



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**



**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those  
who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

In today's First Reading the Lord told Moses:

***"Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them:  
Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy."***

It was said that when Charlton Heston accepted the role as Moses in Cecil B. DeMille's biblical epic, *The Ten Commandments*, he asked a good rhetorical question while being interviewed: "How do you act holy?" Of course, the goal of the spiritual life, with God's grace, is that we actually become more like the Lord - holy. It is not an outward performance but developing an inward reality.

The Second Vatican Council also stressed that every person in the Church is called to holiness: "Therefore in the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: ***"For this is the will of God, your sanctification"*** (1 Thes. 4:3; cf. Eph. 1:4)."

We too might ask like a movie star portraying a saint or even Jesus on the big screen: "How do I do this, how do I act or even become holy?" Today in this fourth Sunday installment from Jesus Christ's Sermon on the Mount, He tells us and shows us what He means.

The Lord tells us to walk an extra mile with others and to give loans when asked. He says that we should love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Our Heavenly Father looks upon all people with compassion, kindness, and mercy. We know this because of Christ's teachings and so the Lord calls us to love as He does, who lets the sun and rain fall on the just and the wicked alike.

We tend to want others to make the first move of conciliation and peacemaking, Christ-like responses to evil are not natural to us given our fallen human nature. At best we are able to perhaps limit our vengeance to an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. The Lord wants us to try and conquer the evil we experience in our lives with good.

Who are our enemies? In our minds we know that only demons are our real, absolute enemies, but the Lord also wants us to be honest about the fact that we have been persecuted at times, wronged, hurt, frustrated, maybe criminalized. Whether or not others meant to hurt us or not, even those that love us at times have been our "enemies". The people that we have felt most wronged by, Jesus wants us to pray for them. This is no small thing; it is a great thing to love as God does.

The parish is being given a wonderful opportunity to put the Lord's words into action with a powerful new opportunity connected with the Kolbe House prison ministry called One Prisoner, One Parish (OPOP). With guidance from Kolbe House and OPOP, parishes are given the chance to sponsor an inmate from prison about one year before they reenter society. We will pray for that person and have a team of about seven members communicate with him, offering encouragement, and then there is ongoing parish support so that he can reenter the community with support and new hope.

Here is a link to the One Prisoner One Parish website so you can learn more about his important ministry: <https://undergroundministries.org/st-elizabeth-chicago>.

Crime in Chicago is pretty extreme and it might seem overwhelming. But when we think about it, we can't help everyone, but we can help one person encounter Christ's love and help a former criminal find new hope and purpose and begin a better life after prison. If you'd like to be one of the seven team members who writes and communicates directly with our incarcerated brother, let us know, there will be orientations and presentations forthcoming.

***The Lord is kind and merciful.***



In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

**This month, through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to assist families in need by providing food and help with for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**



### Ash Wednesday, February 22

Masses:

6:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. (*with school*)

6:30 p.m. (bilingual)

Liturgy of the Word Prayer Services (*with ashes*):

12:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

### PREPARE FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday (February, 22) is fast approaching. Please make sure to get an actual hard copy of our today's bulletin. It contains an inserted Lenten packet. This packet includes a Lenten schedule of all of our parish liturgical offerings. There is also a Rice Bowl box which can use to support both your fasting and almsgiving efforts during Lent. All of these items will be available throughout Lent on the tables in the vestibule along with numerous other items suitable for augmenting your Lenten prayer life.



### LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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### SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, March 19 - St. Joseph's Table

Sunday, April 30 - Spaghetti Dinner to support the Station School in Rwanda

Watch future bulletins for all of the details.

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## SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at [catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi](https://catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi) or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



In observance of President's Day, our Parish Office and Parish School will be closed on Monday, February 20. Regular scheduling will resume on Tuesday, February 21.



## SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—Nicholas Guerrieri—Cathy Minnick—Marie Brasher—Molly Morris—Paola Estrada—Judy Biala—Eva Anderson—Elise Fernandez—Emery Tanski—Fr. Dan Fallon—Cary Muldoon—Pauly—John Morrison—Sr. Kelly Masdat MSHT—Darlene Russo—Constance Anderson—Dolores Nano—Diane Dudek—Roberto Druca—Doreen Ciesla-Hugglung—Steve Hovde—Helzing Aguilar—Flavia Langan—Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering—Eugene Chmielowski—Alice Ward—Arthur Hamilton—Paul Wierdak—Helen Hayes—Paul Wierdak  
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We invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of “Walking on the road with Jesus.”

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).



## 2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2022 contribution statements are now available by request.

We would prefer to email them to you or have you pick them up at the parish office, but they can also be mailed. You may call or email the parish office if you would like to request a copy. Call 773 763-8228 or email:

[parishoffice@setparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@setparish.org) or [jmadura@archchicago.org](mailto:jmadura@archchicago.org).

If you are a Faith Direct user, you are able to print out your own report through their website. If you have made contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal you will receive an acknowledgement directly from the Archdiocese.

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# VOCATIONS EVENTS

Do you think you might have a calling?

Fr. Tim Monahan, Vocations Director, wants to connect with you.

**High school** men are invited:

Quigley Discerners event, Feb. 25

**College** men are invited:

Seminary Sprint in Mundelein, Mar. 10–11

**Scan for details and sign up!**





**Ashes & Pizza with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Wednesday, Feb. 22 6:30 pm**

We invite you to join the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish family as we prepare to walk the season of Lent together – one community of faith, on the journey towards Christ.



Please join us at the 6:30 p. m. Mass and distribution of ashes, followed by fellowship and a light meal – no meat, just cheese or veggie pizza, and a salad.\*

Meet other families and exchange ideas for deepening your Lenten experience. Free resources will be available to help families engage the kids on the Lenten journey. We hope you will take home ideas to start some new traditions!

\*Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (one main meal; 2 smaller meals) and abstinence (no meat) for healthy individuals 16 and older



- Suggested donations: \$5/adult and \$3/child
- All are invited, including those who attended earlier Lenten services
- Reservations recommended, but walk-ins are welcomed
- Look for the Flocknote Sign-up email for reservations or sign up in the vestibule today after Mass.
- Do you need service hours or want to help

with the event in any way?

Call Ashley Guinn or Peggy Bradley at: 773-763-8228



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT LENT

This information is taken from the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)

**Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.**

A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

**Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?**

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

**Q. I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?**

A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

**Q. I've noticed that restaurants and grocery stores advertise specials on expensive types of fish and seafood on Fridays during Lent. Some of my Catholic friends take advantage of these deals, but somehow I don't feel right treating myself to the lobster special on Fridays during Lent.**

A. While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer.

**Q. I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?**

A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, *but combined they should be less than a full meal*. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

**Q. Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?**

A. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.





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, FEBRUARY 18, 2023**

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family, Mike Maughan, Electo Infante, Larry Thunburg, Reynold Salmi

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

7:30 AM — special intention of Gwen, Rita C. Hagerty, William P. Durkin  
 9:00 AM — Tom & Ginny McManus, Avelina Cabrera del Rosa & Gemeliano Cabrera  
 11:00 AM — Fabrizio Ferruzzi, Thanksgiving Intention for Celina, Patrick Jr., Caitlin & baby Lyam Kelly, Avelina Cabrera del Rosa & Gemeliano Cabrera, Jean Doherty  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Adrian & Jesus Hernandez, Maria Ritter, Silvestre Arroyo Delgado, Adalberto Correa Garcia, Elvira Gonzalez

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

8:30 AM — Helen Dasse Arden, John Szmyd -1st Annv.  
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - *Adoration / Benediction at 6:00*  
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION  
 6:30 PM — for peace in Ukraine

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

6:30 AM — for our parishioners  
 8:30 AM — John Szmyd Jimmy Patton— health, Eugene Chmielowski— health  
 12:00 PM — LITURGY OF THE WORD service  
 4:00 PM — LITURGY OF THE WORD service  
 6:30 PM — (Bilingual Mass) — Joyce Poskozim

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

8:30 AM — Jose Luis Carballo (Birthday), Ernelea Cob (Birthday)  
 6:30 PM — (bilingual Confession)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023**

8:30 AM — Joseph Gentile

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023**

8:30 AM — John J. Fergus, Respect for Life  
 5:00 PM — Don Love, Mike Maughan, Diane Dudek, Lorraine Schmidt, Ely Tablante, Angelina Carballo

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

7:30 AM — special intention of Gwen, Vivian Crimaldi  
 9:00 AM — for our parishioners  
 11:00 AM — Rosemarie Tazelaar, Henryk Bujno, Ann Marie (health), John Gleason (health)  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Adrian & Jesus Hernandez, Maria Ritter, Silvestre Arroyo Delgado, Teresa Luna, Elvira Gonzalez

**Presider Schedule - February 25 & 26**

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Sepulveda (*piano*)  
*Deacon Greg preaching*  
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano (*organ*)  
*Deacon John Preaching*  
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda (*Parish Choir / piano*)  
*Deacon John Preaching*  
 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano (*organ*)  
*Deacon Greg Preaching*  
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: Presidents' Day  
 Tuesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday  
 Thursday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
 Friday:  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent  
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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48  
 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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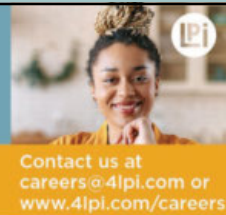
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## SERVICES

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*