

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015



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

St. Henry	Monday, Dec. 7, 6:30 AM:	Paul R. McGill (RIP) by Louise Tekulve
St. Henry	Monday, Dec. 7, 6:00 PM:	Holy Day of Obligation
St. Henry	Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 AM:	Giuse Tran Ngoc Van (RIP) by Do Family
St. Henry	Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:00 PM:	Phillip Do and Family (LIV)
St. Henry	Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 AM:	Annette Kitchen (LIV) by Jimmy & Liz Slovensky
St. Henry	Thursday, Dec. 10, 6:30 AM:	Walter Shapielak (RIP) by Father Deering & Parish Family
St. Henry	Friday, Dec. 11, 6:30 AM:	
St. Henry	Saturday, Dec. 12, 5:00 PM:	Giuse Tran Ngoc Van (RIP) by the Do Family
St. Henry	Sunday, Dec. 13, 8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
St. Henry	Sunday, Dec. 13, 11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and his name shall be called ... The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

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 **Glen, Rose and Mark O'Hanlon and Bert and Siegel Keeney** by the Keeney Family.



NO Eucharistic 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!
No class this week—it is a Holy Day of Obligation and everyone is encouraged to attend Mass at 6:00 PM.



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!



Christmas Flower Envelopes are in the pews if you would like to make a donation to help with decorating our Church!

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”

Are you ready? **Christmas** will be here in **19 days!** Yes, schools will be closed, some businesses will be on shut-down and many people will take time off for vacation.

So it's a perfect time, to really slow down and reflect upon your life. How's it going? Are you living in accord with your priorities ... or would you like to make some changes?

Well, in **23 days** we begin a **New Year** ... a perfect time to begin to live in the way you really want to live.

So, why not begin now ... in the Holy Season of Advent ... to contemplate your life and your eternal future? Then, you'll be ready to celebrate the great day of **Christmas** and be ready to turn over a new leaf when the **New Year** begins!

Consider this ... God loves us so much that He sent His Son into our world as a human being with hands so that He could touch us with tender care in a very real & personal way.

This is the mystery we contemplate in Advent ... the mystery of the Incarnation ... of God becoming man!

Pope Francis tells us that the only way to understand this mystery is ... on your knees!

He said, *“To enter into a mystery one needs intelligence, heart, knees, prayer – all together.”*

Another key to understanding this mystery is to recognize how near God is to us today. Yes, **2015 years ago** ... **Jesus came to us in the flesh**. And **His Sacred Flesh and Blood** is still with us sacramentally in **Holy Communion!**

When Jesus was born, a Great Light came into our world. **Jesus** affirmed this saying, *“I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”* (Jn. 8:12)

Jesus shared His Light with us ... first in Baptism and then in the other Sacraments so we can be Lights in the world.

In fact, Jesus gave us **that very commission** when He declared, *“You are the light of the world.”* (Matt. 5:14)

So, He sends us out to bring the warmth and brilliance of His love into a world desperately in need of love.

And it's only by following Jesus, who is the Light, that we're able to bring His light to others.

So please, use the rest of December to contemplate how close you are to **the Light** and then put whatever resolutions you need in place so you can be a light to the world.

Spend time on your knees and take advantage of the great graces flowing in this Holy Time of preparation.

Advent blessings!
 Love, Father Deering

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Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

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

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

PARISH MEETINGS

FINANCE COUNCIL: Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, 5pm
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.

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.

2016 COLLECTION ENVELOPES are available this weekend! These envelopes must **NOT** be used until 2016 or someone else will receive credit for your contribution. **PLEASE continue to use your 2015 envelopes** until the last day of December **then throw them out!!** If you do not find your envelopes, please contact the Church office.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS C: Captain ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 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
Sunday Dec. 13 11 am	Knights of Columbus Mass	Knights will serve	Knights will serve
Saturday Dec. 19 5 pm	Shawn Holly	Shawn Holly Lilo Belton Barbara McCray One additional needed	Larry Grimmett C Tom Townes Skip Hall Anthony Bishop ALTAR SERVERS Sam Pritchard Ezra Bishop
Sunday Dec. 20 11 am	Jeanne Busby	Jeanne Busby Donna Mealer Deanne King Caroline Gerson Mary Margaret Rohling	Joel Busby C John Rogers Michael Wallace Ken Friedrich ALTAR SERVERS Duncan Hodges Ben Hand