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MAY 2, 2021



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

I've asked the Archdiocese for updates about Fr. McCarthy but there are no updates other than vague hopes that the situation may be resolved soon. He is doing well but please pray for him and you can continue to send him notes through the rectory. His sister comes every week for his mail, and I know he misses all of you and can't wait to be back in action.

You will notice that the tabernacle has been restored beautifully as well as the chalices and ciborium. On the next page there is a close-up shot of the new restored tabernacle with explanations about the symbols and words on it. It really stands out now as the focal point of the church where Jesus is truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Thank you all for your generosity on these projects, hopefully these changes help you pray and increase your faith in the Lord's Presence and love.

We have been blessed this week with much better weather. Flowers are blooming; the leaves on trees are growing, spring seems to have finally arrived. Today the Lord uses a beautiful natural image to describe our relationship with Him: "***I am the vine, you are the branches.***"

Certain plants and trees bear fruit on their branches and the only way for a branch to produce fruit is to stay connected to the trunk or vine. We can't break a branch off a tree or vine and then expect it to bear any fruit because it's been cut off from the source of life.

We used to have a cherry tree at my house as a boy that produced a lot of cherries. But one year the tree was struck by lightning and was split down the middle of the trunk. My dad did some surgery on it by bolting it together and tarring up the crack so that it might heal and still produce fruit and it worked. A similar technique can apparently be used for vines to repair them. It's possible for damaged branches to be repaired or even grafted back on in the case of vines.

St. Paul says by faith we were grafted onto Christ. Spiritually we were dead because of sin but by God's grace we can be reattached by baptism or a good confession. Jesus also tells us to remain in Him because "***without me you can do nothing.***" He does not say without Him we can grow a little fruit, but nothing. Remember the image; if a branch is broken from the vine it can't produce fruit because it's cut off from the source of life. So too the Lord is telling us we will wither and die if we do not remain in Him.

How do we remain with the Lord? St. John says today: "***Those who keep His commandments remain in Him, and He in them, and the way we know that He remains in us is from the Spirit He gave us.***" So, the presence of the Holy Spirit through the sacraments, and keeping the Lord's commandments, are the ways we can remain in Jesus and bear good fruit. We've heard these things many times but how often we need to be reminded and sometimes with different images.

Here is another point about Jesus being the vine and we the branches. The image shows that we are connected to one another in a very real way in the Church. The vine and branches are an image for the Church. Christ gives Himself to us through His body the Church even if some of us branches are damaged and not bearing good fruit.



The Lord is Risen,
Fr. Mike



In the Gospel today, Jesus says: “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed a disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear, doubt, loneliness and dread.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The second graders from our parish school and religious education program will be making their **First Holy Communion at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, May 16.**

Because we still have attendance limits in place, **this Mass will only be open to the First Communicants and their families.**

If you normally attend the 11:00 Mass, we kindly ask that you schedule yourself to attend a different Mass that weekend.

Thank you for your understanding.



THE TABERNACLE

The Tabernacle, the home of our Eucharistic Lord, is of genuine cast bronze. On the door of the tabernacle is etched the figure of Christ holding the Host and ciborium. Around Christ are the words: “Adoremus in aeternum sacratissimum sacramentum”, which mean “Let us adore forever the most Holy Sacrament.” In large letters at the top and bottom of the tabernacle is the first line of an ancient Eucharistic hymn: “Ecce panis angelorum, factus cibus viatorum” - “Behold the Bread of Angels has become Food for man.” Christ the King of the world stands on a globe on which is stamped His insignia - the Chi-Rho. The Chi-Rho which looks like a X and a P are two Greek letters equivalent to “CHR.” This familiar Christian symbol is an abbreviation of the word CHRist. The crown-like top of the tabernacle represents the Kingdom of our Eucharistic Lord. A rear door in the tabernacle enables the priest to get the Blessed Sacrament for Communion calls without having to interrupt the Priest who is offering Mass.

- taken from the July 25, 1954 dedication book of St. Tarcissus Church

MOTHER’S DAY FLOWER SALE

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Respect Life Committee is pleased to announce the **Mother’s Day Flower Sale** in support of **The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland** at all Masses **NEXT WEEK-END!** We are offering a brand-new selection of beautiful **bouquets priced at either \$10 or \$12** a bouquet!

The Women’s Centers is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 1984 with the purpose of providing life-affirming counseling, medical services, and tangible material assistance to women facing a crisis pregnancy. The centers are a preferred provider of the Archdiocese of Chicago and have locations in Chicago, Des Plaines, and Evergreen Park.

Please join us in supporting the beautiful mission of The Women’s Centers and in celebrating motherhood! If anyone is interested in volunteering to help sell bouquets, please contact Victoria Hastings directly at: v.annahastings@gmail.com by Sunday, May 2nd.

**FLOWER
SALE**



Baptism

Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Theo Robert, child of
Chris & Michelle
(Wesley) Chapekis



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Anything for the **May 16** bulletin, including Mass intentions, must be submitted by **May 5**.

Elementary, My Dear Watson!



Today we begin looking at the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Offertory. This is when the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar, and they are prepared for the Consecration. The Offertory is a Proper of the Mass. Its text changes from Mass to Mass. An interesting thing to note is that the text of the Offertory Antiphon is not printed in the Roman Missal. Why then, would a required part of the Mass, which is specifically prescribed by the Church, be excluded from the Church's official prayer book for the Mass?

Unlike a good Sherlock Holmes novel, this one has a very simple answer. Recall that the Antiphons at Mass are drawn from the Church's official songbook - the Roman Gradual. There are actually several versions of the Roman Gradual, each one corresponding to the resources available to the local Church. In the first place is the Roman Gradual. It is the gold standard. If you find yourself unable to successfully use the Roman Gradual, the Church lets you "turn down the difficulty level" by using the Gradual Simplex (literally, the Simple Gradual). For various reasons, the simpler musical settings in the Gradual Simplex can be very beneficial (i.e. there is no choir, or no rehearsal time, etc.). Because the music has been simplified, the text is also modified to make it more attainable (and so that the music "fits" more appropriately to the text).

Now what if there is no choir or music minister at all? In your typical daily Mass, there is often no such "trained musical expert", and as such, it falls on the priest to proclaim the Antiphons. Trouble is that the priest is often not a trained musician, and he is doing other things at the times when Antiphons are to take place. To this end, the Church produced a third set of Antiphons, specifically meant to be spoken by the Priest. These are the texts printed in the Roman Missal. We can look at why the text would need to change based on speaking vs. singing at another time. For the moment, let us resolve our mystery. There is no Offertory Antiphon printed in the Roman Missal because the Priest cannot say it. He is busy preparing the altar, accepting the gifts, and then leading the Preface Dialogue. Since it is not possible for the priest to proclaim the Antiphon, it is only included in the books used by the music ministers.

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

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



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Spring, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mothers are the great unsung heroes of the pandemic. And they need our help.

The responsibilities and stresses of motherhood have increased tenfold over this past year. Keeping family members healthy, housed, fed, on-task with schoolwork, and supported amidst fear and uncertainty is a staggering undertaking.

Add to this the hospitalizations or deaths of loved ones from COVID-19; lost jobs, wages, and child care; and the complete erasure of what little stability many families could count on, and you begin to understand the devastation the pandemic has wrought for so many mothers.

The health and economic repercussions of COVID-19 have been disproportionate for people already facing the challenges of poverty, food insecurity, mental health challenges and lack of health care. This is particularly true for women of color, who have experienced higher rates of infection, more loss of life, and greater job losses.

Your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother Day Collection means those bearing the most direct impact of this crisis don't have to struggle and lose ground they've worked so hard for. Your gift means they can access the resources—food, rental assistance, counseling—and professional help they need to ensure their families don't fall further behind.

What better way to honor our own mothers and other women we admire than by helping another mom provide for and strengthen her own family? To be part of their resilience and success? To live out the lessons our mothers—many of whom had their own struggles—worked hard to ingrain in us.

You have my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Mother's Day Collection, and my most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made at www.catholiccharities.net/donate, or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654.

This Mother's Day, the face of need is mothers and their children; the face of hope is you. Please join Catholic Charities in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to thousands of mothers who are heroically shepherding their families through this unprecedented time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Cardinal O'Malley".
Archbishop of Chicago

Please support the annual Catholic Charities Mother's Day collection. It will be taken up in a second collection next weekend. Please be generous.

THE ROSARY

Probably one of the most important Marian devotions is the Rosary. I thought today, since May is one of the months that focuses on the Rosary, it would be a good idea to give a little refresher course on the Rosary. This information comes from the USCCB website.

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The *Our Father*, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the *Hail Mary*. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Pope John Paul II in 2002—the Luminous.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

The **Five Joyful Mysteries** are traditionally prayed on Mondays, Saturdays, and, during the season of Advent, on Sundays: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation in the Temple, the Finding in the Temple

The **Five Sorrowful Mysteries** are traditionally prayed on Tuesdays, Fridays, and, during the season of Lent, on Sundays: the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning with Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross, the Crucifixion and Death

The **Five Glorious Mysteries** are traditionally prayed on Wednesdays and, outside the seasons of Advent and Lent, on Sundays: the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Assumption, the Coronation of Mary

The **Five Luminous Mysteries** are traditionally prayed on Thursdays: the Baptism of Christ, the Wedding Feast at Cana, Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration, the Institution of the Eucharist

How to Pray the Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the *Apostles' Creed*.
3. On the first bead, say an *Our Father*.
4. Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the *Glory Be*
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the *Our Father*.
7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten *Hail Mary's* while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a *Glory Be*. (After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*)



After saying the five decades, say the *Hail, Holy Queen*, followed by this dialogue and prayer: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. *Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Jim Madura



RE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND
IN-PERSON CLASSES

RELIGIOUS ED

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



May, the Month of Mary

The tradition of devoting the month of Mary to Our Lady goes back over 700 years. During the month it is common to include special activities such as creating a May altar in the home, saying the Rosary as a family, etc.

Our Lady should hold a special place in our lives because she is our spiritual mother. She loves us as her own and intercedes for us on our journey to eternal life with God in Heaven.



Today marks the last day of the 2020-2021 Religious Ed year. Since September, the catechists have given up two Sundays a month, one in-person and one virtual, as well as time between classes planning lessons, to help the students in their classes grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith and in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Please join me in thanking them for this invaluable gift of time and talent.

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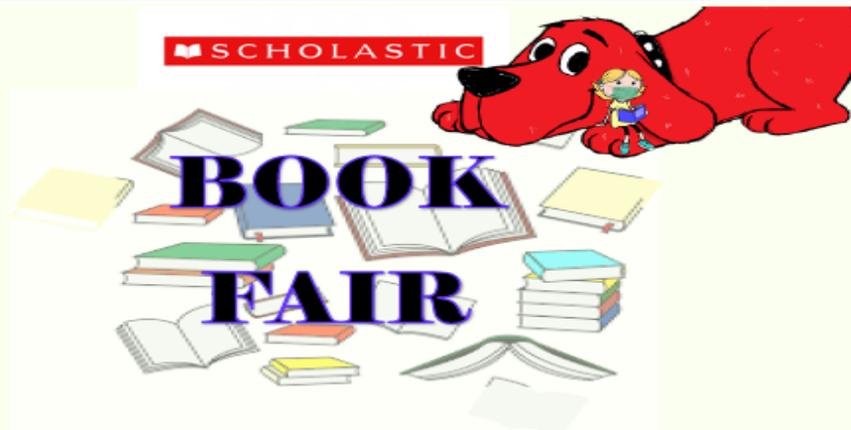
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As our 8th graders get ready to graduate in June, they are preparing to enter high school. Twenty of our twenty-three students will be attending a Catholic high school, including Loyola, Resurrection, Notre Dame, St. Patrick and DePaul College Prep. These high schools all require students to take placement exams in early December. Based on those results, eight of our students received a scholarship from their respective schools. These students are:

Gabriel Borromeo:	Notre Dame Scholars
Annie Figueroa:	Resurrection Placement Scholarship & Pay it Forward Scholarship
Eamon McGrath:	Notre Dame Scholars
Riley McGrath:	Resurrection Placement Test Scholarship
Aidan Nelson:	Notre Dame Scholars
Maisie Pyzyk:	Resurrection Placement Test Scholarship
Annabel Schuler:	Resurrection Placement Test Scholarship
Izzy Simic:	Sister Anne Scholarship

Of the top ten students who scored the highest on the Resurrection Placement test, four are from St. Elizabeth of the Trinity! We wish our students the best in high school and please continue to pray for them as they finish their final year in elementary school!



**Help Support St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
and Pick up your Mother's Day Gift!**

**Visit the Scholastic Book Fair in the School Gym
before or after mass on Sunday, May 9th**

Prefer to shop online?

Use the link below starting May 2nd

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stelizabethofthetrinity>



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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, MAY 1, 2021

5:00— Richard Zahn (wedding anniversary remembrance), Don Love, Leslie Clark, Kathy Cashman, Steven Ryjewski, Gilski & Ryjewski families, Rigor Rivero, Ely Tablante

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

7:30 AM— Brian Fulara, Stanley Bartol
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Connie Mehl, Mary Marek, Estella Lim, Brian Fulara
 11:00 AM— Rigor Rivero, Ely Tablante, Fe Abano, Wladyslaw Bober
 1:00 PM (Spanish)— Cathy Minnick

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

8:30 AM—deceased members of the Gonsalves and D’Souza families, Rigor Rivero, Ely Tablante

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

8:30 AM— Eleanor, Joseph, Samuel & Grace Holden, Fr. Tom Fratus (15th anniversary)

11:00 - 2:00 PM - *Adoration with Benediction at 1:50*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

8:30 AM—Terrance, Edward & Mary Wilk, Eric Marder (11th anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

8:30 AM—(livestreamed) for our school community

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

8:30 AM— Gary Sowell, Marty Fulara, Teresa (in thanksgiving)

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

8:30 AM— for police officers and their families

3:30 - 4:30 PM—CONFESSIONS

5:00— Leslie Clark, Kathy, Cashman, Steven Ryjewski, Gilski & Ryjewski families, Joseph Dziejdzic, Jack Owen (13th anniversary), Mary Ann Bianchini, Don Love, Jr., Mary Ann Hamilton, Malachy Byrne, Louise Sofere

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

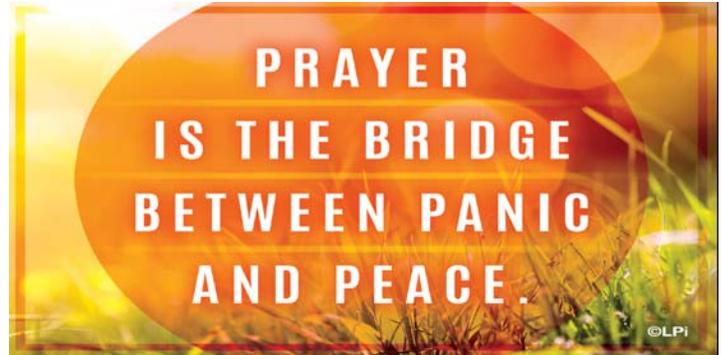
7:30 AM— Ann Tadeusiak, Carmen Rosario Castro
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Katherine Markowski, Holy Name Society, Estella Lim, Brian Fulara
 11:00 AM— Wanda Moskal, Mary F. Wilk, John & Barbara Savage, Irene Chmielowski, Catherine Holden, Kathleen Tiesner
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

Presider Schedule - May 8 & 9

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. Reyes

DISPENSATION

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

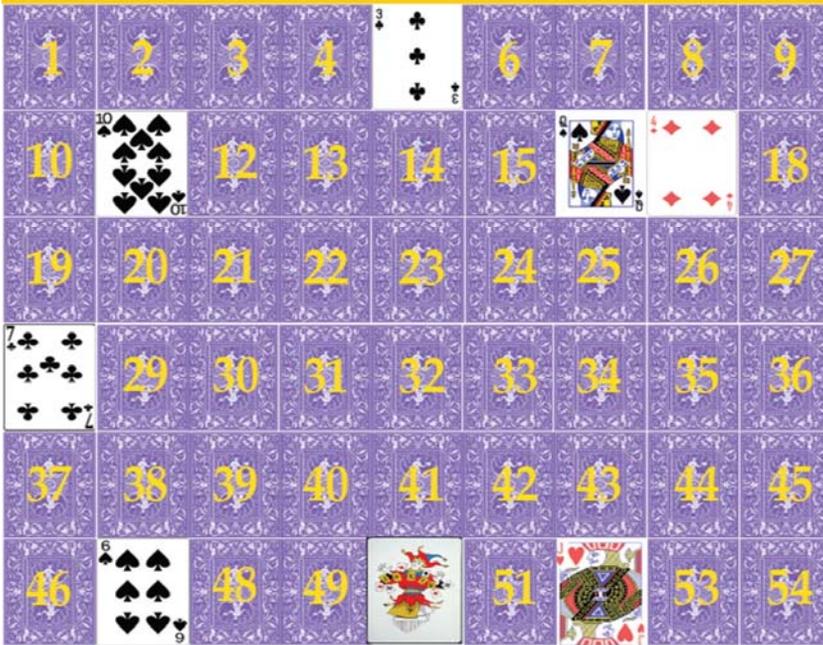
Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
 Monday: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo
 Thursday: National Day of Prayer
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
 Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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Confession:

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Rectory Hours - Monday through Friday: 9:00 - 5:00

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements:
gbzdon@archchicago.org

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

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

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*