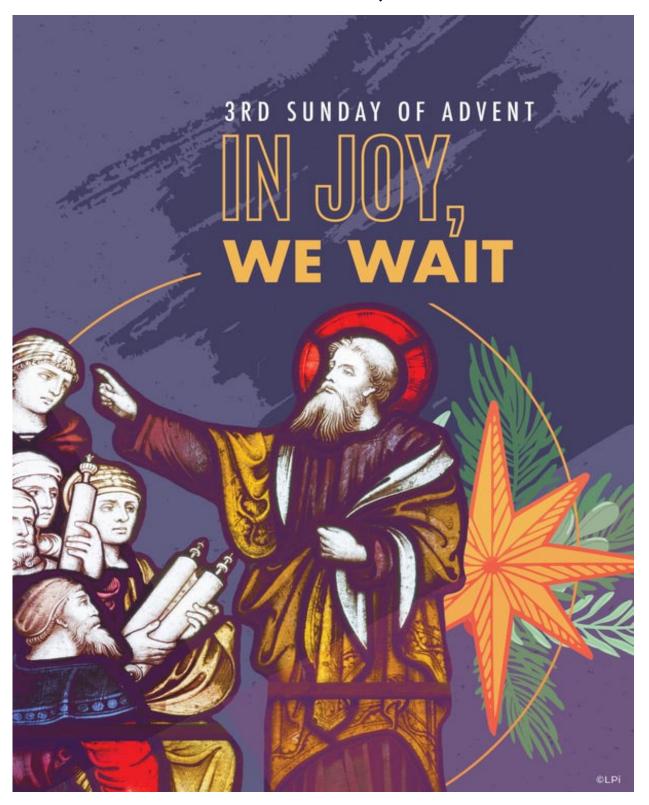


## **DECEMBER 11, 2022**



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## FROM FR. MIKE

I would first like to thank our Finance Council members for helping prepare and present last year's Annual Financial Report at last weekend's Masses. Well done! If you didn't get a chance to get a hard copy of the bulletin, you can review it online. The operating numbers are sobering, but we are going in the right direction. May God bless all of you for praying for the parish, inviting people, and contributing toward the temporal support of the Church.

You may not have seen him publicly serve as deacon due to his limited mobility, but we have been blessed since the unification of the parishes with Deacon Steve Wagner (formerly of St Thecla) who served as our Coordinator of the Ministers of Care. In his own words:

"I am planning to retire from active ministry as a deacon because of health and personal reasons. It was an honor to help coordinate sharing the Body of Christ with those of our community who are unable to attend Mass. God be with you, Deacon Steve."

May the Lord bless Deacon Steve for his years of faithful service to the Church. If someone you know can't make it to Mass and is in need of a Minister of Care to bring them Holy Communion, please reach out to the rectory office. We are grateful that Tony Lupinski has volunteered to head the Ministers of Care going forward.

Advent is a time of expectation, of waiting for the Lord's coming at Christmas, the end of time, but also into our hearts. Waiting requires what most of us struggle with very much...patience. St. James says today: "*Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.*" (Jas. 5:7). The virtue of patience is a sign that our faith and hope are strong, because we calmly wait for the Lord's word to be fulfilled, trusting that it surely will in time.

St. James gives us examples of patience, the first being farmers who must patiently wait for rains they can't control to soften and prepare the earth for a fruitful harvest. The farmer waits with patient hope, and he, without guarantees of when or if there will be enough rain that season. And there are other trials of farming including equipment failure or pests. We have many guarantees from the Lord that can surely be counted on for He has the power to keep His word.

The other image of patient waiting that St. James gives us is that of the Old Testament prophets, including St. John the Baptist, whose disciples asked Jesus on his behalf while John was imprisoned by Herod: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Mt. 11:2). Like Simeon and Anna praying in the Temple waiting for the consolation of Israel, the faithful remnant of Judaism was on the lookout for God's action to rescue them.

One of the reasons that John the Baptist was so popular was that he was the first real prophet that God called in centuries! The Lord gradually revealed the plan of salvation over hundreds of years, through dozens of prophets. Think how blessed we are today in that the prophecies of the Messiah and God's coming salvation were somewhat mysterious, and it was uncertain when or how they would be fulfilled. A close analogy for us is the certainty of Jesus Christ's coming at the end of time. We have known for certainty that He is coming in glory, but we don't know when, we must wait in patience and be attentive.

Jesus wants to help us now, to encourage us in our waiting, He knows that we need Him right now. *Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.* 

#### SVDP CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM



Remember to return your gifts at any Mass this weekend. Keep in mind that you do not need to wrap the gifts, but you may use gift bags if you wish. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

We are also going to host a winter coat drive at all Masses on December 31/January 1. We will be collecting CLEAN, new or used, adult men's or women's coats. These will be given out to community members in need.

Thank you in advance for your donation!

#### McDonald's Gift Cards for the Homeless

Again this year, Mary Klug and the St. Vincent de Paul Society are collecting McDonald's Gift Cards. These will be distributed to those in need 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 mailbox to the attention of SVDP.

Thank you for your support of this worthy project!

#### **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Because of early publisher deadlines, all items for bulletins of the following dates, including Mass intentions, are due as follows:

December 25 bulletin - due December 14 January 1 bulletin - due December 22

Jim Madura, jmadura@archchicago.org

If you had photos at the shrine of the deceased during November, they are available to be retrieved on the table on the east side of the vestibule.

#### **OUR LADY OF GAUDALUPE - Monday, December 12**

5:30 AM — Marianitas

6:30 AM — Our Lady of Guadalupe Dawn Mass

6:30 PM — Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass of the Roses (bilingual)

7:30 PM — Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta in the school auditorium -

All are welcome



#### SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24 - Masses at 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

There will not be confessions today.

Sunday, December 25 - Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish



#### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

Saturday, December 31 - Mass at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 1 - Masses at 7:30, 9:00, & 1100 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

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

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We will be offering hand-made lap robes in the vestibule of church after the Masses on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18. If you have a family member, neighbor, or friend in need of a little warmth and comfort, please come and choose a lap robe for them. There is no charge. The lap robes are prayerfully made to bring comfort to those who need it. They make a thoughtful Christmas gift.

#### **Sharing Families-Rwanda**

Several of our Sharing Families have asked about the annual sponsorship sign-up which normally takes place in tandem with the Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. Because of the change in ownership of Phil's Pizza, we were unable to have our annual event this year. Happy to report, the new owners of Phil's Pizza have graciously agreed to host our Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser for the Rwandan Station School. The next spaghetti dinner will be in April 2023.

As a reminder, you can donate at any time to sponsor a student. The information to donate is listed below. We track all donations and match up sponsors to students.

We have just received the list of new students totaling 323 and need additional sponsors. We would also like to continue the food program and need sponsors to cover this cost as well.

Thank you to all who have sacrificed to assist the students. Your kindness and generosity are celebrated with prayers of thanks everyday by the students and teachers at the Station School.

A message from the Station School principal:

"My words are nothing to express how thankful our hearts are. Greetings from the bottom of my heart. May God bless you and yours."



Lunch on the first day



Big brother is learning while baby sitting



**Starting lessons** 

Helping one child will not change the world however, for that one child the world will be forever changed. 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 <a href="www.stelizabethtrinity.org">www.stelizabethtrinity.org</a> 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** 



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## **Food Pantry**

## **Always Needed:**

Coffee - regular & instant Canned meats Soup (canned)

Rice

Pasta

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Cereal (healthy and/or fun)
Peanut Butter

Veggies & Fruits (canned)



## December Spotlight Items:

\$10 Gift Cards for Jewel



## **Drop-off Locations:**

Orop box in back of church available when church is open Shed on Moody next to the gym – available 24/7





Food Pantry Distribution: we are open for anyone in the community who needs our support

Tuesdays: 9:00a - 10:00a

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Questions: food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



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#### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

December 2022

Dear Friends in Christ.

On the Third Sunday of Advent, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure—both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. "Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age" (Ps 92:14-15). As I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious—past and present—I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our Archdiocese. Perhaps you, too, recall an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide financial support that helps religious communities care for aging members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute what you can at masses the weekend of December 10-11. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

Wishing you every blessing during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

#### Our Virtue for December: Generosity

#### What is it?

#### Generosity:

The willingness to give help or support that goes beyond what is expected especially to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are most in need. It is giving of ourselves with a spirit of willingness and cheerfulness.

#### Who is our Saint?

#### St. Nicholas

Saint Nicholas was a bishop who provided for the poor and sick and is the basis for the popular character of Santa Claus. Saint Nicholas was born circa 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre. There are many legends about Saint Nicholas of Myra. One

story tells how he helped three poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times, Saint Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put a bag of money inside. The man used the money so that one of his daughters could marry. On the third visit, the man saw Saint Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. He also reportedly saved three men who were falsely imprisoned and sentenced to death. Several sources state Saint Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6, 343. Over the years, stories of his miracles and work for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and sailors and was associated with gift-giving.

#### How Can We Live it?

- Everyone in the house choses a family member and commits to doing at least one act
  of kindness and generosity for that person each week.
- Choose a charity to give to as a family.
- Participate in parish opportunities for service and giving such as our Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Society

#### A Prayer For Generosity:

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen



10:00am-11:30am

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School
Auditorium

Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, and Kindergarten families and friends please join us for crafts, treats, a visit from Santa and lots of Christmas cheer!



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, DECEMBER 10, 2022**

5:00 PM — Nancy & Kevin Paczkowskyj, John Gibata, John & Helen Ptak, Malachy Byrne, Mike Maughan, deceased members of the Raleigh family, Don Love, Jr., Charles Armenteros, Danny Ryan

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022**

7:30 AM — Jerry Stemper, Charles Stemper

9:00 AM — Timothy Hirami, Coleman McDonagh, Jerry Stemper, Charles Stemper, JoAnn Barder

11:00 AM — Sharon Tuzik, Carmen Rosario Castro, Rachel Hernandez, Mike Polanski

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Andy Flores, Maria Ritter, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Alicia Martinez Gaytan

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022**

5:30 AM — Mananitas

6:30 AM — Our Lady of Guadalupe Dawn Mass

8:30 AM — Carl Carlson, Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health)

6:30 PM — Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass of the Roses (bilingual)

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022**

8:30 AM — Hildegard Holtz, Francis McCarthy, Sr. Joyce Rankin

11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — for peace in Ukrain

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022**

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022**

8:30 AM — for our school community 6:30 PM - FIRST RECONCILIATION

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

8:30 AM — Peter Smith, Josephine Consalvo

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022**

8:30 AM — John H Fergus, Jo Fergus, John J. Fergus, Betty Aguilar, Margaret Kleber

3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION

5:00 PM — Lorraine & Ralph Schmidt, Mike Maughan, deceased members of the Ognibene

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022**

7:30 AM — for our parishioners

9:00 AM — Pauline Haas, Tom & Ginny McManus

11:00 AM — Joe Dziedzic, Julie Branham, Sharon Tuzik, Jim Holden, Catalina Servano (1st anniversary), Roberto Santiago, Theresa Kelly (birthday), Robert Coffman, Sr.

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Andy Flores, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Martin Lazaro, Evangelina Rubio, Alicia Martinez Gaytan

#### Presider Schedule - December 17 & 18

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / Deacon John preaching

7:30 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / Deacon Greg preaching

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / Deacon Greg preaching /

Children's Choir

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Fallon / Deacon John preaching / Parish Choir

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo / Deacon Jose preaching





Ceniza Pangilinan

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I,

Pope

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Thursday: Friday: Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas

5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,

10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or

Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,

19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and

10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a

and 13b/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn

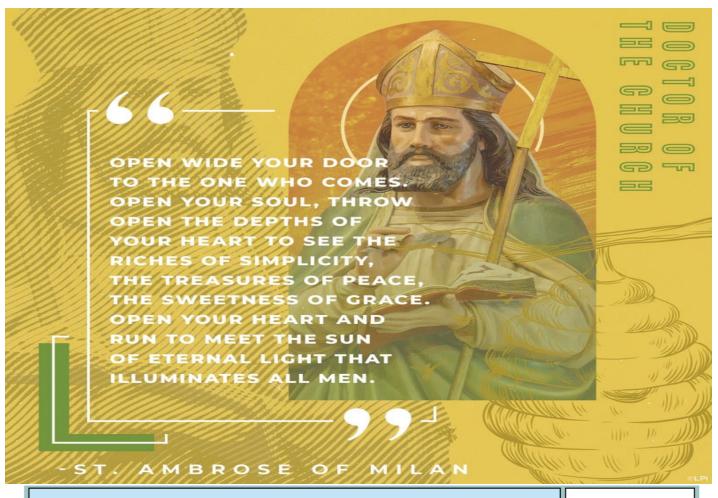
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Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,

17/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c,

10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24





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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 Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosarv

Prayed daily immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass Church is open daily for private prayer until 5:00 p.m. Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 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.)
Last Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Benediction at 7:30 p.m.)
Rectory (Parish Office) Hours - Monday - Friday. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements: <a href="mailto:gbzdon@archchicago.org">gbzdon@archchicago.org</a>

#### 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 Peggy Bradley for more information.

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

**Communion Visits:** Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Mr. Tony Lupinski through the rectory office to make arrangements.

**Food Pantry**: Open Tuesdays - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the gym For more Info email: food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

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