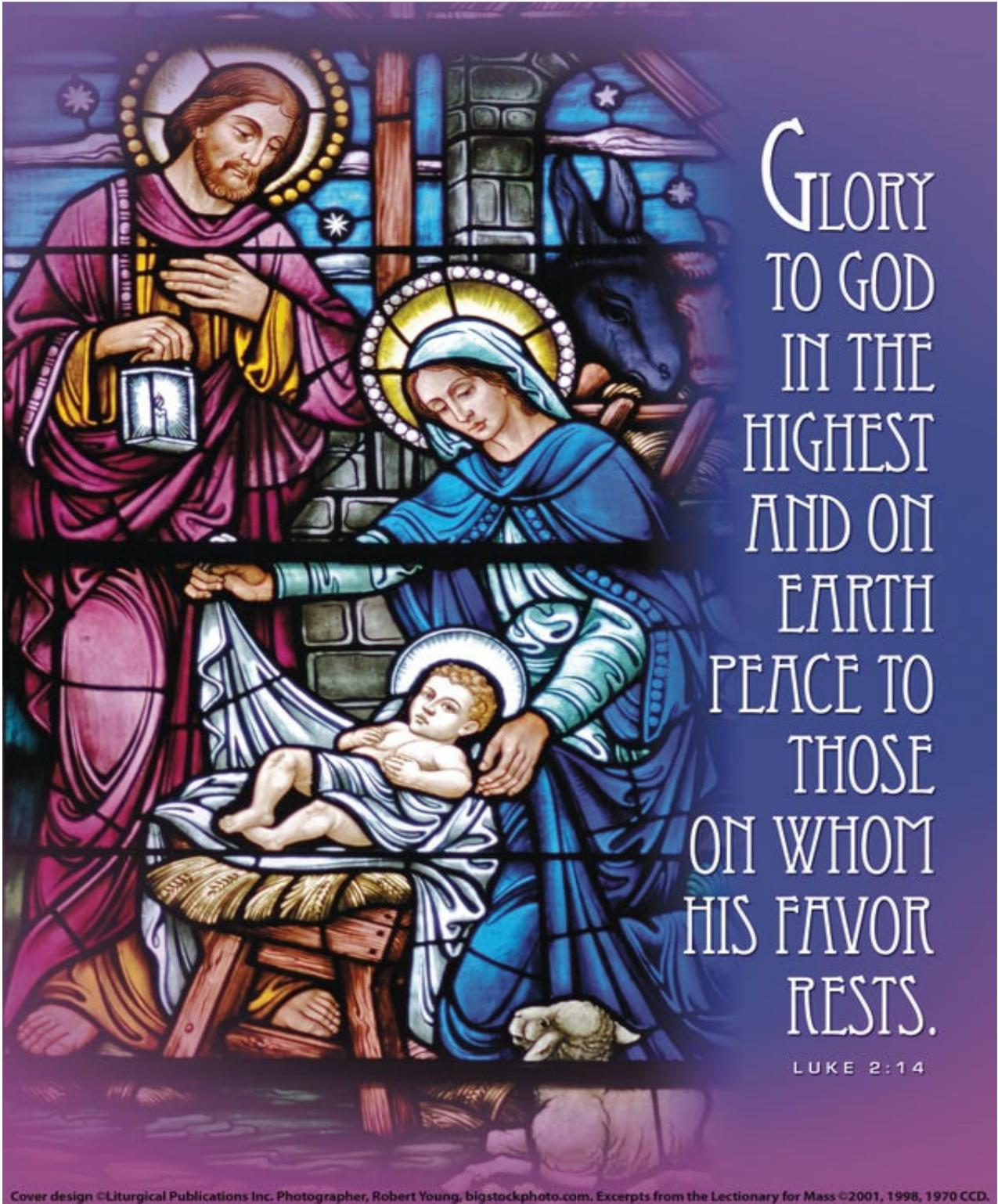




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GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
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PEACE TO
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ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

Merry Christmas to all of you, we have a Savior! I hope you have a chance to enjoy some of the spirit of this season in calm and good spirit with your family and friends. One of the blessings that Jesus repeatedly offers and wants us to receive is His peace. The world is not often at peace, and amidst the very real challenges each one of us faces, we long for a peace in our hearts that the world cannot give.

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.”

These are the closing words that the angels spoke/sang to the shepherds on the first Christmas night, and they have been memorialized since then in the opening words of the *Gloria* sung at Mass. Christ’s coming is meant to bring peace between God and man, for Jesus is the Mediator between them, and He wishes to bestow His peace on anyone who desires it.

These words of the angels can be translated in another way which you will hear in the lectionary reading at Mass: ***“peace to those on whom his favor rests.”*** Though both translations have ancient roots, this version seems to capture the mystery of the relationship between God’s gift of love, grace, and peace *and* the human need to receive and respond to it. God is all powerful, but we still have freedom. That is the deep meaning and tension between these translations.

God’s freely given love always precedes us, keeps us safe, and inspires our response to grace. Jesus Christ has won for us the right to call His Father, our Father, we are secure. But just as we desire to receive infinite, free, unending Love, we also desire to give ourselves too. Our hearts desire to give ourselves fully in love to others and to God. The Lord desires this for us as well and calls us to heroic self-gift for our own fulfillment.

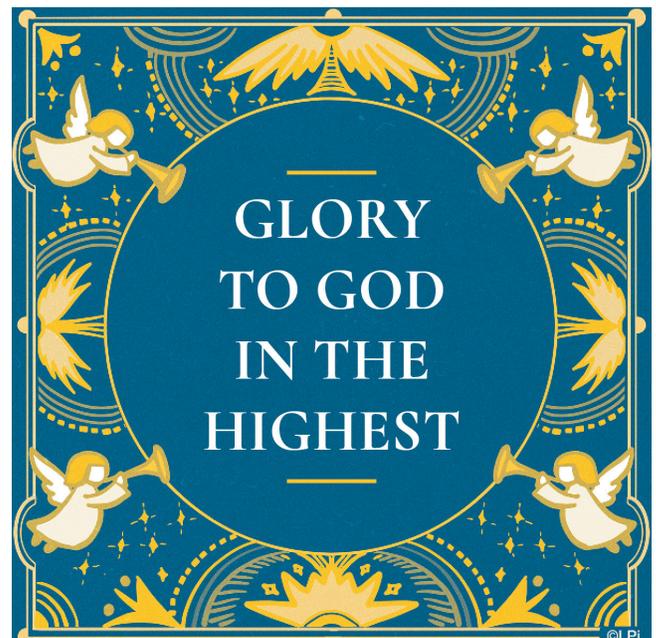
Speaking of gifts, we have one for you. It has been said that reading one good book a year can change your life for the better. The book *Holy Moments* could be that for you.

Please take one of these Matthew Kelly books from the back of church for yourself or a loved one. We have plenty (including in Spanish) so don’t be afraid, take two or more if they would be used!

Chapter two of the book says: *“We are all hungry for something. Knowing what you hunger for is wisdom... Our need for meaning is as urgent and unceasing as our need for water”* (pgs. 16-17). Matthew Kelly has an easy, inviting writing style that is packed with good examples and deep content, let it inspire you and those you love.

This Christmas may we receive the peace and joy that Christ brings us and share it with others so that all people, as brothers and sisters, could sing from their hearts like the angels ***“Glory to God in the highest.”***

Merry Christmas!





A big thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Sharing Program this year. Our conference accepted and delivered 721 gifts to the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels for their annual Christmas Party held on Saturday, December 17. 1,000 children attended with all receiving gifts. The thoughtfulness and generosity of our entire parish was part of that celebration. On behalf of our SVDP Conference and the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



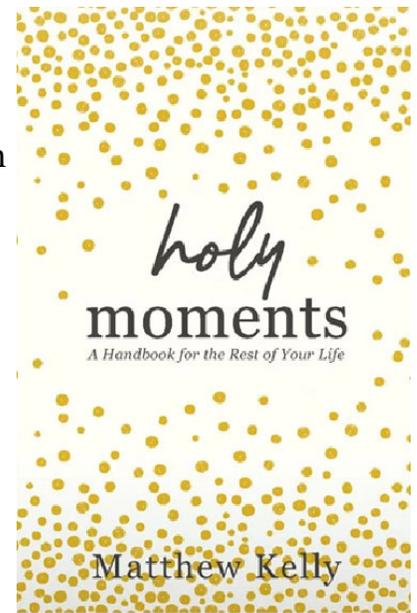
Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is going to host a winter coat drive at all Masses next weekend. We will be collecting CLEAN, new or used, adult men's or women's coats. These will be given out to community members in need.

Thank you in advance for your donation!

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE PARISH TO YOU

Be sure to check out the table in the vestibule for a copy of *Holy Moments* by Matthew Kelly. Copies are available both in English and Spanish. When you're done reading it, be sure to share it 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.



INITIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES

In your January/February packet of envelopes you will find one called **Initial Offering**. This is meant to cover the cost of the printing and mailing of offering envelopes for the coming year. A donation between \$10 and \$20 would be appreciated. To avoid having to use envelopes consider electronic giving using Faith Direct.

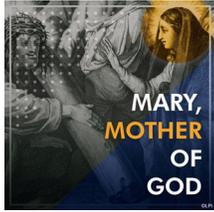
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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

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)

2023 CALENDARS

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish 2023 calendars are available in all three church vestibules.

We would like to thank **Colonial Funeral Home** for their sponsorship of them.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!



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



Christmas 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“The Word was made flesh, and he made his dwelling among us.” These momentous words from the beginning of John’s Gospel describe exactly what we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus, the eternal Son of God, has indeed come among us and become a part of our human family. He shared our joys and our sorrows. He came to know the full expanse of our human experiences, those that lift us up and those that cast us down. Through his death and resurrection, he has transformed our lives and our very world. The One born among us as Son of God and Son of Mary has given us a new birth in hope.

We know the challenges that marked his life from the very beginning. We recall how the Holy Family shared the plight of refugees, when they had to flee to Egypt to protect their newborn child from violence. These challenges find an echo in our world today. We see people flee the violence of war and oppression and crushing poverty. Their plight moves our heart to do whatever we can to alleviate their pain. Their story, framed within the story of the Holy Family, also reminds of the unfailing hand of God’s providence that leads us and saves us. And that gives us joyful confidence.

Whatever the challenges we face as individuals and communities—from war, violence, disease, injustice, natural climate disasters – we do not lose hope. We know that the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. He walks with us. He sustains us. He gives us a hope that will not disappoint.

Join me in prayer this Christmas season. Let us ask God to deepen our faith in the Incarnate Word. Let us ask God to renew our hope and lift us up when we are weary. Let us ask God to keep our hearts joyful in all circumstances, because we have come to know God’s love for us.

God bless you and all your loved ones. As I celebrate the Eucharist in this Christmas season, know that I bring all of you to the altar with me.

Sincerely yours in Christ



Archbishop of Chicago



Notes from the Parish Pastoral Council

Hopeful anticipation – visualized as the colors at church change from purple to pink to purple to white. 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.

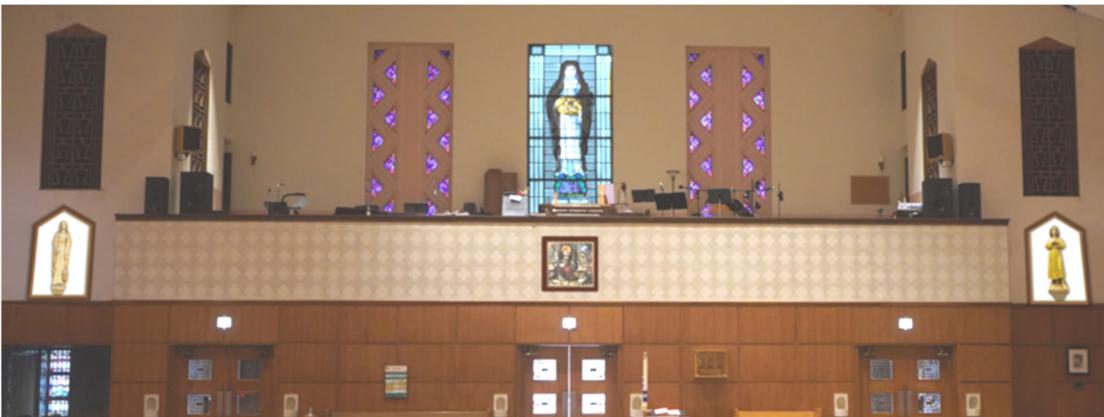
“Believe that He loves you, that he wants to help you in the struggles you have to undergo. Believe in His love, His exceeding love.”

- 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

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Junior Kindergarten has been learning the story of the Nativity. They made bracelets to help them remember and retell the story to their families.



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THE WORLD MIGHT
HAVE EXPECTED THE
SON OF GOD TO BE
BORN — IF HE WAS
TO BE BORN AT ALL
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”

- VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN

“Love wants to show that it loves. It is not satisfied with sentiments or words. Love wants to prove its love in deeds; better, it wants to show its love in pain. Love wants to be near the one it loves, to be united with the one it loves. All of this is hidden behind the mystery of the Eucharist, made possible by the mystery of Christmas, because these two mysteries are really one. The Eucharist is merely an extension, a continuation, of what happened 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Because Mary gave birth to the Son of God, we now have the Flesh of the Son of God near us, with us, and when we receive Him in Communion, within us.”

SERVANT OF GOD FATHER JOHN HARDON, S.J.



MASS INTENTIONS

Watch *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity* 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on YouTube - search for *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish* channel.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

- 3:00 PM — (livestreamed) 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 Harranty
- 9:00 AM — Henry & Mary Cieccko, 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), Frank, Theresa, Louis & baby Louis Cicchetti
- 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Andy Flores, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Alicia Martinez Gaytan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2022

- 8:30 AM — Charles Boyd, Susan Quinn-Staton

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022

- 8:30 AM — Bernadette Piotrowski, Helen Gentile
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — for our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2022

- 8:30 AM — Annie & Luke O'Donnell Sr., George Alex

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022

- 8:30 AM — Rose Carlson, Andrianna Gentile
 6:30 PM — NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022

- 8:30 AM — Chester, Helen & Eugene Minichowski, the Mencarini & Strisczek family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

- 8:30 AM — Bernadette Piotrowski
 5:00 PM — Mike Maughan, Don Love Jr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

- 7:30 AM — (John & Janet Stompor, Joe & Nancy Stompor, Paul Stompor, Anne & Cathy Drougas, Eddie & Aisling, Erin & DJ Sipe & family, Kelly & Kevin Cartwright & family -- health & happiness)
- 9:00 AM — Henry & Mary Cieccko, Charles Boyd, Greg Uliasz
- 11:00 AM — Mary Coffman, Sharon Tuzik, Escobar family, deceased members of the Bujno family
- 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Alicia Martinez Gaytan, Eva Guaoirdalupa

Presider Schedule - December 31 & January 1

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



Janina Futtner

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord
 Monday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
 Tuesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
 Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 Thursday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
 Friday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Saturday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
 Next Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- 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
- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
- Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

— SAINT BEDE —
**HE WHO IS THE BREAD
 OF ANGELS IS LAID DOWN
 IN A MANGER,
 THAT HE MIGHT FEED US,
 AS IT WERE THE SACRED ANIMALS,
 WITH THE BREAD OF HIS FLESH.**



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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:

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.

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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*