



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



OCTOBER 1, 2023



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

FROM FR. MIKE LEO

October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peace to you!

Christ rescued us from the eternal powers of darkness, from the gripping snare of sin and death. His birth was undoubtedly one of the most powerful and divine beacons of light that humanity had seen since the creation of the world. His death on the Cross and His Splendorous resurrection from the dead illuminated the whole of creation and humanity forever. Very much indeed, then, Christ is *the* precious light amid complete darkness - and He continues to be that for us. We understand this perfectly. We all have been afraid in the dark, scrambling to find even the dimmest of light sources. Any light, even if weak, is an infinite blessing when our eyes lack the photons that allow them to do their function, namely, to guide us through sight.

This is true of everything. On April 15, 1912, the RMS Titanic lay in the frigid waters of the North Atlantic, minutes away from sinking. Most of its bow section was already submerged, and many of its critical steam-powered systems had already failed. But the lights were still on. It became vital to keep the electric generators on for as long as possible to keep hope and morale alive in the middle of absolute darkness. The multiple films portraying the fate of this ship illuminate the whole scene - after everything went dark - for cinematic purposes, but simultaneously, these movies do a great disservice to those trying to understand how it must have felt to be there. For on the big screen, we all can see the ship perfectly well, when, in reality, on that night, you would have needed to be remarkably close to it to make it out. It was very dark. But while they were still on, those rudimentary electric bulbs gave many a sense of support.

In the middle of darkness, especially when alone in an unknown place, we seek light. In today's Gospel, Jesus exemplifies and invites us to feel what it means to find light. He mentions that many found light and cherished it like the most valuable treasure when John the Baptist appeared on the scene preaching righteousness. Sinners looking for the divine consolation of light, of Godly forgiveness, finally found it in the Baptism of the Baptist and confirmed it in the Christ. For them, nothing else mattered: God had visited His people, and nothing nor no one would extinguish that light of Mercy. Jesus came to point out this truth precisely. He became one of us to teach us to cherish and treasure the light of God's forgiveness so that we may embrace it.

What a blessing it would be if we could see this light and appreciate it all the time. Close your eyes. He is there.

God Bless!

Fr. Leo





The Gospel today is a great example of saying "actions speak louder than words."

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Society poor box, know that you are putting your faith into action.

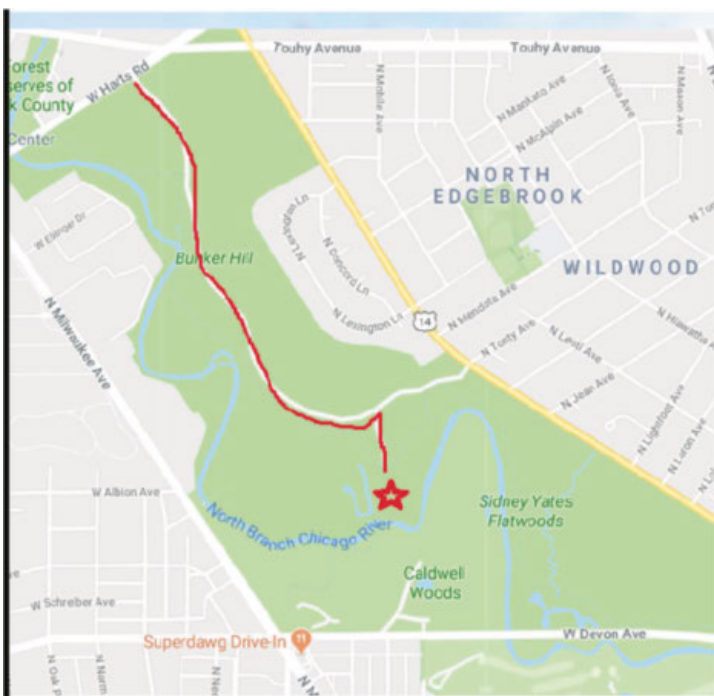
Women's Group - Sunday, October 1 - TODAY!

Women's Group Mass 9:00 a.m. *(All women of the parish are invited)*

Hospitality in the Auditorium 10:00 a.m.

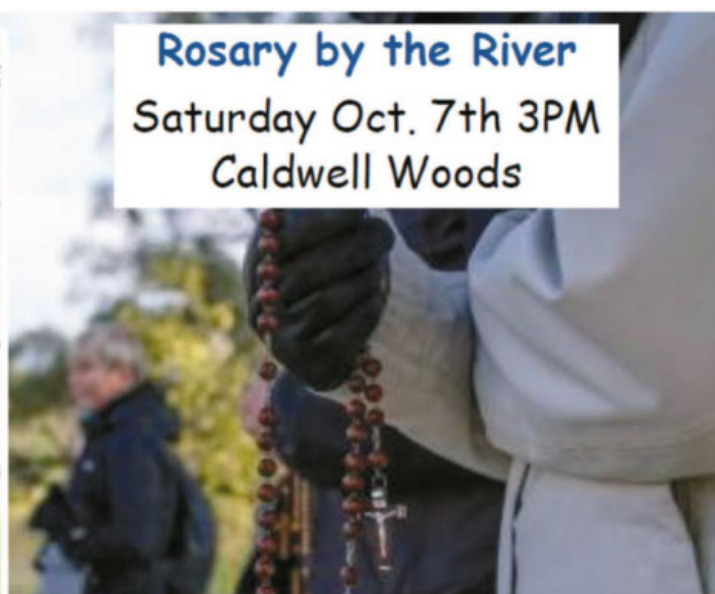
(All parishioners are welcome!)

10:45 a.m. - All women of the parish are invited to join us in the auditorium after hospitality for Adaptive Yoga/Chair Yoga presented by Debra Auger, a certified instructor (no mat required).



Rosary by the River

**Saturday Oct. 7th 3PM
Caldwell Woods**



Catholics will be saying the **Rosary** Coast to Coast on Saturday October 7th. Join thousands of voices around the United States simultaneously at 3PM (CST). We will begin to gather at 2:30 in Caldwell Woods off the Harts Road or Caldwell entrance (near the flattest, closest path). Feel free to bring a chair or umbrella. Follow the map/signs to the starred area.

Rosary will begin promptly at 3:00 led by Fr. Mike.

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."



Baptism

Welcome

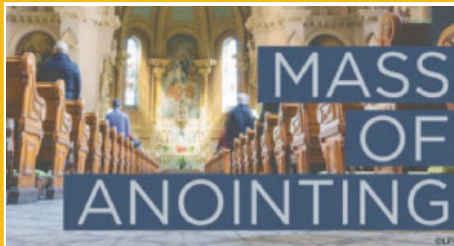
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Anthony Joseph, child of
Robert & Emily
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RWANDA STATION SCHOOL

Please make sure to get a hard copy of next week's bulletin. It will have a special four page insert that describes our parish's history and relationship with the Station School. It also does a fantastic job of showing you why your contributions are important and how they are being used.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

We will offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as part of the **8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, October 14th.**

This sacrament is intended for all who are ill - whether in body, mind, or spirit. The illness may be temporary, serious or chronic. You may receive the sacrament if you are preparing for surgery or even if you are just experiencing "old age."

It's important to understand that this sacrament is no longer referred to as the "Last Rites." As such, you may receive this sacrament as often as you need it during your life.

Members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a selection of blessed prayer shawls available for

UPDATES FROM THE OD'S DESK

As you may have noticed the repaving and restriping of the Ardmore parking lot did not take place on Friday, September 22nd, as we had planned. Due to a chance of rain in the forecast for later that morning, the contractors made the last-minute call to postpone the work. We are looking to reschedule either in October or early spring 2024, depending on schedules and weather.

Once a new date has been set, I will make an announcement in the bulletin and post signage around the church and parking lot.

I apologize for the delays and inconvenience. Thank You!

Michael Parilla, Operations Director



SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—
Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—
Nicholas Guerrieri—Fr. Dan Fallon—Marie Brasher—Paola Estrada—Judy Biala—Eva Anderson—
Elise Fernandez—Emery Tanski—Cary Muldoon—Pauly—Sr. Kelly Masdat MSHT—Darlene Russo—
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Daniel Fraczkowski—Jackie Fortier—Charles Jacobucci—Nancy Wesclitz
(Call the rectory office to have your name added or removed)



STARTS THURSDAY!

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?

Ever asked yourself these questions?
We have. Join us.



Come Join us and grow in your relationship with God and others through food, a thought provoking video and meaningful conversation. Thursdays from 6:15-8:00 pm starting Oct. 5th.

Register using the QR Code,
on the parish website, or by contacting
Ashley Guinn in the Parish Office.



Baby Bottle Project

In honor of Respect Life Month, the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Respect Life Committee is supporting the fundraising efforts of The Women's Centers of Chicago by having a Baby Bottle Drive. The drive will start next weekend and run through October 28th/29th.

Please take a baby bottle from any church entrance and fill it with your spare change (or currency). Every cent goes to support the important work of the Women's Centers of Chicago. Make checks payable to: "The Women's Centers".



PET BLESSING



The annual blessing of pets, will take place in the **Ardmore parking lot at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 4**, which is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

All pets (and their human friends are welcome!)

First Monthly Teen Mass

Oct. 22nd at 5:00 pm

with prayer time accompanied with music and Confessions starting at 4:40 and followed by an open Gym until 8:00 pm

All are welcome to join us for prayer and Mass
Teens in grades 7-12 are welcome to join us in the gym, after mass for some food and fellowship.

If you have questions or are a teen who would like to help lector or alter serve at the Mass please contact Ashley Guinn in the Parish Office or at aguinn@archchicago.org



SPECIAL ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR



The Law Firm of Kuczek & Associates, in partnership with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish, is hosting a free educational program.

Tuesday, October 24 - 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

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Dear Parishioners,

The Save My Scholarship Coalition is calling on the Illinois legislature to extend the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program. If the Illinois General Assembly fails to take action in 2023 to save the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program, then 9,500 students from low-income families will lose their scholarships causing many to leave their best-fit school.

St. Elizabeth alone has over 25 students that have qualified for a scholarship - with what amounts close to \$125K! We need to tell legislatures to keep this program!

Please contact your legislatures and tell them how important this program is to our families and school community. You can go to www.SaveMyScholarship.com and click on the "Contact Your Legislator" button. Another way to get on P2A is to text the number "52886" with the message "RTS" to get signed up directly. Finally, you can use/share this link <https://p2a.co/gmqrehi>.

Time is running out - the vote takes place this fall when they are back in session, October 24th. Please help our school community and save this program.

Dr. Kristine Hillmann, Principal

GOSPEL MEDITATION - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir





**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 9:
Forms of Penitential Act
By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



As we mentioned last time, the Penitential Act has three different forms. Why are there three? For starters, each of these three prayers have been present in liturgical celebrations since the early days of the Church. Although they are similar in that they each acknowledge the truth about God (he is merciful) and us (we need mercy), they each do so in a different way.

Form A, the *Confiteor*, is hopefully a familiar prayer beginning with the words: “*I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters...*” This prayer helps us to express sorrow for faults we have committed in word and in action. We humbly acknowledge that we have done wrong and also that we have sometimes failed to do good. Then, recognizing that we all need help, we ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother, all the other saints, and our brothers and sisters around us. In many ways, this is a great prayer for reminding us that we are all in the Christian life together.

Within the text of the Roman Missal, we are instructed to strike the breast during the words “*through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault*” (corresponding to the three “*mea culpa*” phrases of the Latin version). Throughout the Bible, striking the breast is a gesture of humility and sorrow for sins. Why three times? As Edward Sri indicates, the threefold repetition of fault “more fully expresses sorrow over our sins. [...] This line in the liturgy helps us recognize that sinning against God is no light matter. We must take responsibility for whatever wrong we have done, or the good that we should have done but failed to do.” Sri observes, “The *Confiteor* also challenges us to consider seriously four areas in which we may have fallen into sin: ‘In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do.’ These four points serve as an excellent examination of conscience” (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 33, 35).

Form A can be replaced by either Forms B or C, both of which take their inspiration from the Book of Psalms (Psalm 51, for example). **Form B** is less frequently practiced and thus not as well-known. The presider prays, “*Have mercy on us, O Lord,*” and the people respond, “*For we have sinned against you.*” The presider continues, “*Show us, O Lord, your mercy,*” and the people again respond, “*And grant us your salvation.*” This form, the ending of which recalls *Psalm 85:8*, acknowledges that we have sinned and asks for the Lord’s love and mercy.

For Form C, the Missal provides eight suggestions for use in the United States. Each of these involves the repetition of the words: “*Lord have mercy... Christ have mercy... Lord have mercy.*” Each verse of this form begins with a statement of acknowledgement about Jesus, called a trope, usually about his mission (e.g., “*you came to call sinners*”) or his person (e.g., “*you are Mighty God and Prince of Peace*”). These short verses help remind us who Jesus is and what he does for us. Why does the Church offer so many different sets of these prayers? Because Jesus is so wonderful! Even these 24 statements can’t express everything about our loving Savior. Imagine how many different verses would be possible if we wanted to include every aspect of our Savior’s love for us!

As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, “After the Penitential Act, the *Kyrie, eleison* (Lord, have mercy), is always begun, unless it has already been part of the Penitential Act” (*GIRM*, no. 52). Regarding the *Kyrie*, Edward Sri notes, “This three-fold plea for God’s mercy fittingly flows after the three-fold admission of one’s sin in the previous prayer, the *Confiteor*.” Sri goes on to say, “While the *Kyrie* is primarily an expression of repentance, it also can be seen as a petition, a prayer representing the cry of God’s people for assistance in their lives” (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 36, 39).

All this talk about the Lord’s mercy makes me feel very loved and hopeful for the graces to come in the rest of the Mass!



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, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

8:00 PM — Esther Ormachea, Frank Tadeusiak, Helen Ptak, Don Love, Diane Rudden, Henry Ciecko (birthday remembrance), Jeffrey Eric Friedlieb

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

7:30 AM — Lillian Faudalan Garcia
 9:00 AM — Dawn Cavins, James Martin, Catherine Minnick, Women's Group, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — for our parishioners
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Raul Rousset, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Maria Manon Uribe, Hector Castaneda, Alfonso Contreras

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

8:30 AM — Joseph Wanders

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

8:30 AM — Gloria Rankin
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — for peace in Ukraine

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

8:30 AM — Peter Eck, Patricia Ramussen

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

8:30 AM — Stanley Markowski (33rd anniversary)
 7:00 PM — Spanish Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina, Richard Sakre

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

8:30 AM — Kepros & Pryst families, Roberto Villaflor Sr, (thanksgiving), Richard Sakre
 3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — Don Love Jr, John Keane, Marcos Fernandez Sr, Jeffrey Friedlieb, Mary Lolly, Hugh Johnson, Richard Sakre

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — Frank Jakubiak
 11:00 AM — Joe Dziedzic family, Norberto Caraballo
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin

Presider Schedule - October 7 & 8

5:00 p.m.—Fr. Grisolano / piano / Dcn Miles preaching
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ/ Dcn Miles preaching
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / piano / Parish Choir / Dcn Matthew preaching
 11:00 a.m.—Fr. McCarthy / organ/ Dcn Greg preaching
 1:00 p.m.—(Spanish) Fr. Grisolano/Dcn Jose preaching



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
 Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi
 Thursday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 Friday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Du rocher, Virgin
 Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary
 Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22 -23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



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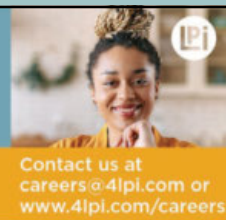
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Rosary:

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 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual)
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday: 12:00 to 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. to 8:00 p.m. (Benediction at 7:50 p.m.)

Rectory (Parish Office): Monday - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Baptism:

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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.

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 parish office to make arrangements.

Food Pantry: Open Tuesdays - 9:00 to 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)

Rectory: 773-763-8228
Fax: 773-774-8461
School: 773-763-7080
Website: www.stelizabethtrinity.org
Email: parishoffice@setparish.org

*"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*