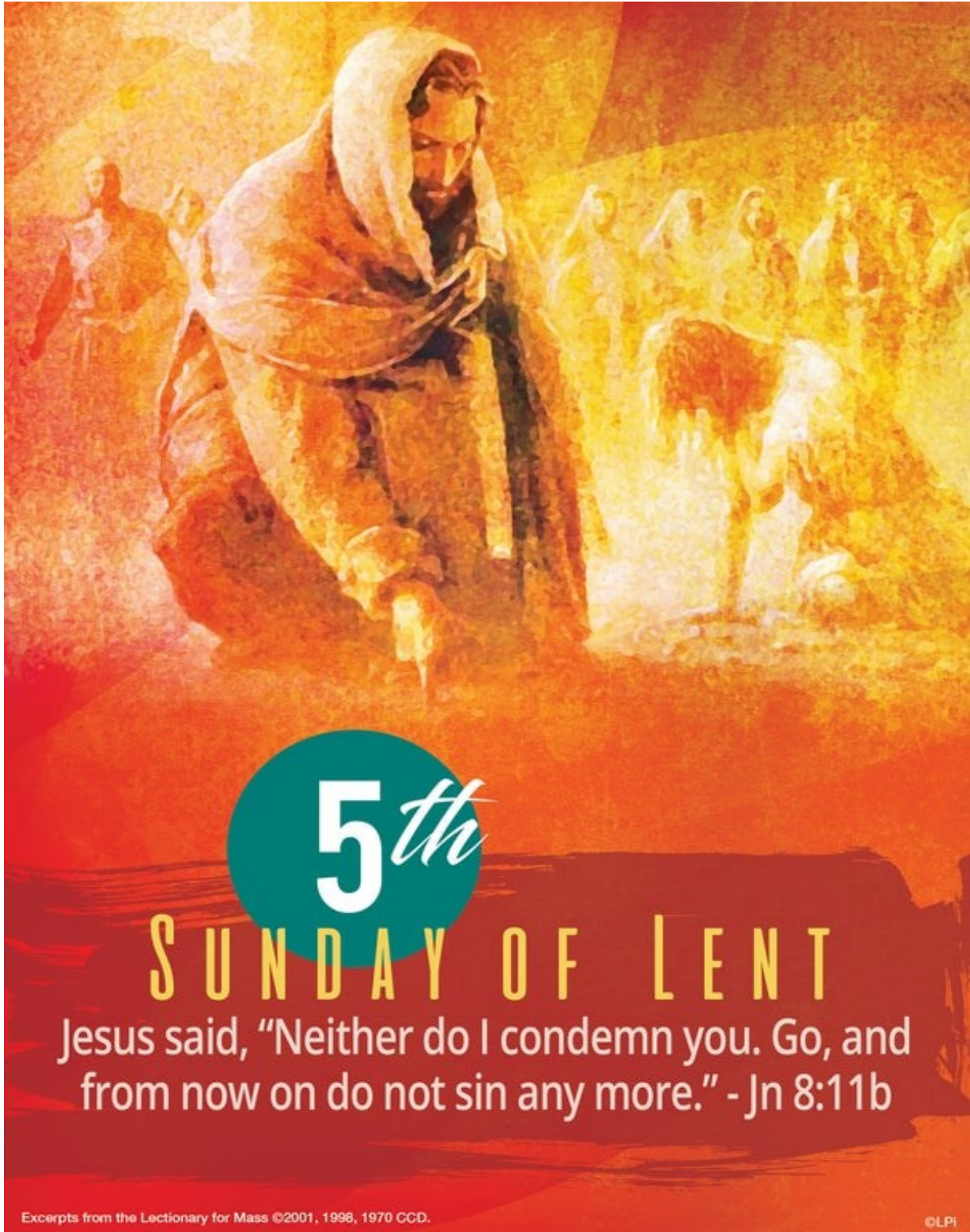




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SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

Parking lot update! The excavation of the lot to prepare the proper fill and drainage revealed an old oil/fuel tank used for the convent that was not recorded or reported. Its required removal and possible abatement will delay the project by about 7-10 days, which means the target finish date will be the first week of June most likely.

On this 5th Sunday of Lent, we heard the account from the Gospel of John about the woman caught in adultery. To appreciate the power of the Lord's mercy we first must try to appreciate more deeply the horror of sin. One of the greatest evils a person might experience would be to give oneself emotionally, physically, and spiritually in the covenant of marriage, then to be betrayed through their spouse's cheating. Any person can imagine how awful the betrayal would be. God even portrayed Himself in the Old Testament as someone who married an adulterous people because of the Israelites regular cheating on Him with idols. Adultery is a terrible evil which is what makes Jesus' responses in today's Gospel prove that He is God. He is both just and merciful.

The pharisees are out to test the Lord to get Him to either deny the Mosaic Law or to go along with them in stoning the woman. The first verse that stuns us of Jesus' words today is: "***Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.***" How amazing this response is. Justice and mercy have met. Notice that Christ's response doesn't approve of adultery, nor does it deny what the Mosaic Law says. Jesus defers the woman's judgment to someone who is without sin...Himself.

A first lesson we can take from the Lord here is that we should be honest about objective evil in the world, evil that others have done, and our own sins. But we should not judge someone's soul nor desire their condemnation before God. The devil is the one who tempts us to sin and then after we sin wants God to condemn us. The Book of Revelation calls the devil the accuser who accuses us before God, not for our correction but our despair.

We are all sinners, and it is not our place to stand in judgment over other people's souls. The Lord doesn't want to hold our sins against us but wants us to be separated from our sins. Jesus wants to separate the sinner from the sin and not identify them with it. The woman did commit a sin but does not have to remain an adulteress. "***I do not condemn you but go now and sin no more.***"

There is a common wisdom that says we shouldn't negatively label people including ourselves. For example, even in confession sometimes people will speak about their sins in the present tense saying I gossip, I lie, or I take the Lord's name in vain. But we should try to speak of our sins in the past tense and focus on our firm purpose of amendment in the present tense which stresses what God's grace can do in us, that we don't have to remain as we were. We may have been lazy but don't have to be a sloth. We may have told a lie but don't have to become a liar.

The Lord's teaching is consoling and heavenly, for those who have been sinned against, they are shown that God does not condone it. For those in the midst of committing sin, they are admonished but not cut off. Since we are all sinners, we should not throw stones, and like the older people from the crowd in the Gospel, perhaps we could even drop our stones first.

Jesus, I trust in you,

Fr. Mike

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b



In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours His love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

THIS WEEK FOR LENT...

Evening Prayer (Vespers): Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross: Friday at 6:30 p.m. in English and 7:30 p.m. in Spanish



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - April 10

Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. & Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. in Spanish
*The 9:00 Mass will start in the Prayer Garden,
which is on the east side of the rectory, with palm blessing & procession into church*

Monday - April 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Benediction at 6:00 p.m.
Confession from 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Confession from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

Holy Thursday, April 14

Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. (*livestreamed*)
(incense will be used)
The church will remain open until 9:00 p.m. for Adoration

Good Friday, April 15

Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion (*with Holy Communion*) at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 16

Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Blessing of Easter Food (*in church*) at 1:00 p.m.
(no afternoon Reconciliation or 5:00 p.m. Mass)
The Great Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. (*fulfills Sunday obligation*)
(incense will be used)

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses: 7:30, 9:00 (*livestreamed*) & 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)
(incense will be used at 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.)

LADIES GUILD

The date of our next meeting is Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Note that this is a change from the earlier announced date. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



Save the Date

Plan to join fellow parishioners **Sunday, April 24** for doughnuts / “coffee and” following the **9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses** in the **school auditorium**. Come to Mass for the spirituality and stay after for the hospitality.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Items for April 10, including Mass intentions, are due Monday, April 4

Items for April 17, including Mass intentions, are due Thursday, April 7

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God’s unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really “mercy realized.” God’s tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God’s mercy. Then, Jesus’ request to “go and sin no more” will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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Sick List

**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—
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(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

RE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD
CLASSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH
CLASSES

Congratulations to the following young men and women who were recently confirmed by Bishop Bartosic!

David Lawrence Alcantar
Mya Martha Alejandre
Liam Matthew Alexander
Michela Catherine Allegretti
Joseph Tarcissus Birt
Christian Charles Borromeo Borromeo
Isabella Catherine Laboure Bucks
Gabriella Agnes Camarillo
Benjamin Nicholas Carine
Matthew Francis of Assisi Cowgill
John John Coyne
Kaitlyn Joan of Arc Daly
Shannon Katharine Drexel Diете
Keegan Maria Goretti Duggan
Nancy Our Lady of Guadalupe Elizondo
Sofia Cecilia Escobar
Eisaiah Vincent de Paul Espinoza
Daniel Dominic Figueroa
Diego Jose Sanchez del Rio Flores
Leann Joan of Arc Guidi
Abigail Therese of Lisieux Grzeczka
Max Peter Herbster
Anthony Anthony Holgado
Jasmely Joan of Arc Hollis
Ella Christina Howard
Amber Lucia Kennedy
Michael John Lakowski
Exaltacion Faith Brigid of Ireland Lim

Aria Caterina of Bologna Lipa
Jason Francis of Assisi Lukian
Amelia Francisco Luzuriaga
Michael Benedict of Nunsia Magallanes
Nathan Luke Majcher
Olivia Cecilia Martinez
Nora Cecilia Mescall
Maria Francis of Assisi Nieto
Isabela Francis of Assisi Ornelas
Declan Stephen Parker
Lily Madeleine Pientka
Anderson Ambrose Powers
Tony Michael Ramirez
Giovanni Sylvester Ramos
Juliana Barbara Renteria
Destiny Catherine Ruiz Medina
Sarah Rose of Lima Shewchuk
Grace Brigid of Kildare Stadler
Kaitlin Cecilia Stemper
Claire Rose Stieve
Rylie Monica Stott
Elena Cecilia Styrzula
Isabela Michael Tammeling
Abigail Maria Goretti Thiel
Chloe Cecilia Thiel
Chase Honoratus Traan
Kathryn Joan of Arc Walsh

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Preschool has been very busy preparing for Easter and learning about Lent. We are studying the Stations of the Cross through Resurrection eggs - 12 different plastic eggs that have a symbol in each, representing a different stage in Jesus' final journey.

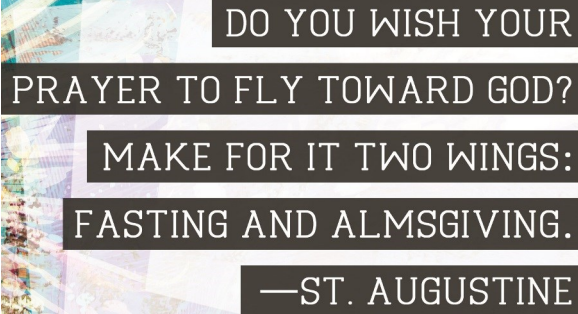
We are counting down the days to Easter and are enjoying jumping in the puddles everyday it rains.

Our classroom door is always open and we welcome visitors. Please come see us April 10 at the school Open House.



St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School OPEN HOUSE for current and prospective families - Sunday, April 10 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Come meet the staff, shop our Book Fair, and stop by the auditorium to see our Art Fair and Science/Social Studies projects!

ALMSGIVING



DO YOU WISH YOUR
PRAYER TO FLY TOWARD GOD?
MAKE FOR IT TWO WINGS:
FASTING AND ALMSGIVING.
—ST. AUGUSTINE

In addition to prayer and fasting, the other important element of Lent is almsgiving. That's a word that we don't use too often. When you look in the dictionary at the word alms you will find entries such as: donations, contributions, charities, gifts, assistance, etc. So it goes then that almsgiving is to make charitable contributions or gifts or donations. And this giving does not necessarily have to be financial. It can also be the giving of time. You can give of your time to a charitable group or to an individual in need.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says the following about Lenten almsgiving:

“The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (CCC no. 2462)

And Pope Francis has said the following:

“*Almsgiving* sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. *2 Cor* 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.”

As with the other two main practices of Lent, the way in which we carry out our almsgiving is up to us. And the options are almost countless.

As a parish, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity features two Lenten almsgiving beneficiaries: Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl and our very own St. Vincent de Paul Society.

As you may know, CRS Rice Bowl benefits people in need throughout the world. In fact, 75% of what is collected goes overseas. Read the materials that came with the Rice Bowl to find out where and how your contributions are used or visit crsricebowl.org. (If you didn't get a Rice Bowl there is a supply on the table in the vestibule). The remaining 25% goes to our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. They use their resources to help people in need right here in our own neighborhood.

We offer other opportunities to share as well. You can donate non-perishable food items at any time to the Food Pantry, by putting your items in the box in the church vestibule or the shed on the west side of the entrance to the gym on Moody Ave. And then there are the donation boxes on the east side of the gym entrance for clothing and household items. Lent is a good time to purge your closets and pantries of what you no longer use and give it to someone who can. You may also make monetary donations to SVDP by placing them in the “Poor Box” slots in the vestibule.

Everything that we have comes from God. God has blessed us so that we may bless others. Lent affords us the opportunity to take stock of our blessings and decide how we can share them with those who have less. This sacrificial season gives us the extra push we may need to do some real good for those in need.

There are numerous charities that help those who are poor, or hungry, or homeless, or have any myriad of physical, mental, or spiritual needs. Put your mind into it. Put your heart into it. Put your wallet into it! Why not take the opportunity of Lent to do some real good for people in need?

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, APRIL 2, 2022

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family, Michael Maughan, Ed Smythe, Marty Bucaro, Thomas O'Brien, Angelo Borghi (special intention)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

7:30 AM — Alice Kern, Thomas O'Brien, Carmen Rosario Castro, Angelo Borghi (special intention)
 9:00 AM — Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Ladies Guild, Thomas O'Brien, souls in Purgatory, Angelo Borghi (special intention)
 11:00 AM — Thomas O'Brien, Angelo Borghi (special intention), souls in Purgatory
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) - Jose Luis Bucio, Andy Flores, Anna Picciolini

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

8:30 AM — deceased members of the Gonsalves and D'Souza families, Betty Jacobucci (91st birthday)

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

8:30 AM — Eleanor, Sam, Gracie & Joseph Holden
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSIONS
 6:30 PM — for our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022

8:30 AM — Margaret Rose (first anniversary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

8:30 AM — Odilia B. Surinkle

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022

8:30 AM — Kathy Mullins

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

8:30 AM — for peace in Ukraine
 3:30 - 4:30 — CONFESSIONS
 5:00 PM — Malachy Byrne, Don Love, Michael Maughan, Fr. Henry Nurre O.S.B.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 - PALM SUNDAY

7:30 AM — Bryan Bradley, Sophia Kempros (birthday remembrance)
 9:00 AM — Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Peter Smith, Eileen Gerharty, Fr. Henry Nurre O.S.B.
 11:00 AM — Richard Bartuce, Therese Hennessy, Joe Dzedzic, Paul Bucki, Eileen Gerharty, Fr. Henry Nurre O.S.B.
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) - Andy Flores, Anna Picciolini

Presider Schedule - April 2 & 3

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

DISPENSATION

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



REST IN PEACE

Jerry P. Diaz



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
 Monday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/ Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/ Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

“NOW LET
US PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO
SUFFER, AND
THAT GOD
MAY CONVERT
HEARTS TO
A STEADFAST
WILL FOR
PEACE.”

—POPE FRANCIS



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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., 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.
and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdón to make arrangements:

gbzdón@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

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)

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*"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*