gift Shop there are multiple copies of the **Magnificat Year of Mercy Companion**. The special cost is \$6.50. This is a one year companion with one page per day.



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

Parish School of Religion (PSR)
GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Grades 1-8—**Sundays**, 9:30am
HIGH SCHOOL: Grades 9-12—**Wednesdays**, 6pm



PSR CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 13, 9:30—10:30 am
Parents are invited too !!!!

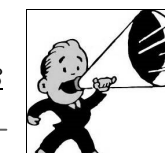
Don't be late! We will eat promptly at 9:30 am



No Youth Mass in December, it will resume in January.

Youth Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 2** at 6 pm at Gardendale Hamburger Heaven. All youth 5th grade and up are invited to attend.

Wednesday, December 9th the youth will host the ladies from the Hayden Campus of Alabama Teen Challenge. Dinner at 6 pm and ladies presentation to follow. Then Christmas gifts bought with funds raised at the August car wash will be presented to the ladies. Please RSVP to Andy and Laura Hollis at 205-482-7414 if you plan to attend.



Are you a Lector, Minister of Communion, Usher or Altar Server? Forms were mailed to you for the Holy Week Schedule, please turn in ASAP to assist with scheduling with the Holy Week Masses.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS C: Captain ALTAR SERVERS
Sat. Dec. 5 5 pm	Shawn Holly	Shawn Holly Lilo Belton Two additional needed	Tom Townes C Larry Grimmatt Skip Hall One additional needed ALTAR SERVER Sam Pritchard
Sun. Dec. 6 11 am	Ken Friedrich	Ken Friedrich Dan S. Gardner Paulette Gardner Mike Brasher Vicky Gill	Rod Cameron C Dan L. Gardner John Rogers Allen Belrose ALTAR SERVERS Kevin Hand Ezra Bishop Tyler Putnam
Sat Dec. 12 5 pm	Kirsten Casella	Barbara McCray David Slovensky Two additional needed	Michael Belton C Jimmy Slovensky Donald Hand One additional needed ALTAR SERVER Sam Pritchard
Sun Dec. 13 11 am	Knights of Columbus Mass	Knights will serve	Knights will serve