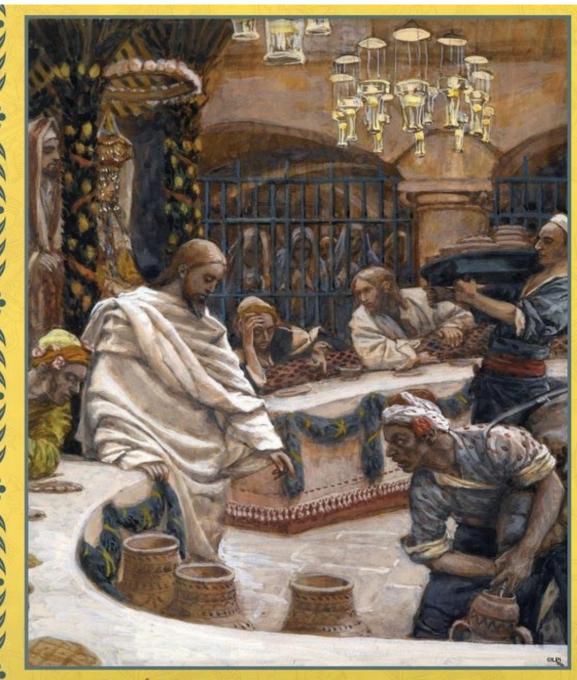


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JANUARY 16, 2022



2nd SUNDAY in ordinary time

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

January 16, 2022

FROM THE PASTOR...

So far the new year seems to be off to a good start. We are nearing Catholic Schools week. Thank you for your past donations to the Tax Credit Scholarship (TCS) fund. Those donations allowed 22 of our students either full or partial scholarships for the 21-22 school year, without which they may not have been able to attend St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School.

It is time to start thinking about the 2022-2023 school year. Any donations that are received by the end of the month, qualify for the two to one matching donation, which means your donation could have a triple impact to our funds. Check out this site for information on how to donate and reduce your state tax obligation at the same time: https://schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships.

While this Sunday is the second week of Ordinary Time, it has traditionally been considered a part of the Epiphany along with last Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord, because in each Jesus manifests His Divine identity. In today's Gospel Our Lord worked His first miracle and so revealed His glory.

This Gospel is also one of the options at weddings because the Lord worked His first miracle at a wedding, and it certainly helped the celebration. In this moment Christ didn't heal anyone or even teach with words but changed water into fine wine. Symbolically this miracle shows how Christ fulfills the Old Covenant changing the water for Jewish ceremonial washing into something even better. The headwaiter marveled to the groom: "You have saved the good wine until now." Many wines get better with age. I heard some married couples talk about this Gospel and they noted how this is true for marriage...the deeper more selfless love is found later in the marriage.

Like the vocation to priesthood and religious life, the vocation of marriage has fallen on hard times in recent years. Why? There are likely many reasons but here are a couple I have observed.

Fear seems to be one, a fear of commitment, of being let down or of falling out of love. The very things that make any life-long vocational promise, but especially marriage vows, so beautiful are also the things that can make them terrifying. What if we fall out of love, how will I handle the times of sickness, poverty and general bad times that will come with life? Some people also remember the challenges of growing up with fighting or divorced parents and might think that the best thing is not to make the promises at all.

In my experience as a priest, I have noticed many couples, even those who present children for baptism and are free to marry, aren't married sacramentally. They are civilly married, which can be ended with no fault, but not sacramentally which lasts until death. But the Lord promises to help with His grace those who receive the sacrament. Jesus Christ only instituted seven sacraments and one of them was to elevate the natural bond of marriage to a sacrament that gives a special grace of vocation to live the beautiful promises. The sacrificial love between husband and wife becomes a sign of Christs love for us.

Expectations. We all have a longing for intimate love, understanding, goodness and so forth. No human being, no matter how wonderful, can satisfy that longing. That is why St. Augustine famously said in the beginning of his Confessions: "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless, until they rest in You." To have a happy marriage a person has to learn quickly that their spouse is in fact only human and can't fill the infinite longing for love that only the Lord can. I came to this realization myself and was then able to more freely embrace my vocation.

Let us not be afraid of vocational commitments, it is only through commitment that real love can

be shown. Even the great human love that can be shown through a lifelong commitment like marriage points to a deeper love. It points to the wedding feast of the lamb in heaven where God completely fills the emptiness of our hearts. And on the day, we will enter the feast and say to Him: "Lord, vou have saved the best wine until now."

In Christ,

Fr. Mike





In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals Himself to His disciples and they began to believe in Him. Everyday God also gives us signs of His love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.



SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Holy Name Society / Men's Club

Championship Sunday Party Sunday, January 30, 2022

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Tables have sold out,
but same day walk-ins are welcomed.

\$30 entry fee at the door.





LADIES OF THE PARISH - SAVE THE DATE

Plan to come to the 9:00 a.m. Mass on February 13 and then join us for hospitality in the school auditorium afterwards.

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STATEMENTS



2021 contribution statements will be available by request beginning January 19.

We would like to email them to you or have you pick them up at the parish office, if possible, or they can 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.

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 should receive an acknowledgement directly from the Archdiocese.



Sharing Families-Rwanda

Holiday wishes from the Station School:

"All students and staff members wish the Sharing Families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

May God bless you all.

May 2022 be a year of happiness, less COVID, and knowledge of the Lord."

It is going to be a happy new year for the students awaiting sponsors. Thanks to the generosity of the Sharing Families, we are able to sponsor all registered students.





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Thank you to all the Sharing Families for the difference you are making.

The cost to become a sponsor is \$25.00 per student. However any size donation is appreciated. You can give at any time by making a check payable to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. Please be sure to **mark on the memo portion of the check** *Station School*. You can also donate online via Faith Direct. Follow our progress on this remarkable journey at www.stelizabethtrinity.org and see the hope and smiles in the eyes of the children. We have given the gift of a brighter future and we have received the gift of an extended family.

Bobbie DuMelle



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

The parish office (and school) will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Regular office hours (M - F - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) will resume on Tuesday.



Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Carol Williams—
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Recently, we began the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Starting the day after the Baptism of Our Lord, this stretch of Ordinary Time will end the day before Ash Wednesday. While the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter

focus our attention on specific aspects of Christ's life, Ordinary Time focuses on the Life of Christ in its entirety. Ordinary Time helps us to strengthen and grow our relationship with Our Lord.

The return to school, RE or work during these first few days can be arduous. The winter cold has set in and seems colder and gloomy days seem gloomier as we struggle to resume our normal routines. Writing for the St. Paul Center, Matthew Leonard says, "Of course, the liturgical transition from Christmas to Ordinary time to Lent reflects the cycle of humanity. We're born, we live, we die. But it's also the cycle of divinity. As Catholics, we live and celebrate a pattern modeled on the God Man, who out of passionate love became one of us, "born in the likeness of men" (Phil 2:7)...Yes, the long winter drags on and Lent looms, but we rejoice knowing our course leads to the glory of Easter and the bloom of new life – eternal life. We're not there yet, of course. And we don't want to fast-forward past the hard part that we desperately need. Indeed, it is through penance and suffering we are conformed to our Lord and participate in His life. I just thought that like me, perhaps you might need a little reminder that even in the dead of "ordinary" winter our hope always springs eternal."





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Come join our Baby Bird Program!

Parents/care-givers and their tots (2 and 3-year-olds) are invited to attend our new **Baby Bird Program** on the 2nd Monday of the month beginning February 14th!

Parents/caregivers can arrive as early as 8:00 and we will start the program at 8:15 until 9:00.

Come for some play time, music, arts and crafts and social time!

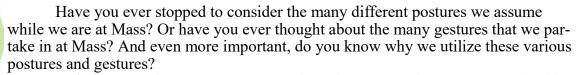
The cost is free and younger siblings are welcome!

For questions or to RSVP contact Dr. Hillmann at k.hillmann@stelizabethtrinityschool.org



St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School Neighborhood Cards are still available. They are \$15 each and are good through September 1, 2022. They are for sale at the rectory or school offices during business hours.

POSTURES AND GESTURES



Before we continue, I want to stress that whatever we do at Mass, we should do it together - as a community - communally - in real communion with one another.

This is because we are all "one body." If we each did "our own thing" at Mass, there would be no unity, but only chaos and discord.

From the very earliest days of the Church standing has been a posture of respect and honor. Even outside of church, when we want to honor or show our respect for someone, we stand when they enter a room.

At Mass we stand from the Opening Procession until the First Reading, the Alleluia Verse to the Homily, the Creed and Intercessions, during the Preface, from the Our Father to the Lamb of God, when we receive Communion, and from the Prayer after Communion through the Closing Procession.

Think about these times when we stand during Mass. They all have some special significance. We stand during the Opening and Closing Processions as a sign of respect for the priest since he represents Christ in our midst. We stand during the Gospel because we are honoring Christ Himself who is giving us the Good News. And as we receive our Lord in Holy Communion, we honor Him by our standing.

In the early Church kneeling was a sign of penance. And in the Middle Ages it began to be used as a sign of adoration. And so it is today. We kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer and before and after Communion. These are the times when we most adore our Lord who is present with us.

The last posture we assume at Mass is sitting. This posture should serve to indicate active listening and meditation. Thus we sit during the first two Readings, the homily, and the period after Communion.

We also participate in several gestures at Mass, such as the Sign of the Cross, genuflections, bows and Signs of Peace. Again, consider the significance and meaning behind these various gestures.

The Sign of the Cross is perhaps the most familiar to us since we probably learned it as a very young child. This gesture should serve to remind us of Christ's saving action on the cross and also of our baptism when we were "marked" for Christ with the Sign of a Cross. When we use holy water or when we are sprinkled with it, we cross ourselves. This action should help us remember our baptism and thus who we are and whose we are.

We trace the Cross on our forehead, lips, and heart and the beginning of the Gospel and silently say something like: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." This signing serves as a sort of seal on our intentions as they relate to the Gospel.

We genuflect, or get down on one knee and face the tabernacle when we enter or leave our pew. This is a sign of our adoration for Christ who is present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Another common gesture is the bow. We should bow our head whenever we pass the tabernacle, during the Creed when we say: "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man," and at Communion after the minister shows us the Host and says: "the Body of Christ." Bowing as we receive Communion is the gesture that the US Bishops have prescribed as the common, unifying gesture. We bow on all of these occasions as a sign of our respect and honor for our Lord.

Other common gestures at Mass include the striking of our breast during the Confiteor. This is an outward sign of our inner contrition. At the Sign of Peace we also make some gesture to those around us showing that we do indeed wish them peace. It is another indication that we really want to live in communion with one another and that is why this action takes place before the Communion Rite. At the Our Father there are people who have the practice of extending their hands or even holding hands. This indicates our openness to the Lord or our need for the Lord to support us or to show our support for one another as we pray together as one. And let's not forget the common method for praying with either our palms pressed together with our fingers facing heavenward or our fingers intertwined together.

I hope you can see that all of the postures and gesture that we partake in at Mass have meaning and purpose and that they are not merely ceremonial. For them to have the most meaning and the desired effects, we must treat them in the same way that we should pray and sing and participate in the entire Mass – in a full and conscious, and active manner.



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, JANUARY 15, 2022

5:00 PM — Margaret Rodden Wydra, Michael Maughan, Malachy Byrne, Stan Wolenczuk, Thaddeus Superson, Dennis Creighton, Brendan Patrick Johnson, Don Love, Bridgit McGarrey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

7:30 AM — James Grisolano, Brendan Patrick Johnson

9:00 AM — *(livestreamed)* James Grisolano, Stanley Wolenczuk, Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn

11:00 AM — Maggie Ann Bunce, Kathleen Clark, Souls in Purgatory

1:00 PM — (Spanish) -

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

8:30 AM — Marty Fulara, Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Margaret & Matthew Futterer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

8:30 AM — Joszef Nocula 11:00 - 6:00 PM - *Adoration / Benediction at 6:00* 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSIONS 6:30 PM — for our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

8:30 AM — Joyce Jaszczor

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

8:30 AM — Veronica Cassey Samek 3:30 - 4:30 — CONFESSIONS

5:00 PM — Michael Maughan, Peter Smith, Don Love, Jr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

7:30 AM — for our parishioners

9:00 AM — Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Mary Lou Cholewinski

11:00 AM — for our parishioners

1:00 PM — (Spanish) -

Presider Schedule - January 22 & January 23

5:00 p.m. — Fr. McCarthy
7:30 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy
9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano
11:00 a.m. — Fr. Landfried
(Spanish) 1:00 p.m. - Bp. Bartosic

DISPENSATION

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



MEMORIAL LEAVES

Memorial leaves have recently been added for the Don Stanley Family and Daniel & Alice Kern.



Mary Hamilton

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony,

Abbot

Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St.

Sebastian, Martyr

Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection

of Unborn Children

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St.

Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St.

Marianne Cope, Virgin

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1

Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21

and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,

9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,

10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk

3:13-19

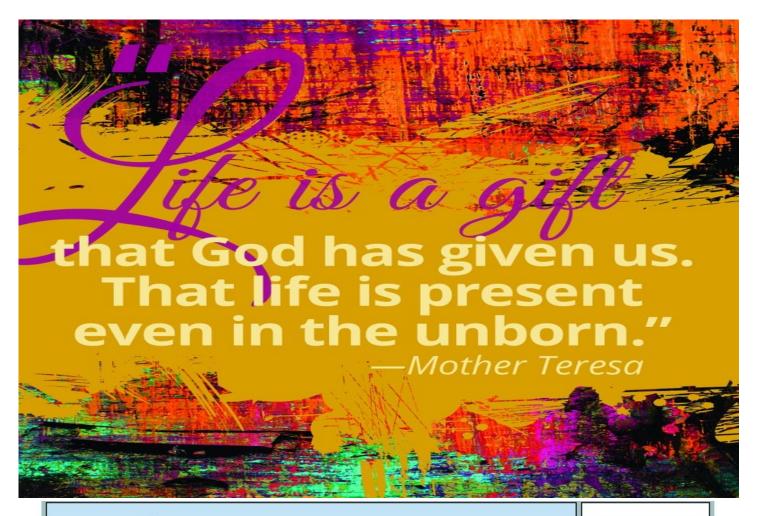
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-

3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,

15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk

1:1-4; 4:14-21





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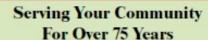
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Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (English) and

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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.

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High School Youth Group: Mr. Mike Wuich HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM

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You in me, and I in You – may this be my motto."

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity