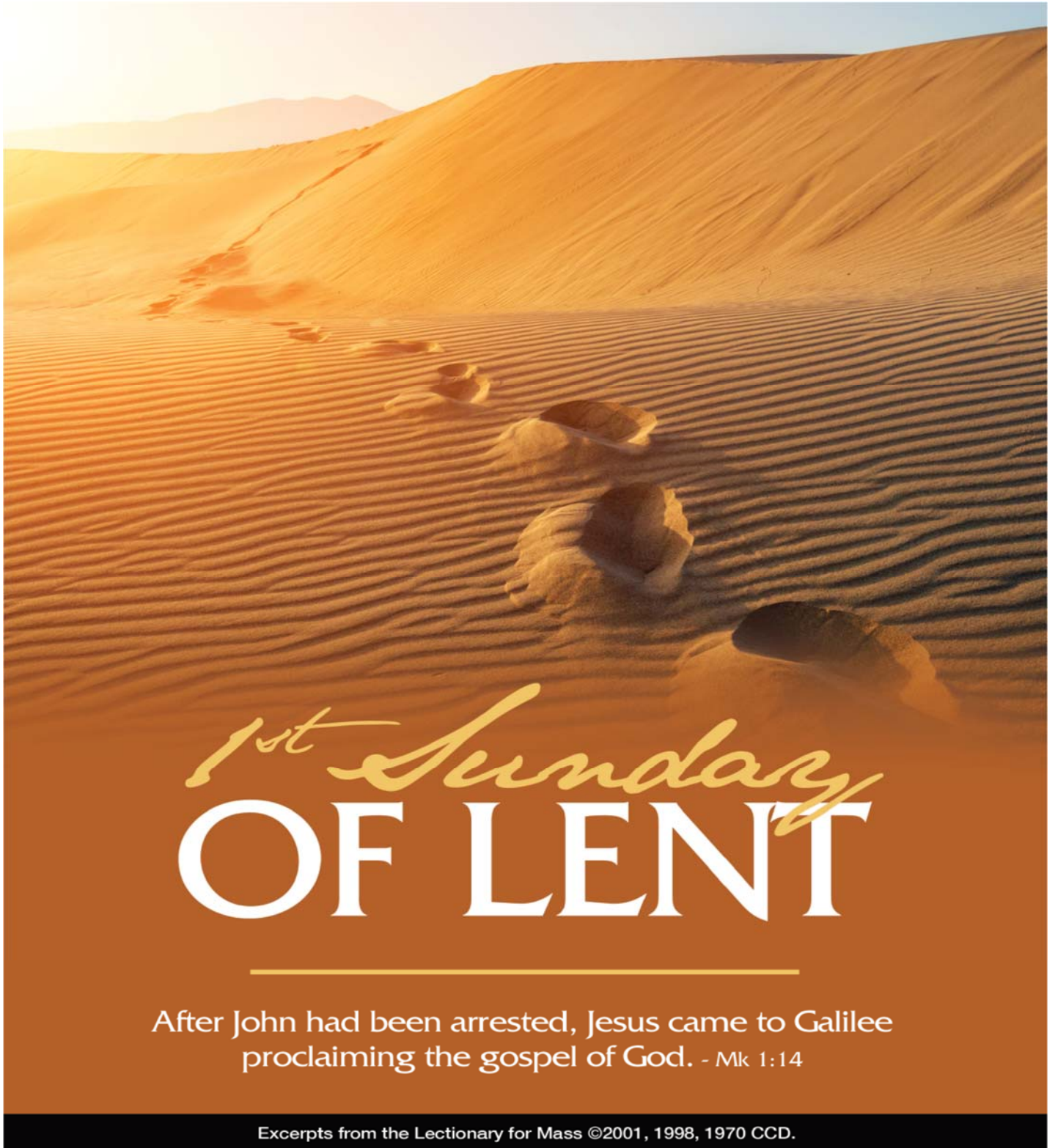




# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**



## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday* **OF LENT**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee  
proclaiming the gospel of God. - Mk 1:14

# FROM THE PASTOR...

February 21, 2021

As I write this article, the school has another snow day and most everybody I imagine is working from home. Only one person was able to make it to morning Mass but that's ok, we honored the Mass intention and Monica graciously served as lector, a good showing for her first time ever. On a more serious note, please be safe out there as you shovel and help others as needed. This past weekend I went and prayed with a family in the ER with the body of their deceased loved one. He was only 42 years old and died of a heart attack while shoveling snow. May we be careful with our bodies, but also ready with our souls, for whenever the Lord takes us to Himself for our particular judgment.

You may also have heard that part of the St. Thecla property has been sold. I'll start with the official statement:

“St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish confirms the partial sale of the St Thecla campus. The Philadelphia Romanian Church of God, on February 12, 2021, purchased the school, convent, rectory, and parking while St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish retains the church, adjacent offices, and some parking. This sale advances the goal of the Renew My Church process to allow St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish to have financial and temporal stability for the purpose of spiritual renewal.”

All of the proceeds of the sale (after closing costs) will be used for the benefit of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. The timing is providential because our new parish Finance Council will have met for the first time on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. I don't know the exact dollar amount of the sale right now, but it is sizable. While there are necessary capital improvements and repairs needed for the campus, we will obviously also want to invest the money wisely and not simply spend all the principal.

Having said that, you may know that the Decree of Unification that united St. Thecla, St. Tarcisus, and St. Cornelius parishes and formed the new St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish, is being appealed in Rome. I know that this unification has hurt and angered many people and the appeal shows that. My hope is that nobody's faith is weakened because of it, Jesus is still Lord wherever we get to praise Him and receive Him in the Eucharist. It's not clear how much longer it will take for the appeal to be resolved, only God knows. We will keep the money from this and any future sales in reserve until we know the outcome of the appeal, but it will accrue interest while we wait.

One of the first jobs of the Finance Council will be in helping reforecast the budgets for both the parish and school. The effects of Covid have reduced the parish income and increased the operating costs of the school, while limiting the school's fundraising potential. So, I hope the partial sale of the St. Thecla property does not give you a false sense of security. St. Tarcissus Parish had sold multiple properties in the last twenty years to cover operating expenses for the parish and school, but the St. Tarcissus School closed almost five years ago having acquired nearly \$600,000 in operating debt and nothing to show from those property sales other than a few extra years of survival.

The goal of Renew My Church and our purpose at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is to stabilize the financial and temporal situation for a new evangelization.

Lent is now upon us. I encourage you to select disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that will help you in following Christ more meaningfully. Lent begins in the desert, moving toward the cross, but it always ends in the resurrection.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Mike





In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations of wealth, power, and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist three families by providing food via the Food Pantry and assistance for utilities, rent, and other bills. God Bless You!**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent - 6:30 p.m. (English) and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
You will need to sign in at the door and to sit in a designated section of the church.

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to Saturday afternoon between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.,  
the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available each  
Monday of Lent between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



### HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

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If you did not get a Rice Bowl box (and included envelope) in last week's bulletin, you may find more on the table in the vestibule.

### 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



2020 contribution statements are now available by request. These statements cover contributions to St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, St. Thecla and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

We would prefer to email them to you or have you pick them up at the parish office, but they can also be mailed. You may call or email the parish if you would like to request a copy. Call 773 763-8228 or email: [jmadura@archchicago.org](mailto:jmadura@archchicago.org).

If you are a Faith Direct user, you are able to print out your own report through their website. If you have made contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal or To Teach Who Christ Is campaign, you will receive an acknowledgement directly from the Archdiocese.



### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS July 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021

Year-to-date budget	\$260,750
Year-to-date-actual	\$243,015
YTD difference	<b>\$17,735</b>
Year-to-date prior year actual	\$245,487
Increase from prior year	<b>\$2,472</b>



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## “Let's Start at the Very Beginning... A Very Good Place to Start!”

The very first part of the Mass is the Entrance Antiphon. It is the first text we hear, and as discussed last week, it is a proper of the Mass - meaning that its text is different from Mass to Mass. So, what exactly is its function and why does it change? The General Instruction of the Roman Missal clarifies for us: “Its [Entrance Antiphon] purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers” (GIRM 47). For the moment, let's focus on the third point - it is an introduction to the Mass. If you recall any English/Composition course you have taken, the introductory paragraph of an essay (or dissertation, study, etc.) should tell the reader something about what they are about to read. It shouldn't be lengthy and should not go into specific details. It is a preview of, and preparation for, what is to come.

The Entrance Antiphon serves a similar purpose. As the first thing we hear at Mass, it gives a preview of what we will be delving into during the Liturgy of the Word and the other prayers. Take today's Entrance Antiphon: “When he calls to me, I will answer him. I will rescue him and honor him; with long life will I satisfy him.” (Psalm 91(90)). This theme echoes throughout today's Mass. In the Collect and the Psalm, we are calling on God to help us. We hear in the First Reading about Noah, that he found favor with God and God certainly answered him, delivered him, gave him glory, and length of days. In the Second Reading, St. Paul speaks of Noah and the flood as a prefigurement of Christ and Baptism - which again covers how God delivers us (from sin) and gives us glory (in becoming adopted children of God). The Gospel for today gives us some detail about how Christ went about delivering us. The Preface references the Gospel and tells us it “taught us to cast out the leaven of malice....” which refers again to how God is accomplishing our deliverance. The Communion Antiphon reassures us that God will deliver us and the Prayer after Communion is again calling on God to help us. The Final Blessing encompasses the entire theme of the Entrance Antiphon, asking the Lord to bless us in time of tribulation and then imparting said blessing upon us (through the action of the Priest).

If you missed a previous article, be sure to check out the bulletin archive via the LPI website. Also feel free to contact me with questions/comments.

St. Cecilia, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity...Pray for us!

--Mark Wozniczka, Music Director (mwozniczka@archchicago.org )



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## RE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST  
VIRTUAL CLASSES

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH  
IN-PERSON CLASSES



## Pray Fast Give

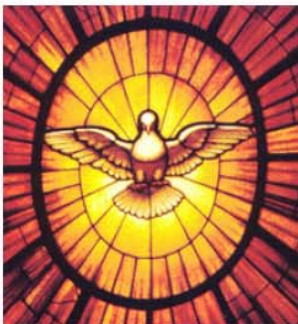
### Prayer

Having a healthy prayer life is crucial to our lives as Catholics. Through prayer we are able to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and not only talk to Him, but listen to Him as well. In a world full of constant motion, it can be difficult to find the time to pray. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to make time for prayer and cultivate habits of prayer to live throughout the year. Here are some ideas of prayer-focused activities to do as a family during Lent, and beyond!

- 1) **Pray more** (Say the Rosary, spend time with Our Lord in Adoration, say Grace before meals, pray before bed)
- 2) **Read the Bible** (A chapter, a verse, ten minutes a day)
- 3) **Go to Confession**
- 4) **Go to daily Mass** (Pick a non-Sunday to attend or livestream Mass together)
- 5) **Attend Stations of the Cross**

## Family Prayer

<b>A</b>	Adoration: Lord, I adore You for...
<b>C</b>	Contrition: Lord, I am sorry for...
<b>T</b>	Thanksgiving: Lord, I am grateful for...
<b>S</b>	Supplication: Lord, please help...



Please keep the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Candidates for Confirmation in your prayers during their retreats on February 25th (School) and February 28th (RE).



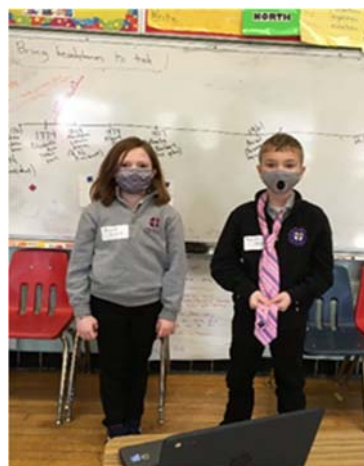
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Last week 2nd graders were visited by some very famous people, such as the Obamas, Albert Einstein and Roberto Clemente! Students researched a famous person and reported back to their classmates, dressed in costume!

Meanwhile, up in the Junior High 8th graders made ice cream (and even added toppings) to understand thermal energy and heat transfer as well as learned which materials conduct or insulate heat!

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## A Papal Encyclical - On Fraternity and Social Friendship (Fratelli Tutti) – Part II

On October 4, 2020 Pope Francis signed the above-named Encyclical at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi, in Assisi, Italy. Much of the inspiration for what the Pope wrote was inspired by St. Francis and by encounters the Pope has had with Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch, and the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayeb of Cairo.

I would like to print excerpts of this document throughout Lent. I think that there are many worthy ideas for us to reflect on and to act on. Spiritual reading is certainly one of the prominent aspects of Lent. I'd like to suggest that you use these excerpts as a starting point. The entire Encyclical can be found online.

Jim Madura

35. All too quickly, however, we forget the lessons of history, “the teacher of life”. Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of “them” and “those”, but only “us”. If only this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing. If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators, partly as a result of the dismantling, year after year, of healthcare systems. If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might rediscover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human family can experience a rebirth, with all its faces, all its hands and all its voices, beyond the walls that we have erected.

40. “Migrations, more than ever before, will play a pivotal role in the future of our world”. At present, however, migration is affected by the “loss of that sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters on which every civil society is based”. Europe, for example, seriously risks taking this path. Nonetheless, “aided by its great cultural and religious heritage, it has the means to defend the centrality of the human person and to find the right balance between its twofold moral responsibility to protect the rights of its citizens and to assure assistance and acceptance to migrants”.

41. .... fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other.

47. True wisdom demands an encounter with reality....

48. The ability to sit down and listen to others, typical of interpersonal encounters, is paradigmatic of the welcoming attitude shown by those who transcend narcissism and accept others, caring for them and welcoming them into their lives. Yet “today’s world is largely a deaf world... At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying. Halfway through, we interrupt him and want to contradict what he has not even finished saying. We must not lose our ability to listen”. Saint Francis “heard the voice of God, he heard the voice of the poor, he heard the voice of the infirm and he heard the voice of nature. He made of them a way of life. My desire is that the seed that Saint Francis planted may grow in the hearts of many”

50. ...Wisdom is not born of quick searches on the internet nor is it a mass of unverified data. That is not the way to mature in the encounter with truth. Conversations revolve only around the latest data; they become merely horizontal and cumulative....

53. We forget that “there is no worse form of alienation than to feel uprooted, belonging to no one. A land will be fruitful, and its people bear fruit and give birth to the future, only to the extent that it can foster a sense of belonging among its members, create bonds of integration between generations and different communities, and avoid all that makes us insensitive to others and leads to further alienation”.





Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

5:00 PM— Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski Cashman, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Electo Infante, Mary Marek

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

7:30 AM— Alice Kern, for those in nursing homes  
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Gloria Putman, Geraldine Pfister  
 11:00 AM— Patrick Collins  
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

8:30 AM— Dee Stopka (special intention)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

8:30 AM— Jack Owen (birthday remembrance), Jose Luis Carballo (thanksgiving)  
 11:00 - 2:00 PM - Adoration with Benediction at 1:50

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

8:30 AM— Richard Zahn (birthday remembrance), Joseph Gentile, Terrance, Edward & Mary Wilk

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

8:30 AM— (livestreamed)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

8:30 AM— Terrence, Edward & Mary Wilk

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021**

8:30 AM— for our parishioners  
 3:30 - 4:30—CONFESSION  
 5:00 PM— Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski Cashman, Lorraine Schmidt, Peggy Zahn-Powers, Gilda Rivero (thanksgiving), Daniel Bucke, Joseph Turco

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

7:30 AM— Alice Kern, John C. Barrett, for those suffering from mental disabilities  
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn  
 11:00 AM— Martin & Monica Hawkins, John & Peter Quirk, William & Mary Frances O'Mara, Robert & Jeanne Luby, Carol Paterno, Mrs. Bybee, Louis J. Cicchetti  
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

**Presider Schedule - February 27 & 28**

5:00 pm — Fr. Ouda  
 7:30 am — Fr. Ouda  
 9:00 am — Fr. Grisolano  
 11:00 am — Fr. Grisolano  
 (Spanish) 1:00 pm - Fr. Ouda

**DISPENSATION**

Cardinal Cupich has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Mass until further notice.



**REST IN PEACE**

**Michael Conforti**

**FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent  
 Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
 Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
 Wednesday:  
 Thursday:  
 Friday:  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent  
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*Readings for the Week*

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

**“Faith is to believe  
what you do not  
see. The reward of  
faith is to see what  
you believe.”**

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### Weekend Mass Schedule:

**Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**  
(English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### Daily Mass Schedule:

**Monday through Saturday : 8:30 a.m.**

### Confession:

**Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

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**Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Benediction at 1:50 p.m.)**

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Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

**Religious Education for Public Grade School Students:** Contact Kathleen Driscoll for more information: kadriscoll@archchicago.org

**Parish Registration:** New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab.

**Communion Visits:** Ministers of Care bring communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Steve Wagner through the rectory to make arrangements.

**High School Youth Group:** Mr. Mike Wuich [HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM](mailto:HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM)

**Bulletin Deadline:** Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

*"It seems to me that I have found my  
heaven on earth,  
because my heaven is You,  
my God,  
and You are in my soul.  
You in me,  
and I in You – may this be my motto."*

*St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*