



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

In today's Gospel, Jesus began showing the disciples what kind of savior He was. He was going to suffer greatly, be killed by the leaders in Jerusalem, and then raised from the dead. He was going to be a suffering Messiah, to lay down His life for His sheep. Love in a fallen world is revealed through sacrifice and Christ shows the Father's love by laying down His life for our salvation.

St. Peter was hearing none of it and even invoked God's name against this plan: "***God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to You.***" We're never in a good spiritual place trying to tell the Son of God what to do. And that's why we hear the shocking words: "***Get behind Me, Satan! You are an obstacle to Me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.***"

We can all sympathize with Peter though; we are fallen humans after all. We run from suffering and while the *idea* of sacrificial love is beautiful, in concrete reality it can be gritty and painful. Our prayer for happiness might sound more like: "*God forbid that I don't have wealth, health, honor, comfort and so forth.*"

Whenever we choose against our selfishness and pride and are faithful to the Lord and our daily duties, we're happier and have a peace and joy that the world can't give. The Lord knows this and so often tries to remind us that this life is the time for heroic virtue, not ease and honors.

To hammer the point home Jesus says: "***What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?***"

I can't read these words without thinking of my favorite movie of all time: "A Man for All Seasons" about the life of St. Thomas More. Throughout this Robert Bolt based play there is a parallel story to Thomas More, the life of Richard Rich. Thomas More was a successful lawyer, writer, was loved by his family and respected by his peers. At the high point of his career, he was made Lord Chancellor of England. But the fame and glory never went to his head, he was a prayerful, honest, and faithful Catholic.

Richard Rich, however, was a man hungry for advancement and very much had worldly desires. He wanted to be part of the happenings at court and sneered when Thomas More suggested he be a schoolteacher. Their ways parted for a while. Meanwhile, King Henry VIII had declared himself the head of the Church in England and everyone had to take the Oath of Supremacy. Virtually all the leaders in the country took the oath and More was put on trial for treason, but he would not go against the truth and his conscience.

Thomas More was convicted partly because Richard Rich gave false testimony about him. This happened in real life, and More was shocked that Rich, to gain advancement, would perjure himself. More said: "*In good faith, Mr. Rich, I am more concerned for your perjury, than my peril.*" Before Richard Rich left as a witness, Thomas More noticed that he wore a chain of office and was informed that Richard Rich was now the Attorney General of Wales. More asked to see the chain and as he did, he said: "*Why Richard, it profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world...but for Wales?*"

The only thing we take with us when we die is the people we have become. The Lord knows the good that He has planned for our eternity. Whatever crosses He allows us to carry here, will help get us there. We can't have two heavens, one in this life and one in the next.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

God bless,

Fr. Mike

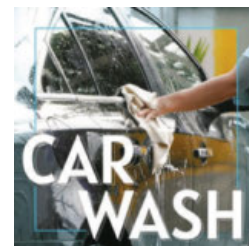


Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

Last month, through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting individuals and families by providing food and assisting with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

CLASS OF '24 CAR WASH

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 8th grade class of '24 will be having a car wash fundraiser on **Sat. Sept. 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in our back parking lot. The cost will be \$12 for cars and \$15 for trucks and SUV's and donations are welcome and appreciated! Please consider stopping by on the 9th to help our 8th graders raise money for the upcoming school year!

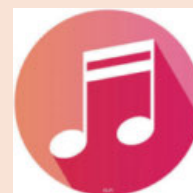


ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

Beginning today, Confessions will be heard each Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.. They will be bilingual when Fr. Leo is available.

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir is looking for new members aged high school and up. We sing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the choir loft. Can't commit to singing every week? No problem, scheduling is flexible! Rehearsals start on Tuesday, September 5th. All experience levels are welcome!



GUITAR ENSEMBEL OPENING

The Guitar Ensemble is St. Elizabeth's contemporary music group. They are seeking musicians to accompany them. If you or someone you know plays the bass guitar, flute or violin and has a desire to participate in this important ministry, please contact Brian Hiram at: brian.hiram@gmail.com or call (773) 710-4873.

The Guitar Ensemble plays once per month at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass, and rehearsals are held on most Tuesday evenings. Ability to read basic music is required.

Fall 2023 Training for New Ministers of Care

We'd like more people to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes.

The next New Ministry of Care Training will take place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview at McDonnell Hall, on two Saturdays – September 30 & October 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Chaplain Rick Nash and Jim Vlazny, Coordinators of the Ministry of Care at OLPH, will facilitate this training program. Attendees must attend both Saturday sessions to be mandated as a Minister of Care in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For more information or to register contact our parish Minister of Care Coordinator, Tony Lupinski through the parish office.

23 SEPTEMBER 2023
PARISH SOCIAL

SAVE THE DATE!

Starts with Mass at 4:00
(no 5:00 Mass this day)

Baptism



Elizabeth Cataleya, child of
Juan & Vanessa
(Avalos) Coronel

Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Navia Camila, child of
Mauricio & Luz
(Avalos) Rios

Women's Group

The Women's Group of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity invites all women of the parish to join us for our first meeting of the year on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** in the SEOT auditorium. Join us for games, refreshments & raffles. *Share the joy...bring a friend!*

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Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—
Nicholas Guerrieri—Cathy Minnick—Marie Brasher—Paola Estrada—Judy Biala—Eva Anderson—
Elise Fernandez—Emery Tanski—Fr. Dan Fallon—Cary Muldoon—Pauly—Sr. Kelly Masdat MSHT—
Darlene Russo—Constance Anderson—Dolores Nano—Roberto Druca—Doreen Ciesla—Hugglung—
Steve Hovde—Helzing Aguilar—Flavia Langan—Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering—Alice Ward—
Arthur Hamilton—Paul Wierdak—Victoria Judson—Anthony Pfeifer—Paul Konietzny—
Kathy Burns—Joan Harriss—Daniel Fraczkowski—Jackie Fortier—Lois Schulmeister—
Charles Jacobucci

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

NOT CATHOLIC?
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CONFIRMATION?

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**COME ENCOUNTER THAT
LOVE IN A NEW WAY BY
BECOMING CATHOLIC.**

Classes for becoming Catholic begin on September 10th and we will partner with our brothers and sisters at St. Paul of the Cross. Deepen your faith, journey with others, and be welcomed as a member of the Catholic Church. Contact Ashley Guinn at aguinn@archchicago.org to learn more.



BAPTISM REUNION

Did you have Your Child Baptized
at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity? We
would love to have you join us for
hospitality and a chance to meet
others with children in our
community

SEPTEMBER 17TH

following the 11:00 Mass in the Auditorium.
RSVP Via Flocknote invitation or by Calling
Ashley Guinn in the Parish office.



Why is there something
rather than nothing?

Why is everything so
obviously messed up?

What if anything has God
done about it?

How should I respond?



Have you or someone you know
ever asked these questions?

If so, we would love to have you
join us for Rescue Project.

Register using the QR Code, on
the parish website, or by con-
tacting

Ashley
Guinn in
the Parish
Office.

Starts
Thursday,
October
5th.



First Day of Religious Education is Sunday, September 10, 2023

We have a special schedule planned to welcome
our students and their families.



Back-to-School Mass for Religious Ed Families

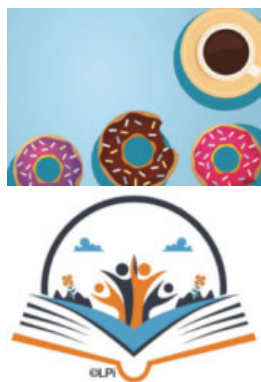
9:00 a.m. Mass

All parishioners and RE families are invited



10:00 a.m. – RE Students

Pre-registered students proceed to Door #2 of the school. Students who are not yet registered may proceed with their families to the Auditorium to complete registration.



10:00 a.m. – RE Parent Meeting

RE parents and younger siblings are invited to hospitality in the auditorium – come and meet other RE families. Important information about the RE program, including the Parent Fair Share volunteer opportunities, will be presented, followed by a reflection from our pastor, Fr. Mike. At 11:15 a.m. families will visit their child's/children's classrooms and meet the catechists. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m.

Early Bird Registration Discount has been extended to Tuesday, Sept. 5th

All grades, 1st through 8th are open for enrollment. Children in 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade who have not made their First Communion will join a sacramental catch-up class to prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist on May 5, 2024. High-Schoolers who have not received the graces of Confirmation may join a special RCIC class to prepare to receive the sacrament on Feb. 22, 2024

Registration forms are available in the church vestibule or on the parish website.

Contact Peggy Bradley, Religious Education Coordinator 773-763-8228

SPRED (*Special Religious Development*)



SPRED Meetings for Adult Catechists are on every other Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. during the school year and on every other Saturday as a Community from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. starting in October.

Consider joining the team as an aide or stepping in as a catechist. No formal experience with teaching the faith or working with special needs students is required. You will be paired with a more experienced catechist on the team.

Notice of Future Work Being Done During September and October

Please note that we will be having a few projects done on the church and Ardmore parking lot in the months of September and October.

The east, lower roofs of the church, above and around the sacristy will be replaced, as well as some electrical work being done inside the church.

In addition, we will be having the Ardmore church parking lot repaved and the parking lines repainted, which is normal for new lots after their first year.

The dates for the work to be started on the various projects are still to be finalized but we expect one if not all the jobs to be started towards the middle or end of September.

We will post another reminder and signs on the parking lot and in the church once start dates are finalized.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of our parish.

Michael Parilla

Operations Director



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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 5: Altar Kiss By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL



Why is Father kissing that table? Have you noticed that, during the entrance hymn or antiphon, the celebrant approaches the altar and kisses it? Why does he do that? As Charles Belmonte explains in his book, *Understanding the Mass*: “As a sign of veneration, the priest and deacon (if there is one present) kiss the altar... The altar symbolizes the heart of the Church. It is the Lord’s table and the center of the Eucharistic action. It has always been considered a symbol of Christ. That is why we cover the altar with a cloth, out of reverence for the celebration of the memorial of the Lord’s sacrifice.” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 49).

What Is the Significance of a Catholic Altar?

According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, “altar” comes from the Hebrew word meaning “place of sacrifice” (*Catholic Encyclopedia*, p. 31). Perhaps this reminds us of the many altars erected throughout the Old Testament where sacrifices were offered to God. Altars were erected in special places where the people had an encounter with God, which then became places of prayer. This background leads us to the current altars in our churches, where the Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated and we encounter Christ truly present in the Eucharist. We call the Mass a sacrifice because we are given an opportunity to share in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Jesus Christ—body, blood, soul, and divinity—becomes present during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. Jesus Christ, God Himself, is present there with us! No wonder we give the altar special honor as the place where we encounter Christ dwelling among us!

More Than A Simple Gesture

As Belmonte continues, “To kiss the altar is to kiss Christ. It is then understandable that we want to make ours this kiss of the celebrant. It evokes in our memory the many kisses of that sinful woman in the Pharisee’s house. She could not cease to kiss Christ’s feet, washing them with her tears. Great sins were forgiven her because she loved so greatly (Lk 7:38). And we have so many faults to ask pardon for! Now, by this kiss, the priest also signifies the union of the Spouse (Christ) with his Bride (the Church)... What the priest is beginning to accomplish here is nothing other than to forge the union of the Church with her Master, of the soul with its Redeemer” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 49). As you may realize, kissing the altar is more than a simple gesture!

Relics of Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Given the dignity of the altar, it is fittingly constructed in a special way. “In keeping with the Church’s traditional practice and with what the altar signifies, the table of a fixed altar should be of stone and indeed of natural stone. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, wood which is dignified, solid, and well-crafted may be used, provided the altar is structurally immobile” (GIRM, no. 301). Altars typically also have a special set-in stone that contains the relic of a saint. The relic is usually a small bone fragment from one of the martyrs or perhaps a saint that is the patron or namesake for a particular church building. The tradition of the relic can be traced back to the first centuries of Masses celebrated at the burial places of the martyrs or in the catacombs.

For me as a priest, I often think of the saint at the altar and about his or her life and faithfulness to Christ. I think about how the witness of faith helps to strengthen us now. I remember that the intercession of the saints assists us in our own day. In celebrating Mass this way, there is a special connection between the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and the way the Eucharist strengthened that particular saint—to say the least, a great reminder of how the Eucharist strengthens us for holy and faithful life in Christ!



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, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

5:00 PM — Dick & Peggy Lomeka, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Glen Langseth

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

7:30 AM — Frank Gauss IV, Eugene Fraczkowski, Roxanne Wilhelm

9:00 AM — Peter Eck, Dawn Cavins, souls in purgatory

11:00 AM — Paul Stompor (birthday), Michael Edward Stompor (baptism), Keith D Walker, Carmen Carballo Rosario (health), Glen Langseth

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Cesar Hernandez Marin

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

8:30 AM — deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families, Sr. Edwardine, Peter & Patricia Smith

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

8:30 AM — Damari Sanchez, Eleanor, Samuel, Grace & Joseph Holden

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

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — Beatriz Saucedo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

8:30 AM — Leida Sanchez, Peter Eck, Beatriz Saucedo

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

8:30 AM — James Kelliham, Beatriz Saucedo

7:00 PM — Mass (Spanish)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

8:30 AM — Doug & Sue Dasse, Beatriz Saucedo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

8:30 AM — Austreberto Gonzalez, Janina Wisniewski, Theresa Stachulski, Beatriz Saucedo

3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION

5:00 PM — Don Love, Hector Mario Sepulveda

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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

9:00 AM — Mary Cieccko (birthday remembrance), Marcos Fernandez Sr, Women's Group, RE Parents & Students

11:00 AM — Joe Dziedzic family, souls in purgatory

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Beatriz Saucedo, Cesar Hernandez Marin

Presider Schedule - September 9 & 10

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Grisolanoo / *piano*

7:30 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / *organ*

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolanoo / *piano* / *Parish Choir*

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / *organ*

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk
4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom
13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

It is only because of the crucifixion, the death of our divine Lord, that we have his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. It was only because of that Last Supper that we have the sacrifice of the Mass today. And it is only because of his crucifixion and death that eternal life is possible for us. Christ always raises the natural up to the supernatural. When we receive his Body and Blood we are swept up into his divinity.

—John Cardinal O'Connor, quoted in **From a Moment of Grace: John Cardinal O'Connor on the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

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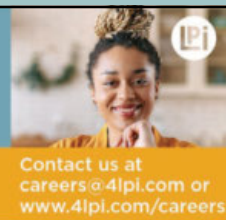
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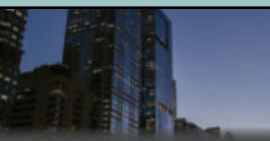
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Weekend Mass Schedule:

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., Sunday: 12:00 - 12:45 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): Monday - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdón to make arrangements:
gbzdón@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)

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*"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*