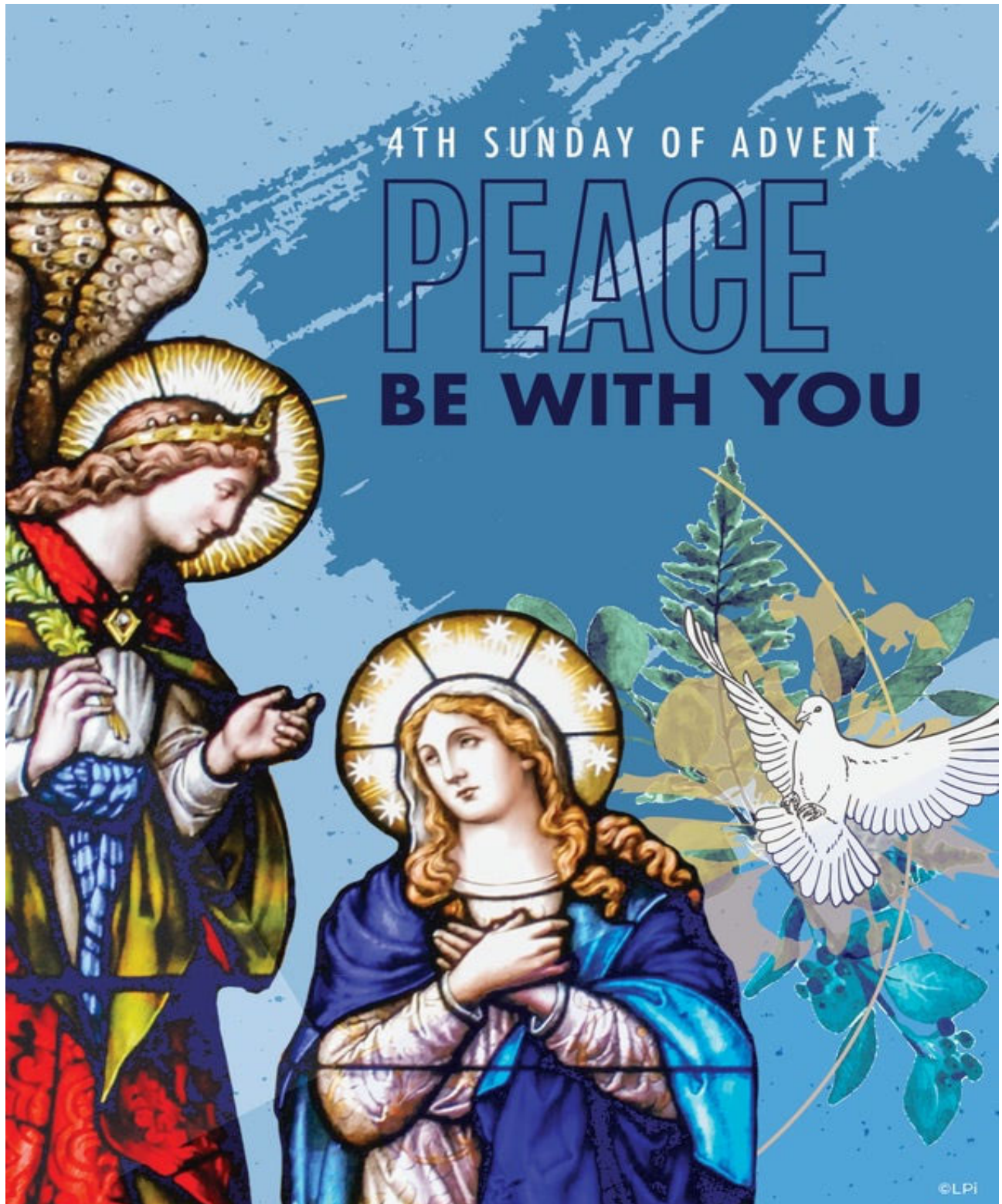




ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



DECEMBER 18, 2022



You'll notice in this bulletin an article from our Parish Council that shows pictures of some of the church upgrades and renovations being planned, the first of which is displaying the legacy saint images from St. Cornelius, St. Thecla, and St. Tarcissus on the choir loft wall. May improvements like this help beautify the church building and unify us as the body of Christ.

There are other projects forthcoming, including getting a new sign in front of the church, and putting a stained-glass image of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity in the choir loft wall. We could use more natural light in the church and our new patroness should be featured. We're working on getting different draft images for people to give feedback on. To that end, while I consult people regularly, it's not always easy to get meaningful input from parishioners about what matters to them. So the Parish Council now has an email account that some members will check periodically. You can use this email to give feedback about topics of interest to you including the church renovation projects: parishcouncil@setparish.org.

A larger update: Some challenging news came from Washington D.C. as "The Respect for Marriage Act" was passed by both the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. It attempts to codify the redefinition of marriage as not being only between one man and one woman. It is truly sad when the basics of human nature that God has given us are rebelled against in the name of freedom and love. How many people suffer from not having a relatively stable mother and father in their household. The nuclear family is the building block of society and the Church.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic bishops and Pope Francis have spoken up in defense of marriage as the Lord has given it to us. In 2016, Pope Francis exhorted: *"We can hardly stop advocating marriage simply to avoid countering contemporary sensibilities.... We would be depriving the world of values that we can and must offer."*

Bishop Robert Barron (who chairs the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth) responded to the bill:

"We are gravely disappointed that the misnamed Respect for Marriage Act passed the Senate and continue to call for its rejection. Indeed marriage, which is a lifelong and exclusive union, a complete and mutual gift of the husband and wife to each other for their good and for the procreation and education of children, is essential to the common good."

God did not need to create us male and female with many called to a lifelong, faithful union to perpetuate the human race, but He did choose to create human nature this way. The natural bond of marriage, elevated to the dignity of a sacrament by Christ, is not of human origin; therefore, we do not have the power to remake it, even if many think redefining marriage will change the reality of what it is. Many people have been deceived or have allowed themselves to be deceived into thinking it is loving to encourage others to give in to their disordered desires rather than to accept the truth that God has revealed.

Regardless of the current confusion around human sexuality, the constant teaching of Jesus Christ and His Church is clear: the only acceptable context for the marital/sexual act is within marriage (which can only be between one man and one woman). The Lord calls us all to live in the freedom of chastity, whether married or single. How much more peace, happiness, and stability would there be in our society if people pursued the virtue of chastity and asked for the grace to live it?

Please pray for the repeal of this bill and that we respond to the grace to live according to God's plan and will.

Keep the faith.



St. Vincent de Paul Coat Drive

We are 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!

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER & CONFESSION

Plan to join us Monday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. for the last Advent Evening Prayer (Vespers) of the season.

This will be followed by the opportunity for private Confessions. Why not consider gifting yourself with this sacrament in preparation for Christmas?



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, & 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)



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 DEADLINE

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

January 1 bulletin - due December 22

Jim Madura, jmadura@archchicago.org

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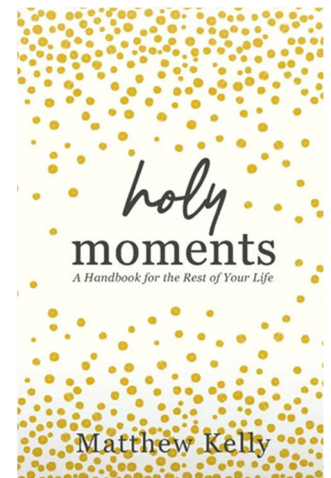
2023 CALENDARS

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish for 2023 are at all three church vestibules. We would like to thank **Colonial Funeral Home** for their sponsorship of them.

FREE BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS

Be sure to check out the table in the vestibule next weekend for a free copy of *Holy Moments* by Matthew Kelly. Copies will be available both in English and Spanish. Be sure to share them with others!

You have so much more to offer. You know it. You have sensed it for some time now. This sacred truth has been bubbling up in your soul. But you have never known quite what to do about it. All that is about to change. Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them, changes our lives forever. Holy Moments is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it, your life will finally make sense. It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It's time to explore your soul-potential.



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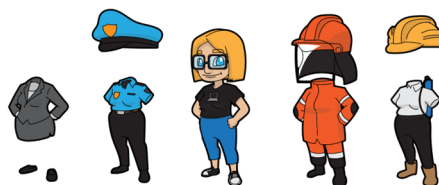
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Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—
Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—
Kasia Worth—Nicholas Guerrieri—Cathy Minnick—Marie Brasher—Molly Morris—Paola Estrada—
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Doreen Ciesla-Hugglung—Steve Hovde—Helzing Aguilar—Flavia Langan—Lourdes Younus—
Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering

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

School Career Fair!!!

Please come and volunteer for our Career Fair. It is a rewarding experience to help open up ideas and worlds for students.



When: Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Where: St. Elizabeth of the Trinity's Auditorium
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

If you can volunteer, please fill out your information below and return to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School's office by Friday, December 16. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. O'Malley or Mrs. Gold.

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Question:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Answer:

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

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Peanut Butter

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December Spotlight Items:

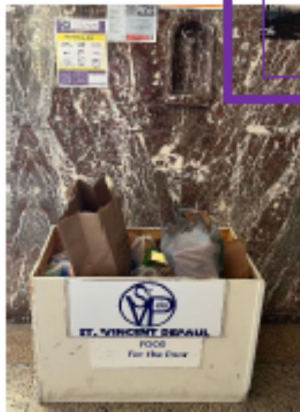
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Food Pantry Distribution: we are open for anyone in the
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New Time

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Here's what the children in PreK 3 have been up to lately...



Notes from the Parish Pastoral Council

Hopeful anticipation – visualized as the colors at church change from purple to pink to purple to white – that is what this season of Advent is about. Every year we experience this journey to “be ready” for the gift of the Christ Child celebrated at Christmas.

We are filled with hopeful anticipation regarding our parish community as well. We are on a similar journey of renewal – leveraging strong foundations and traditions from three parishes: St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, and St. Thecla. Our new St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish is moving into the “Building the New Reality” phase. This will require parish-wide engagement. We will need your prayers, your input, and your feedback. A vision will be developed for our parish and a strategy implemented. It is an exciting time for us – full of hope and anticipation!

The eight parishioners who currently serve on the Parish Council act as advisors to our Pastor, Fr. Mike. We meet every 4-6 weeks and discuss various elements of the parish. Fr. Mike looks to us for feedback and to bring him observations of what we see and hear as active members of the congregation and community at large. In addition to getting ready for the Building the New Reality effort, we are also moving forward with some visual updates to our facility. The first change to be implemented will be the addition of the patron saints from our heritage parishes that will be mounted in the back of church (on the choir loft wall). St. Cornelius’ image and the St. Thecla and St. Tarcissus statues will be reminders of our strong faith foundation and continued patronage. It is anticipated that will be completed over the next few months. We are also considering adding a large image of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity in stained glass in the back of the choir loft and visible above the exterior church doors on Ardmore. There will be significant light passing through this new feature, reminding us that we should let our new patroness light the way ahead for us. Lastly, we are investigating an update to the sign outside of church to properly identify us in the community. These pictures are renderings under consideration. We will share updates on the projects as they evolve and seek to get your feedback on them.

May the Christ Child’s love envelop all of us this Christmas season and always.

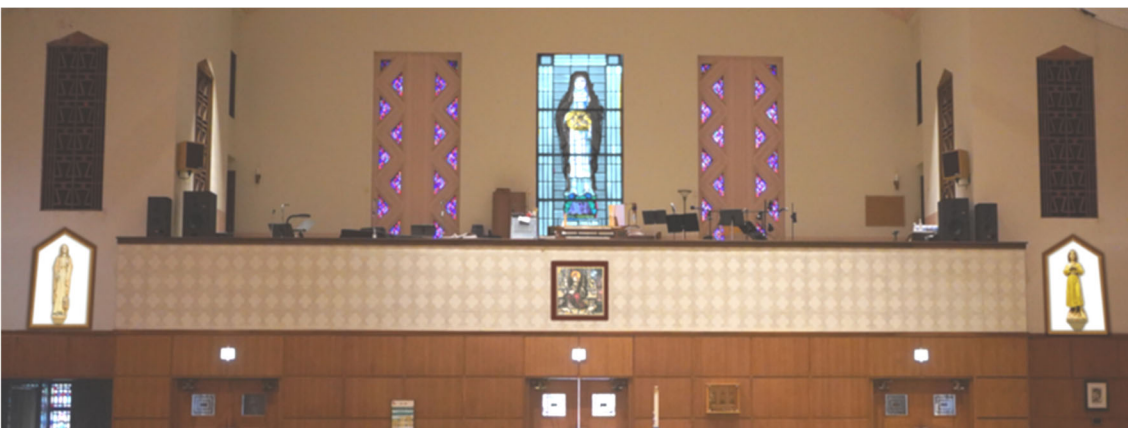
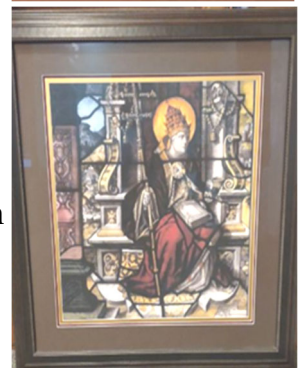
“Believe that He loves you, that he wants to help you in the struggles you have to undergo. Believe in His love, His exceeding love.”

- St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Pastoral Council:

Fr. Mike Grisolano (Pastor), Ashley Guinn (Director of Evangelization), Shannon Nelson, Darlene Duggan, Ron Polaniecki, Al Trigo, Greg LaVeau, Richard Muench, Tony Lupinski, Chris McCarthy

Please feel free to send us an email at: parishcouncil@setparish.org





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 17, 2022

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

7:30 AM — Michael Kirkpatrick
 9:00 AM — Pauline Haas, Tom & Ginny McManus, Marco Collao, Constaca Ayora
 11:00 AM — Joe Dziejdzic, Julie Branham, Sharon Tuzik, Jim Holden, Catalina Servano (1st anniversary), Roberto Santiago, Theresa Kelly (birthday), Robert Coffman
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Andy Flores, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Martin Lazaro, Evangelina Rubio, Alicia Martinez Gaytan, Anatolio Fianco

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

8:30 AM — Mike Harriss
 6:30 PM — EVENING PRAYER and CONFESSION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

8:30 AM — deceased members of the Mocarski family
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — for peace in Ukraine

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022

8:30 AM — for our parishioners
 6:30 PM - POSADAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022

8:30 AM — Peter Smith
 6:30 PM - POSADAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022

8:30 AM — Jo Fergus, Rosemary Hall, Frank Tadeusiak, Ann Tadeusiak, Frank Zelazo, Victoria Zelazo, Josephine Mruzczek
 6:30 PM - POSADAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

8:30 AM — George & Mary Joks
 3:00 PM — Daniel Mydlowski, Kathlyn Murphy, Patricia Martin, Patricia Duggan, Mary Gillespie, Charles Boyd, Jim Gillespie, Michael Gillespie, Frank Tynan, Edmund & Agnes Mulvihill, Irene Chmielowski, James and Catherine Holden, John M. Lynch
 5:00 PM — Richard Bartuce, Mary McDonough, Mike Maughan, Teresa Heneghan, Jason Mencarini, Betty O'Leary, John Strisczek, Don Love

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

7:30 AM — Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Jo Sanborn, Ed Sanborn & Estelle Dyjak (birthdays), Anna, Joseph, Walter & Rose Dyjak, Helen, Joseph & Andrianna Gentile, Dom Colletti, Nick & Felicia Colletti
 Kathy Harrity

9:00 AM — Henry & Mary Ciecko, Sharon Tuzik, Charles Boyd
 11:00 AM — Milka Stanojevich, Valise & Carlson families, Antoni Rajkowski, Carmen Rosario Castro, Geraldine Pfister, Kathleen & Declan Davitt, Mark & family (blessings & healing)
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Andy Flores, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Alicia Martinez Gaytan

Presider Schedule - December 24 & 25

3:00 p.m. — Fr. Grisolano / Children's Choir
5:00 p.m. — Fr. McCarthy / Guitar Ensemble
7:30 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy
9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano
11:00 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / Parish Choir
1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



Donald Centnarowicz
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
 Monday:
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday:
 Friday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
 Saturday: Christmas Eve
 Next Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/ Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
 Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
 Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
 Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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

Rosary:

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:

gbzdon@archchicago.org

Becoming a Catholic:

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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.

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Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab or in the rear of church.

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Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

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and You are in my soul.
You in me,
and I in You – may this be my motto."
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*