

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to his disciples: “In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”



November 17, 2024

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 12:10 PM

Wednesday & Friday 6:30 AM

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, & 10:00 AM

Rosary Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 11:30 AM

Wednesday & Friday 5:55 AM

Saturday: 3:15 PM

Sunday: 5:55 AM, 7:15 AM, & 9:15 AM

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:00-3:45 PM or By appointment

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Mon: 8AM-5PM Wed: 7AM-7PM Fri: 7AM-5PM

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Mass Intentions	
Weekly Readings	<u>Saturday, November 16th-</u> 4:00 PM- The Catholic Daughters / David L. Prejean / Sheilah Resweber (D) / Kenny Beaugh (D) / Dupre & Teresa Hebert (D) / M/M Adley Scrantz (D) / Jeanne Bonin / Louis Dupuy / Alberie & Inez Barras (D) / Lindsey Higginbotham (D) / Gerald Hebert (D) / Viola Blanchard & Family (D) / Verlie Boudreaux & Family (D) / Ernest (Ben) Benoit, Jr (D) / Lee & Ida Bergeron (D) / Maydel & Martin Dupont (D) / Cleveland Arnould & fly (D) / Ignace Domingue & fly (D) / M/M William Stutes & fly (D) / Barbara "Nina" Sonnier (D) / Carrol J. Sonnier (D) / Cindy Labbe (D) / Helen & Chester Duhon (D) / Curley/Mim Guidry (D) / Durand Hebert (D) / Therese & Eucharist Hernandez (D) / M/M Jules Meaux (D) / Roland Hernandez (D) / Dot Derouen (D) / Ronald Hebert (D) / Dustin Mayon (D) / Anita Davidson (D) / Jody Vaccarella (D) / Mary Meche (D) / Doug Roberts (D)(ANN) / Neva Young Veron (D) / Uyen Tran (D) / David/Marleen Arnaud (D) / Ray/Mable Brasseaux (D) / Mike Matthieu (D) / Michael Minh Chau (D) / All Souls Remembrance
Sunday: First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11 Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 Alleluia: Luke 21: 36 Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32 Monday: First Reading: Revelation 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Alleluia: John 8: 12 Gospel: Luke 18: 35-43 Tuesday: First Reading: Revelation 3: 1-6, 14-22 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Alleluia: First John 4: 10b Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10 Wednesday: First Reading: Revelation 4: 1-11 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 150: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Alleluia: John 15: 16 Gospel: Luke 19: 11-28 Thursday: First Reading: Revelation 5: 1-10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Alleluia: Psalms 95: 8 Gospel: Luke 19: 41-44 Friday: First Reading: Revelation 10: 8-11 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Alleluia: John 10: 27 Gospel: Luke 19: 45-48 Saturday: First Reading: Revelation 11: 4-12 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 144: 1, 2, 9-10 Alleluia: Second Timothy 1: 10 Gospel: Luke 20: 27-40	<u>Sunday, November 17th-</u> 6:30 AM- For the People 8:00 AM- Lorena "Ti-Moon" Guillot (D) / Dustin Wiltz/Ryan Guidry (D) / Joan Firmin (D) / M/M Francis T. Resweber (D) / Spiritual Healing (D) / Myrtle Vincent, Franklin Vincent (D) / Michael Minh Chau (D) / All Souls Remembrance 10:00 AM- Michael O'Neil Mouton (D) / Rayford Domingue (D) / Deanna Sonnier (D) / John B. Sonnier Family / Rosamarie Reyes-Silva (D) / Poochie Frederick (D) / Anthony Viet Pham (D) / Michael Allain (D) / Jerry D. Guidry (D) / M/M Harold Brashear (D) / Matt/Laura Cormier (D) / Murphy Sr./Hazel Stoute (D) / M/M Errol Robichaux (D) /Ms. Belinda Thibodeaux (L) / Caren Babineaux (D)(ANN) / Toby Bouillion (D) / Gloria Canchez (D) / Mr. Doyle Brashear (D) / Paul/Myrtle Breaux (D) / M/M Guy Martin Sr. (D) / All Souls Remembrance
	<u>Monday, November 18th-</u> 12:10 PM- Lelia V. Thibodeaux (D)(ANN) / Dan Vien Chau Son (D) / Michael Minh Chau (D) / All Souls Remembrance
	<u>Tuesday, November 19th-</u> 12:10 PM- Michael O'Neil Mouton (D) / Todd Meche (D) / Joseph Truong Hoang (D) / Michelle Geiger (L) / Michael Minh Chau (D) / All Souls Remembrance
	<u>Wednesday, November 20th-</u> 6:30 AM- Maurice Sonnier (HBD) / Patsy Winston / John Nhan Tran (D) / Michael Minh Chau (D) / All Souls Remembrance
COLLECTION FOR 11/10/2024	<u>Thursday, November 21st-</u> 12:10 PM- Shepherd Lee (L)(HBD) / Holy Souls in Purgatory / Belle Roger (D)(ANN) / Anthony Duc Pham (D) / Sandra Trahan (L)(HBD) / Madeleine Minh Nguyen (D) / All Souls Remembrance
Regular Offertory: \$ 12,837.00 Venmo for October: \$ 2,456.00 Envelopes used this weekend: Regular: 177	<u>Friday, November 22nd-</u> 6:30 AM- Kenzie Degeyter (L)(HBD) / Anna Do (D) / Bailey Gerard (L)(HBD) / Madeleine Minh Nguyen (D) / All Souls Remembrance

The Tribulations to Come

The “tribulation” of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and of those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:
Before Christ’s second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the “mystery of iniquity” in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675).

Is this “final trial” happening today? Though it is impossible to apply Jesus’ prophecy and the Catechism’s teaching to one specific moment in time, the fact remains that this trial and tribulation will take place. That is for certain. But how and when it will take place we do not know. It might be that it already has taken place or that it is taking place right now. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words.

With that said, this final trial and “mystery of iniquity” does take place in all of our lives in various ways. When we devote ourselves to the love and service of God, we can be certain that our faith will be tested and that persecution will be experienced in one way or another. Knowing this, however, should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and to help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus’ words must instill hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil.

Jesus also said that when we see persecutions, trials and tribulation, we must “know that he is near, at the gates.” In other words, the greater the suffering one endures for their faith, the more present God is. He is there, at the gate of your heart, waiting for you to run to Him in trust and hope.

As we approach the end of our current Church year, most of our readings at Mass will focus upon the end times. We will read about Jesus’ glorious return in glory, the end of the world, and the establishment of His permanent Kingdom as Heaven and earth are united as one. It could take place today or tomorrow, or it might not take place for thousands of years. But it will happen. On that day, the day of the final judgment, the only thing that will matter is our fidelity to God. For that reason, we must daily strive to live as if that day were today. We must diligently prepare for that day and live for that glorious moment alone. If life is easy right now, we should work to be more selfless and sacrificial so as to be prepared. If life is challenging right now, we must enter those challenges with hope and trust, uniting every suffering to Christ’s sufferings as a sacrifice of love.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus’ prophecy that “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.” As you do, know that these are words spoken not only to the Church as a whole, but also to you. Jesus wants you to know that any suffering and tribulation you endure, every “darkening of the sun” or any way that you feel “shaken” are opportunities for you to turn to God in trust. Invite our Lord into these experiences and know that they are signs of His closeness to help purify you and prepare you for the glorious day of His return.

 <p><i>The Sanctuary Candle this week is lit for:</i></p> <p>All Souls Remembrance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LET US PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS, AND DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE</p>			
 <p>The Adoration Candle this week is lit for:</p> <p>Parishioners of SPPC</p>	November 17th	Rev. Brian Hoelzen, LC	Anthony Phillips	Dcn. Scotty Baudoin
 <p>Dive deep into what Sacred Scripture is telling you.</p>	November 18th	Rev. J. Patrick Hough, SJ	Eric Quebedeaux	Dcn. Harris Bergeron
	November 19th	Rev. Stephen Irudayasamy, HGN	Giovanni Ranzino	Dcn. Glen Bertrand
	November 20th	Rev. Salinger Istre	Braden Scalisi	Dcn. Jose Blanco
	November 21st	Rev. Ravi Jampangi	Eli Weil	Dcn. Reggie Bollich
	November 22nd	Rev. Johnathan Janise	Cole Zaunbrecher	Dcn. Gerald Bourg
<p>Study the Gospel for each upcoming Sunday in detail.</p> <p>A new Come, Lord Jesus! group starts Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Church Hall, Rm 7.</p> <p>Prayer, Guiding Questions, Discussion, and so much more!</p> <p>Seating is limited.</p> <p>Text or call (337) 254-0959 to make sure that we have a seat for you.</p>	November 23rd	Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD	Matthew Authement	Dcn. Edward Boustany



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 1, 2024

Jubilee Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has decreed the year 2025 to be a Jubilee Year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". The beginning of the Jubilee Year will be marked with the official opening of the Holy Doors at the four major basilicas in the city of Rome. They are St. Peter's Basilica, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the wall. These doors are normally sealed and only opened every twenty-five years. People who visit these churches, receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance and pray the Apostle's Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father may gain a Plenary Indulgence for the remission of punishments due to sin. The indulgence may be applied for oneself, or for the poor souls in Purgatory.

The Jubilee Year will begin On December 29, 2024 and end December 28, 2025. Every Bishop of a Diocese may designate churches in his Diocese for people of the Diocese to visit on pilgrimage and obtain the same Plenary Indulgence after having fulfilled the same requirements; Holy Communion, Confession, Apostle's Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father. As Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, I have designated the following Churches as pilgrimage Churches: St. Landry in Opelousas, St. Peter in New Iberia, St. Mary Magdalen in Abbeville, St. John Cathedral in Lafayette, and the Chapel of the Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette. You may call the Church offices to find out the times they will be open for pilgrims.

The theme of the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", reminds us that we are all pilgrims passing through this life with our eyes fixed on our ultimate destination, everlasting life with God in heaven. Hope is one of the main virtues. Having hope, means that we firmly believe in the promises of our Lord and that he will give us whatever we need to overcome every challenge so that we may benefit from those promises. In a world in so much turmoil today, we must live our lives trusting that God will see us through all challenges and difficulties and that God, who conquers all, will be triumphant in the end. May this hope renew us to be more faithful followers of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Faithfully yours,

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, DD
Bishop of Lafayette



We need committed weekly adorers to Sit and be with Jesus on Monday mornings from 8am-9am and Fridays from 8am-9am. Please contact Penny Gennuso at 337-288-2855 or the church office for more information or to commit.

Today we hear two great examples of apocalyptic literature, a style of writing that prophesies about the end of the world. Both Daniel and Jesus hope to arouse a sense of urgency if not fear in their listeners. Phrases like "everlasting horror" and "stars . . . falling from the sky" will do that! Even as we hear the many foreboding visions, let us also listen for words of hope, trusting in a God whose generosity remains unsurpassed.



ENGAGED COUPLES!
Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend.**

It is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law.

Weekend dates for **2025** are **Jan. 24-26, Mar. 21-23, and Sept. 26-28.**

The cost of the weekend is **\$275.**
A \$125 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a reservation.

To learn more, visit our website **www.ceelafayette.org** or **contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-962-5798 (Phyllis)** or **reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com**

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory. And he will send forth his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.



Visit our ACTS Retreat page on the Sts. Peter & Paul Church Website—

stspeterandpaulscott.org—for more information on ACTS, upcoming retreat dates & the applications to apply. The information can be found under ACTS.

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SUNDAY NOV 24, 2024 PICK UP @ SCOTT KC HALL 10AM - 1PM

MINISTRY & GROUP LEADERS!



To make sure that we are mindful of a usage of our shared meeting spaces, please remember to communicate your upcoming events and meetings to the Parish Office.

Also, if your ministry/group has canceled a meeting or event, please let us know so we can ensure it is reflected on the parish calendar. To submit a request, please email Mary Beth at **stspeterandpaulscott@hotmail.com** or by calling the office at **337-235-2433**

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

Form for weekly Commitment.

Please fill & submit

Rosary Group

Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Scott, Louisiana

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

The Holy Rosary is recited aloud in church before each Mass.

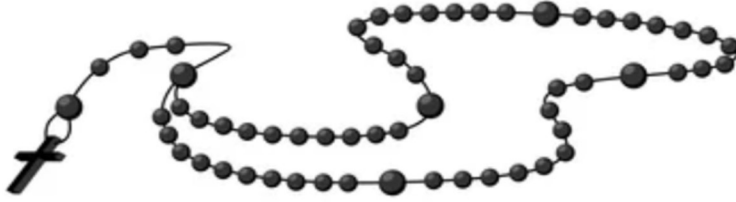
Rosary booklets with prayers and instructions are provided.

By circling the Rosary Time below, you are committing to Lead or attend the Rosary.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rosary:	5:55 am	11:30 am	11:30 am	5:55 am	11:30 am	5:55 am	3:15 pm
Mass Time:	6:30 am	12:10 pm	12:10 pm	6:30 am	12:10 pm	6:30 am	4:00 pm

Rosary: 7:15 am
Mass Time: 8:00 am

Rosary: 9:15 am
Mass Time: 10:00 am



**Rosary must be complete by 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass for silent prayer time.*

Contact or to return this form: Jeni Guidry 337-288-7624 or Elsie Smith

**Do you plan to
Lead or Attend**

New or Current

Member

(Please circle)



Altar Servers Needed for Sacred Liturgy

Any young person aged 10 to 18 is invited to join the ranks of the Altar Servers of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. If you are interested in learning more about the Sacred Liturgy of Holy Mother Church then altar serving is for you.

**Please call the church office
(337.235.2433) to sign up to be
an Altar Server.**

Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church Rosary Group Scott, Louisiana

Join us before any Mass at the times indicated on the sign-up form. Or let us know when you are available to commit time to share with Our Blessed Mother's request to say the Rosary daily.

As a vision from our Blessed Mother, it's a powerful prayer that can change your life, strengthen your family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls.

The Rosary is prayed to convert sinners and those who have strayed from the faith.

The Mysteries of the most holy Rosary is offered to increase Hope, Faith & Love.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Only five decades of the Rosary are necessary for gaining a partial or plenary indulgence. The Handbook of Indulgences states:

A plenary (full) indulgence is granted when the rosary is recited in a church or oratory or when it is recited in a family, a religious community, or a pious association.

A plenary indulgence is a special type of indulgence that, if all the requirements are met, removes all temporal punishment due to one's sin. "The power of the rosary is beyond description."

Will you Pray the Rosary with us?

The Sts Peter & Paul Rosary Group is in need of volunteers to lead the Rosary as well as attend the reciting of the Rosary.

The Rosary is being recited before every Mass at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church including all weekend Masses.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This year, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Mass times for Monday, December 9th are 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM School Mass, and 12:10 PM.

Question of the Week:

How do I balance the vigilance I am called to exercise in anticipation of the end of the world with the comfort I take in God's merciful presence?



Christ The King Eucharistic Procession St. Edmond Catholic Church 4131 W Congress St. Lafayette, LA Sunday November 24 at 1:00 PM

We will begin in the Church with some Music at about 12:45, and then at 1:00 a few words from Fr. Joseph Campion to start it off. We will then process out of the Church onto Orgeron Street, then to Bonaire, then to Ambassador and then back to our parking lot, into the Church. The LAPD will escort us with patrol cars while we are in the streets. The total procession is approximately 1 mile in length.

While on Procession, we will Pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and some Christ centered music, all of which will be pre-recorded and broadcast to the procession.

If you feel you cannot do the walk, you are welcome and encouraged to remain in the Church and we will provide the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and some music for you.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Elizabeth was born to King Andrew II and Queen Gertrude of Hungary. Her aunt on her mother's side was Saint Hedwig, Duchess of Silesia. As was the common practice at that time for nobility, marriages were arranged at an early age to secure alliances between powerful ruling families. When Elizabeth was only four, knights arrived to take her to Thuringia, about five hundred miles away, where she was brought up in the court of Hermann I, Landgrave (ruler) of Thuringia. Her upbringing was alongside Hermann I's eleven-year-old son, Louis IV, to whom Elizabeth was betrothed in marriage, which took place ten years later. Elizabeth's mother was from the powerful House of Andechs and had similarly married King Andrew for political reasons. Because Queen Gertrude was not from Hungary, she was queen consort, meaning she was queen by virtue of marriage, not enjoying direct authority in Hungary on account of her royal lineage. Nonetheless, Gertrude regularly exerted her influence within Hungary's royal court, causing conflict among the nobles and royal family. As a result, Queen Gertrude was assassinated when her daughter, Elizabeth, was six years old. Two years before, a large entourage and dowry from her father had accompanied Elizabeth to the court of the Landgrave of Thuringia. There, she received a Catholic upbringing, an excellent education, and was cared for by attendants (ladies-in-waiting). She learned culture, manners, and royal protocol; attended banquets; wore fine clothing; and witnessed the intrigue and power struggles common in the royal court. The Castle of Wartburg in which she lived was a magnificent castle, and the Landgrave of Thuringia one of the richest in the empire. Life was extravagant, with poets and musicians, fine meals and social gatherings, and the best of what the world at that time had to offer. Behind the scenes, many factions plotted and formed alliances, seeking power and favors. Despite the challenges and worldly temptations she was thrust into at such a young age, Elizabeth grew in faith. She prayed, practiced mortification, and fell deeply in love with her Lord. During the first ten years in Wartburg Castle, Elizabeth and her future husband, Louis IV, were raised together and formed a deep personal and spiritual bond. Though the marriage was arranged, they put their minds, hearts, and wills into what would soon become their future together. Louis' father died when he was sixteen years old, and Louis became the Landgrave of Thuringia. Four years later, Elizabeth and Louis were wed. From the very beginning, Elizabeth did not fit in with the courtly life. She was sensitive to the poor, sought virtue, and preferred simplicity, which made her an object of gossip and slander among the more "refined" members of the court. In Louis, however, she found a strong support. He admired her virtues and goodness and dismissed any criticism that came to his ears, defending her before all. About two years after their marriage, when Elizabeth was sixteen, Franciscan friars arrived at the castle to care for the spiritual needs of the royal court. The holy Friar Conrad of Marburg became Elizabeth's spiritual director. Through him, she learned about the saintly life of Saint Francis who probed the highest heights of holiness, even being pierced with the stigmata at the end of his life by a Seraphim, the highest of the choirs of angels, earning him the revered title "the Seraphic Father." Stories of Saint Francis, the influence of the friars, and her own devotional life drew her deeper into the mysteries of faith. One story relates that one time, while praying in the castle chapel, she took off her royal crown, placed it before the Crucifix, and then lay prostrate before her Lord in prayer. When her mother-in-law saw this, she chastised Elizabeth, telling her such a gesture was beneath her dignity. Elizabeth responded, "How can I, a wretched creature, continue to wear a crown of earthly dignity, when I see my King Jesus Christ crowned with thorns?" Elizabeth's heart was inflamed with a desire for charity and justice. If she saw an injustice, she quickly sought to remedy it. Rather than eat food that was unjustly obtained, she preferred to go hungry. If the poor were cheated, she paid the debt owed them out of her own money. She loved to go down to the villagers, especially the poor, and bring them food, clothing, and whatever else they needed. She distributed these goods personally, in the company of her maids. This humility and generosity won her the love and respect of the peasant class, despite the ongoing ridicule of the nobility. When the nobility complained to her husband, he continued to support her and her charitable works. One day, when Elizabeth was secretly bringing bread from the castle to the poor, she encountered her husband in the street. He had been told that she was stealing from the castle, so he asked her what she was carrying in her apron. When she opened it, beautiful roses appeared, to the delight of Louis who saw that as a sign of divine favor that humbled her detractors. On another occasion, she brought a leper into her own bedroom and laid him on her bed to care for him. Later, when Louis was told what Elizabeth did by her indignant mother-in-law, Louis went to strip the infected sheets from their shared bed. When he did so, he either saw in a vision, or was given an infused spiritual intuition that it was Christ Himself Whom Elizabeth cared for in the person of the leper. This only deepened Louis' admiration for his young wife. In 1227, at the age of twenty-six, Louis joined the army of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II for the sixth crusade against the Muslims to take back the Holy Land which had been lost in 1187. On the way, disease spread through the troops and Louis fell ill, dying shortly afterwards. News of her husband's death was devastating to the twenty-year-old Elizabeth. She and Louis had previously made vows to each other not to remarry if either of them died, so Elizabeth turned her eyes more fully to Christ, devoting herself to His mission, no matter where He led. Elizabeth and Louis had three children together. Their youngest, Gertrude, with whom Elizabeth was still pregnant when Louis died, grew up and became abbess of Altenburg Abbey. Their middle child, Sophie, married Henry II, Duke of Brabant. Their oldest, Hermann, initially succeeded his father as Landgrave of Thuringia when he was only four. Though Elizabeth acted on her son's behalf in the governance of the Landgrave, Louis' brother, Henry, seized control as regent for young Hermann and ran Elizabeth and her children out of the castle, causing many of the nobles to reject her. Hermann died unexpectedly several years later before he could make his claim as Landgrave, and Henry assumed full control. Wandering for a while with two of her handmaids, Elizabeth entrusted her children to the care of some of Louis' sympathetic family members. Eventually, the family members were able to secure Elizabeth refuge in the Castle of Marburg where, with the guidance of Friar Conrad, she fully dedicated herself to God's service with private vows, took a gray habit, and formed a small community with other friends. Louis' family secured for her the remainder of her dowry, which she used to build a hospital for the poor. She spent the next three years caring for the sick in the humblest of ways. In 1231, at the age of twenty-four, Elizabeth came down with a high fever and after days of suffering, offered herself to God. When the people heard of her illness, they flocked to her in prayer. Soon after her death, miracles were attributed to her intercession. People became so devoted to her that only four years after her death, Pope Gregory IX canonized her and built a church in Marburg in her honor. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was given all the privileges and wealth this world had to offer her at a very young age, yet in her heart, none of that compared to the privilege of serving her Lord, especially as he was present to her in the sick and poor. She chose the better part and will forever rejoice with her God in Heaven. As we honor this saintly noblewoman, ponder her choice to follow Christ in the midst of so many temptations and trials. As you do, follow her example by making the will of God the greatest treasure of your life.

Forms for Christmas flowers & Christmas candles are now available!

Candles are \$25 and poinsettias are \$30.

The deadline to submit names is December 11th.

Envelopes for these may be found in the Church and in the Church office. Parishioners may drop them in the collection or bring them to the office.



Thanksgiving Schedule:

Thursday, November 28th:

8 AM Mass

(no 12:10 PM Mass or rosary)

The office will be closed from
Wednesday, November 27th 12 PM
through Friday, November 29th.



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