



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

## *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

“THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,  
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE  
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH.”

—JEREMIAH 33:14

We just had Thanksgiving and are officially entering the Advent season as we prepare for Christmas. I hope you had the chance to enjoy some time with family and friends and to thank the Lord for your blessings. For many, this time of year is associated with good cheer, gratitude for blessings received, and warm feelings towards others. But there are also those who are struggling with housing, reduced work, or just the stresses of life in challenging times like these. Anxiety seems to be rampant right now, including with children who crave stability and a sense of safety.

Perhaps this year we can sympathize with those who put up Christmas decorations and play the Christmas music even before Thanksgiving, which was always forbidden in my house! We desire comfort and consolation, especially in trying times. When the time is right, might I suggest those classic Christmas carols that remind us that we not only need, but have a Savior?

Not long ago, when I came back from my eight-day silent retreat and had dinner catching up with some old friends, the wife expressed both fear and shock at the thought of silent prayer with God; "I'm afraid what would be revealed!" She said whenever her house is empty, she visits her parents down the block, turns on the TV, or tries to find some other way to avoid the silence. I'm sure we can all sympathize with her and think our peace will come through diversion or distraction, but our lived experiences proves otherwise, don't they?

This weekend Jesus warned us: ***"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."***

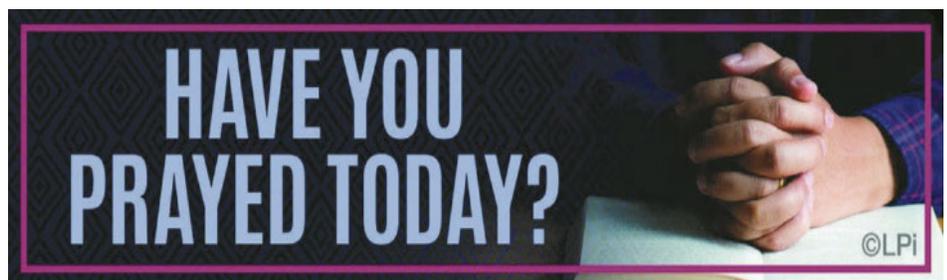
The Lord isn't trying to frighten us, but to focus us on the things that will bring us lasting joy and peace. In fact, Jesus says that when He comes in His glory, we're not meant to be afraid or hide, but rather, ***"stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*** Jesus Christ wants us to have a relationship of love and trust with Him such that we will want to see the glorious day of His Second Coming. How can we develop such a mindset?

The number one thing I would recommend to all of you during this waiting period of Advent in 2021 is to increase your time of *prayer!* Only the Lord can give us the love, security, and hope that we need. Nothing else the world offers can fill the void within. There are so many graces that Jesus wants us to fruitfully receive if we give Him the chance. Can we take intentional time with Him in the morning, before bed, or throughout the day as our schedule allows? The more we prayerfully wait for the Lord to come into our hearts now, the more we will look forward to His coming in glory.

We have been encouraging the children at school and RE to pray before bed every night, or as a family, if possible. The Daily Examen is a very helpful tool, a review of the day with Jesus which moves through the basic moments of prayer: thanking the Lord for His blessings of that day (Gratitude), apologizing for our sins (Contrition), asking Him for what we need for ourselves and others (Petition), and then resting in His love (Adoration).

While we can do both, our hearts will be warmed and calmed more by persevering in prayer, than by listening to our favorite Christmas music.

In Christ,  
Fr. Mike





As we begin Advent, we are called to wait in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.**

### McDonald's Gift Cards for the Homeless

Again this season, Mary Klug and the St. Vincent de Paul Society are collecting McDonald's Gift Cards. These will be distributed to the homeless prior to Christmas. For the sake of equity, they ask that the cards be in either \$5 or \$10 denominations. Please be sure the amount is shown on the card.



Please drop your donations in the collection basket at church or in the rectory to the attention of SVDP.

Thank you for your support of this worthy project!



### ADVENT

Please be sure to see and save the inserted Advent calendar in this bulletin with our parish's entire Advent/Christmas season schedule.

See the tables in the vestibule for a wide selection of Advent reading materials.

Plan to join us each Monday of Advent at 6:30 p.m. for Evening Prayer (Vespers). Finally, we need families or individuals to light the Advent Wreath. Sign up in the vestibule.

### Food Pantry Update

Effective **Tuesday, December 7, 2021**, the Parish Food Pantry will be operating out of its new location on our main campus. It will be in the **gym building at 5859 N. Moody. Entrance will be off the parking lot** behind the church. The food pantry will be open for patrons on **Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

Sign-Up Genius will be used to communicate the need and scheduling of volunteers. The link is available on our parish website and once you sign up, your email will be added to receive further updates. You can also email us at: [food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org](mailto:food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org) to have your email added. There will be a great need for volunteers over the next couple of weeks to prepare the new space and move the stock. The Sign-Up Genius site will have the latest information.

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Food Pantry is a ministry of the parish with the objective, for those who serve and are served, to experience the unconditional love of Christ. It is through experiences like this that we can all grow in our relationship with God and know that we are loved. It is also our hope that as we continue to unify our "new" parish, that this ministry will be a means to enhance our relationships with our fellow parishioners as we work together in performing the corporal work of mercy of feeding the poor.

Love & Peace,  
Shannon and Jerry Nelson,  
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity  
Food Pantry Managers



### CONGRATULATIONS!

One of our very own, Deacon Greg Bzdou, was among those honored for his military service by the Chicago Blackhawks on the ice before their Veteran's Day game.

We, too, thank you for your service, Greg!



*(Greg is near the top, wearing red)*





## St Vincent de Paul - St Elizabeth of the Trinity Conference Christmas Sharing Program

The purpose of the Christmas Sharing Program is to provide gifts to families in need during the Christmas Season. This small gesture can help adults and children experience the magic, joy, and spirit of the Christmas season.

Gifts collected from our Christmas Sharing Program will be distributed to the **Mission of Our Lady of the Angels**. The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels is located in the West Humboldt Park area on Chicago's west side. This area is one of the poorest neighborhoods in Chicago. The purpose of the Mission is twofold: to assist the materially poor and to share the treasures of the Catholic faith.

**Please do not wrap the gift** – gift bags are acceptable. Also note that all items must be new. The gift can be returned to the St Elizabeth of the Trinity Church at the Masses on **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Due to strict Covid-19 guidelines, we are requesting that no clothes be purchased which require a size.

Gift suggestions are below:

hats, gloves, scarves  
colored pencils / crayons / chalk  
socks  
any clothing items not requiring a size  
Etch-A-Sketch / other drawing toys  
plastic toy animals / stuffed animals  
craft kits (sewing, beads etc.)  
play science kits  
jump ropes  
books (non-violent, non-magic)  
model planes / trains / cars  
play doctor / play kitchen / any play-grown- up  
toy cars / trucks  
toys  
basic sports equipment— ESPECIALLY basketballs  
Legos  
erector sets  
Tinker Toys  
Lite Brite  
non-violent games  
other educational toys



**PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFTS TO CHURCH NEXT WEEKEND.**

We thank you for your kindness and generosity and we wish you a Blessed Christmas Season.

The St Vincent de Paul Society  
St Elizabeth of the Trinity Conference

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BACKPACK PROJECT



We had a successful Backpack Project thanks to all our generous donors. The Backpack Project is an annual project where we purchase and deliver much needed items for our friends in need. Some of the items collected include: sweatshirts, socks, gloves, hats, basic hygiene products, hand-made



masks, winter coats which turn into sleeping bags, snacks, and plarn (knitted plastic bag) mats, to name a few.

This year, we partnered with the Chicago Northwest Side Homeless Outreach volunteers to deliver the backpacks to those in need in our community. All backpacks were delivered to Friends in Need in the Jefferson Park, Portage Park, Gladstone Park, and Old Irving Park areas. Our friends were very thankful for your kindness and for the time that the volunteers spent together chatting and listening to them.

Thanks to all the Vincentians who made this possible. First, to Toni Colletti who has led this project successfully for six years. And then, to the shoppers, including: Andrea DeVince, Mary Ellen, and Rebecca Gold. Thanks to Mary Beirne, Dave and Ruth McNaughton, Anthony and Susie Belcastro, Maria and Jeff Winter, Len Staunch, Joe and Delia O'Connor for volunteering to deliver the backpacks. Also, thank you to Dr. Hillmann and several of the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 7th and 8th graders who helped load the backpacks into cars for distribution.



Your kindness and generosity make our projects possible.

*“Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another ...”*

- St Vincent de Paul



## ADVENT



**Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Carol Williams—  
Gary Sowell—Virginia Barski—Jeffrey Lalowski—  
Jadwija Chudzynski—Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—  
Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—Kasia  
Worth—Nicholas Guerrieri—Cathy Minnick—Marie  
Brasher—Stan Wolenczuk—Beverly Underwood—Molly  
Morris—Paola Estrada—Judy Biala—Eva Anderson—Elise  
Fernandez—Gerard Rangel—Roger Rangel—Emery Tanski—  
John Carr—Fr. Dan Fallon—Cathy Muldoon-Pauly—  
John Morrison—Sr Roda Villaruz MSHT—  
Sr Kelly Masdat MSHT — Darlene Russo**

*(Call the rectory office to have your name added or removed)*



# RELIGIOUS ED

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



## First Sunday of Advent: Hope

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent and the first candle we light represents hope. This hope is not that Jesus Christ will be born on Christmas, for we know that He was.

Instead, this hope is the understanding that our lives have meaning and that the joys and sufferings of life are all part of God's plan for each of us. Hope allows us to live for what really matters. Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "The one who has hope lives differently. The one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life." As we heard in the readings today, we must be alert and watchful and Hope helps us to do so without despair.

**Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent:** Dear Lord, help us to watch for You in all the little parts of our days. Fill us with hope as we think of the plans You have for us. Amen.

## RE Calendar

### November 28th: No Class-Thanksgiving Break

December 5th: Class (10am-11:30am)

December 12th: Class (10am-11:30am)

December 19th: Class (10am-11:30am)

*At this Christmas when Christ comes,  
will He find a warm heart? Mark the  
season of Advent by loving and serving  
the others with God's own love and  
concern.*

ST. TERESA OF  
CALCUTTA

## Christmas Sharing

Next weekend, please bring your gifts for the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Sharing Program on Sunday, December 5th. Gifts can be dropped off at the church or at your child's entrance door when he/she arrives for RE.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas brighter for those who are served by Mission Our Lady of the Angels!

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YOU

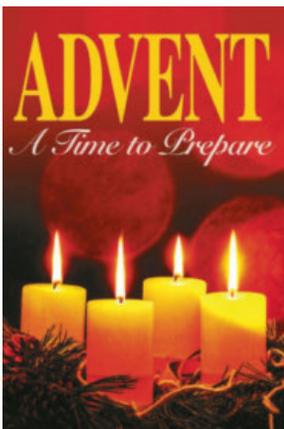


# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity School

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This past week in Physical Education, preschool - 3rd grade focused on Thanksgiving. One of the games, "Shake Your Turkey Feathers," had the students retrieve feathers and create their own turkey out of the feathers they were able to retrieve. Their creativity and teamwork shined through the whole week!





## ADVENT

Today we begin a new liturgical year. Last Sunday, the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, was the last Sunday of the Church year.

You may recall that a new liturgical year brings a new cycle of readings at Mass. This year we will hear the Cycle C readings, which will primarily feature readings from the Gospel of Luke. You will also notice the change in the color of the vestments the priest wears. Since the end of the Easter season, he has been wearing the green of Ordinary Time. For these four Sundays of Advent, he will wear violet.

Advent is primarily a time of preparation and of waiting. The word itself is loosely translated from Latin and means coming. Advents makes us focus on the two Comings of Christ.

First of all, we are waiting to celebrate the first coming of our Lord as man, which we call the Incarnation. Secondly, Advent compels us to focus on the second coming of Christ. This is what we popularly refer to as the end of the world. As scripture tells us, "you know not the time," so we must be always working at putting our lives in order - but even more so during Advent.

Advent is also a time of dramatic contrasts. For us here in the northern hemisphere, it is a time of increasing darkness and cold. But in contrast to that stark reality, it is also a season that is guiding us in our preparations for the light and the warmth that is Christmas and the Christmas season.

On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light another candle on the Advent wreath. Each week the light and the warmth intensifies. Each week, for four weeks, we increasingly focus on preparing for the birth of our Savior.

*(If you as a couple, family, or individual would like to assist by lighting the Advent wreath candle at the beginning of the weekend Masses, please sign up on the chart in the vestibule of the church.)*

At this time of year, our lives tend to get cluttered and even burdened with all of the frenetic activities we partake in as we get closer to Christmas. But we have Advent as a counterbalance to all of these distractions.

Advent is a time for solitude. It is a time for reflection. It pushes us to find time for silence. Try and take some quiet time for reflection. Perhaps you might want to reflect before the Lord during our Tuesday afternoon Adoration. What better way is there to sit in silence and reflect than to be before the Lord?

I like to think of the season of Advent as a gift. It is given to us by the Church to impel us to take the necessary time to properly prepare ourselves to celebrate the first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem. And Advent also gives us the added opportunity for reflection so that we may properly adjust our lives so we are ready for Christ's second return.

Let's not squander the opportunity for preparation and reflection that Advent offers us. Perhaps you can participate in our beautiful Advent Evening Prayer service each Monday at 6:30 p.m. Or, take advantage of the wide array of Advent reading material we have in the vestibule as a source of beginning your reflection. Or, as I mentioned earlier, come and pray before the Lord in solitude during our Tuesday afternoon Adoration. Take the time that is needed to properly prepare for the religious holiday that Christmas is. And finally, take the time to reflect on where you are at on your own personal journey toward eternal life.

What a wonderful gift we have - we have been given the chance to change!  
Happy New (Liturgical) Year!

Jim Madura



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, NOVEMBER 27, 2021**

5:00 PM — Clarence Brens Jr., Michael Maughan, Don Love, Regis Fay, John Kwit, Cichowski family (in thanksgiving), Broderick family (special intention), Jeanne Ryjewski, Sr. Margeline Peniano MSHT, Sr. Luz Virima MSHT

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

7:30 AM — Carol Simmons Kutska, Broderick family (special intention)  
 9:00 AM — *(livestreamed)* - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Marie Martin, Tom & Ginny McManus, Louie Gonzales, Thomas Malachy Travers, Ethan Hartwell  
 11:00 AM — Fr. Dan Fallon, Martin F. Hawkins (100th birthday remembrance), Geraldine Pfister  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) -

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021**

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

8:30 AM — deceased members of the Ognibene family  
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - *Adoration / Benediction at 6:00*  
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSIONS  
 6:30 PM — for the homebound of the parish

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021**

8:30 AM — for police officers and their families

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021**

8:30 AM — Mary, Edward & Terrance Wilk

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021**

8:30 AM — Teresa (in thanksgiving), Michael Dasse  
 7:45 PM — (Spanish)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021**

8:30 AM — Pryst & Kepros families  
 3:00 - 4:30 PM—CONFESSIONS  
 5:00 PM — Michael Maughan, Don Love Jr., Ralph Schmidt, Betty Reynolds, Scatena & Takien families (special intention)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021**

7:30 AM — Jerry Stemper (7th anniversary)  
 9:00 AM — *(livestreamed)* - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Katherine & George Ahlert, Fr. Dan Fallon  
 11:00 AM — Terrance, Edward & Mary Wilk, Jerry Stemper (7th anniversary), John Strischek  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) - Jose Luis Bucio

**Presider Schedule - December 4 & 5**

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

**DISPENSATION**

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



Erika Soeding.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent  
 Monday:  
 Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle  
 Wednesday:  
 Thursday:  
 Friday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
 Saturday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

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Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



## 2022 CALENDARS

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish calendars for 2022 will be available in all three church vestibules beginning next week.

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## SERVICES

### 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., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and  
First Friday: 7:45 p.m. (Spanish)

Church is open daily for private prayer until 5:00 p.m.

### Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Friday: 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. (bilingual)  
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)

Rectory (Parish Office) Hours - Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdton to make arrangements:  
[gbzdton@archchicago.org](mailto:gbzdton@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 Kathleen Driscoll at 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](mailto: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*