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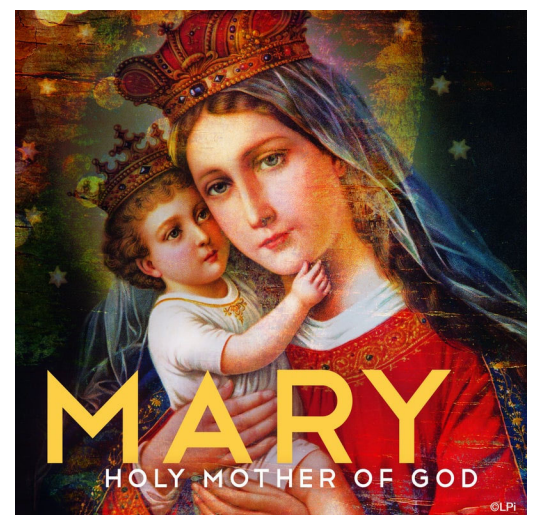
Mary, Mother of God

Peace to you! It is customary to wish or impart blessings upon those whom we cherish during the Holy Days and as the New Year begins. Doing so demonstrates that we care about those who surround us; that we wish them well. I, for instance, have the great fortune to receive my mom's blessing every time I leave home to come back to the parish after my day off or a holy day. It has become a tradition (more than just a tradition I should say) that I cannot go without after every visit.

From time immemorial, thus, blessings have served the task of reminding the blessed person that they hold a special place in our hearts, that they are important to us. Blessings become a sort of "tag" or special label, reminding the person that they are "set apart" for us. In fact, we declare that when we bless someone or something, the person, object or action becomes holy, sacred or hallowed. The word "holy" actually means "set aside" or "set apart." Thus, when we bless someone, truly we are renewing their status as a person set apart for us; hence, the importance of a mother's blessing. Every time a mother bestows her blessing upon her children, she is renewing the motherhood that binds each and every one of her children to her. If you will, she is putting new spiritual "tags" on each one of them that read, "you are my beloved son" or "you are my beloved daughter."

Providentially, as we ease into the year 2023, Holy Mother Church presents us with the Solemnity of the Great Mother of God, Mary. Sapientially, the first reading overflows with the image of blessings. God Himself instructs Moses to reveal to Aaron and his sons the method by which they will bless the people. If we examine the blessing formulas that God the Father gives Moses, we quickly realize that each one of them expresses a hope. This hope, however, is binding and certain. That is, when Aaron pronounces the blessing, the Lord will truly shine His face upon those receiving the blessing. The Lord will also "be gracious" to them, "look kindly" upon them and given them "peace." In other words, a blessing extends beyond a simple wish. It carries a certainty: that the Lord God will be and dwell with the person who has received such blessing.

With this in mind, we look to Mary at the beginning of this new year. She is our mother and desires to impart her maternal blessing upon us all, so that we may dwell in her love and the love of her Son, Jesus Christ. She wishes to renew the motherhood that binds us to her by setting us apart for her. Her maternal blessing, in fact, put us right near to her heart. As the Gospel of Luke narrates, she kept all those experiences of her Son in her heart, a prophetic action prefiguring her future role as the mother of all the baptized. Our only task now is to be receptive of her maternal blessing, an action that gathers all of us, her children, into her embrace this new year. God Bless!





Today is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart. **Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2023 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!**

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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Championship Sunday Party
Sunday, January 29, 2023**

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

Tables are \$250 (seat 10)

\$30 entry fee at the door for same day walk-ins

Email st.elizabethhns@gmail.com to reserve a table.





Save the Date...
CASINO NIGHT-2023
Saturday, February 25, 2023.
Details in upcoming bulletins.



**Thanks to Michie Burke and
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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 sponsoring them.

Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem

Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, as you were born into a family who fled to Egypt as refugees, help us grow in solidarity with refugees everywhere, to know we are all refugees, until our hearts find refuge in you.

As you were born under an oppressive regime, let us grow in solidarity with those whose governments deny them their rights and try to undermine their dignity. Help us work for just governance everywhere.

As it was workers, the shepherds, who first came to know you, the carpenter's son, let us remember the dignity of human labor— that you share a special love for those who work hard for their sustenance, and toil beside them.

Let us honor you, in work and in prayer, that livelihoods may be secure, and that workers not be exploited.

As you were adored by the Magi who came from far-off nations to honor you, let us bring to all nations the great good news that is your love.

As your coming was joyfully sung by angels, let us with joy celebrate the gift of life every time a child of God is conceived, and honor that gift with our care.

As you were denied any birthplace but a stable, help us to open our homes, our lives, our hearts to the coming of God and his presence in your people.

Be born this time into our hearts, dear Lord. Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, through the cradle of our hearts, be born into our world.

Courtesy United States Conference of Catholic Bishops





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Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—
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TIPS TO PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING

During cold weather months the Chicago Department of Water Management (DWM) encourages residents make sure pipes in homes are properly insulated and not exposed to freezing air.

SPECIFICALLY, HOMEOWNERS SHOULD:

- Maintain proper heat in their homes; particularly in basement crawl spaces or closets that house a water service.
- Insulate pipes, particularly those outside or on the perimeter of the residence.
- Run a trickle of cold water on each floor of the home at the points furthest from the location of the main water service into the home.
- Make sure that there is warm air circulating in any area where there are water pipes. This includes garages and unheated areas of the home.
- Remove all garden hoses from hose bibbs, cover the bibbs with Styrofoam hose bibb insulating caps and shut off control valves for hose bibbs.
- Make sure there are no broken windows or other sources to allow cold winter air to enter.

**IF PIPES FREEZE, DO NOT THAW THEM USING CANDLES OR ANY OPEN FLAME.
 INSTEAD PLEASE USE A HAIR DRYER OR HEATING PAD.**



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Some of what the school has been doing this year...





Pope's World Peace Day message: There is light even in our darkest hour

“No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace.” With this as its title, Pope Francis has presented his message for the 56th World Day of Peace, held annually on 1 January.

The Holy Father’s message, released on Friday, December 16, opens with a quotation from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians (5:1-2).

Thus, the Pope recalls that the Apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonian community to remain steadfast. Likewise, he says, “when tragic events seem to overwhelm our lives, we are called to keep our hearts open to hope and to trust in God, who makes himself present, accompanies us with tenderness, sustains us in our weariness and, above all, guides our path.”

There is light even in the darkest hour, says Pope Francis, before going on to use the Covid-19 pandemic as an example: “The pandemic seems to have upset even the most peaceful parts of our world, and exposed any number of forms of fragility.”

Three years later, he stresses, “the time is right to question, learn, grow and allow ourselves to be transformed as individuals and as communities” reminding us, as he has done before, that “we never emerge the same from times of crisis: we emerge either better or worse.”

This experience has made us all the more aware of the need for everyone, including peoples and nations, to restore the word “together” to a central place in our lexicon. Only the peace that comes from a fraternal and disinterested love can help us overcome personal, societal, and global crises.

Pope Francis goes on to stress that this is not the post-Covid era we had hoped for or expected. “At the very moment when we dared to hope that the darkest hours of the Covid-19 pandemic were over, a terrible new disaster befell humanity,” he said, noting that the world witnessed the onslaught of another scourge: another war, “driven by culpable human decisions.”

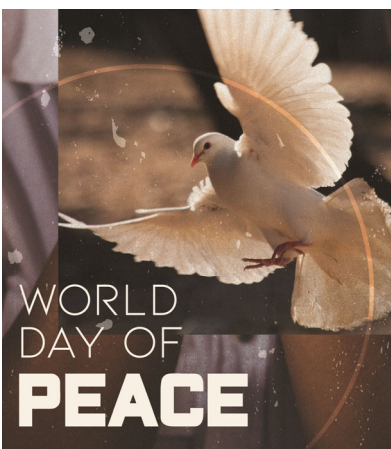
Pope Francis notes that the war in Ukraine is “reaping innocent victims and spreading insecurity, not only among those directly affected, but in a widespread and indiscriminate way for everyone, also for those who, even thousands of kilometers away, suffer its collateral effects – we need but think of grain shortages and fuel prices.”

“This war,” he says, “together with all the other conflicts around the globe, represents a setback for the whole of humanity and not merely for the parties directly involved. While a vaccine has been found for Covid-19, suitable solutions have not yet been found for the war.”

“What then is being asked of us?” the Pope asks, in light of all these difficult times: “First of all, to let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis.”

In fact, he explains: “we can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests, (...) instead we must think in terms of the common good.”

We cannot, however, ignore one fundamental fact, he continues: “Many moral, social, political and economic crises we are experiencing are all interconnected, and what we see as isolated problems are actually causes and effects of one another.”



And he calls on all those in positions of responsibility and on all men and women of goodwill “to revisit the issue of ensuring public health for all”; to “promote actions that enhance peace and put an end to the conflicts and wars that continue to spawn poverty and death”; “to join in caring for our common home and in implementing clear and effective measures to combat climate change”; “to battle the virus of inequality and to ensure food and dignified labor for all, supporting those who lack even a minimum wage and find themselves in great difficulty.”

Finally, Pope Francis asks that in the coming New Year that “we journey together, valuing the lessons that history has to teach us.”

- Francesca Merlo, Vatican News Service

MASS INTENTIONS

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 31, 2022

5:00 PM — Mike Maughan, Don Love Jr., Rivero Family (thanksgiving), Paul Lombardi, Jr & Elisabeth Atz (25th anniversary of death)

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 Ciecko, 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 Guadalupe, Maria Ritter

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023

8:30 AM — Michael Carzon, Eva Guadalupe

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

8:30 AM — for peace in Ukraine

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

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — Eva Guadalupe

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

8:30 AM — Eva Guadalupe

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

6:30 PM — (Spanish Mass) — Eve Guadalupe

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina, Eva Guadalupe

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

8:30 AM — Kepros & Pryst families, Eva Guadalupe

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

7:30 AM — Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Walter Dyjak (36th anniversary), Rose Dyjak (birthday), Anna, Estelle & Joseph Dyjak, Jo & Ed Sanborn

9:00 AM — for our parishioners

11:00 AM — Mary Coffman

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Eva Guadalupe, Maria Ritter, Evangelina Rubio

Presider Schedule - January 7 & 8

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Sepulveda

7:30 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / Parish Choir

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



Victoria Keenan
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Monday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Thursday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Friday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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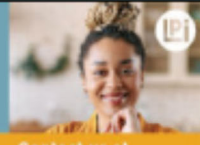


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SERVICES

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)

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.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact 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 us at: 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*