

ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



JANUARY 28, 2024



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

January 28, 2024

FROM FR. MIKE

It's that time of year to be grateful for the gift of Catholic education through Catholic Schools Week. Last weekend we heard some reflections from our school families about how important St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School is to them. There is an open house in the school this Sunday from 10:00-noon, feel free to ask questions and get a tour. I remember the sacrifice my own parents made to provide me with a Catholic education and the advantages that it gave me academically and spiritually, their sacrifice also showed me how much they cared about me.

You probably know that sadly, the Tax Credit Scholarship through the state of Illinois has ended. However, we have created our own Tuition Assistance Fund at the local level. We are setting up an account through Faith Direct but are already accepting donations by check or through the school's 'Give Smart' app. Your donations are tax deductible (not a credit anymore) but it's much more convenient now to donate. There are about twenty students who qualified for financial aid this year and we expect the same next year. Every dollar donated to this fund will go towards financial aid to families that could not on their own afford a Catholic education for their child. Dr. Hillmann will be following up with more details soon, please be as generous as you can.

In today's Gospel, we heard that Jesus entered the synagogue and taught the people. So much of the Lord's ministry was teaching. He taught through the parables and by interpreting the Word of God correctly. He taught by His example of sacrificial love. So often passages in the Gospel begin with the words: "And Jesus taught the people." So, a key aspect of discipleship is a willingness to be taught. The word disciple literally means "one who is taught, a student, a follower."

Are we willing to let the Lord teach us? There is a great humility in allowing ourselves to be taught because in doing so we are admitting that we lack something, that we aren't completely in the know. This was the great wisdom of Socrates who was considered the wisest of men not because he knew everything but rather because he admitted how much he didn't know. We need this kind of disposition with the Lord if we're going to be His disciples; we must be willing to be taught by Him as the psalm said: "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

We are humble before Christ and listen to Him because of who He is: "The people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The Greek words used to describe Jesus' authority are "ex ousia". Jesus taught "ex ousia" which means he taught from His own being. Christ's ability to teach with authority comes from the fact that He is the Son of God, God from God and Light from Light. No other person who has ever existed could teach from their own being with authority in this way, even prophets invoked the message that the Lord gave them.

Every human being desires to know the truth of things, perhaps especially in a skeptical age like our own. Jesus Christ can be trusted, His promises can be trusted, for God can neither deceive, nor be deceived.

If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

God bless, Fr. Mike





In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority His reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As His disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society?

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Join us next Sunday for our Women's Club monthly Mass at 9:00 a.m. Our February meeting will follow hospitality at 10:45.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

After Mass come to the auditorium for hospitality sponsored by the Women's Group

January Teen Mass

January 28th at 5:00 pm

with prayer time accompanied with music and Confessions starting at 4:40 and followed by games and pizza 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

Totus Tuus: Save the Date!



We hope to have Totus Tuus return to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity this summer July 7th-12th This is a great summer opportunity full of fun and faith formation. Registration will start as soon as our date is confirmed. If you would like to be on a list to get registration information as soon as it is available please email aguinn@archchicago.org

If your family would like to help be a host family for two of the missionaries that week please contact Ashley Guinn in the parish office.

Please Consider a QCD Gift for Our Parish

Jesus told us: "Whatever you do for the least of My brothers, you do for Me." Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others.

You can help to support our parish community by making a qualified charitable distribution ("QCD") gift from your individual retirement account to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level, and the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.

If you would like more information on making a QCD gift, please contact *Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org*



BLESSING OF THROATS

On St. Blase Day, February 3, throats will be blessed at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. On the weekend Masses (Saturday at 5:00 and all Sunday Masses) we will offer a general throat blessing at the end of Mass and individual blessings to those who wish one after Mass.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

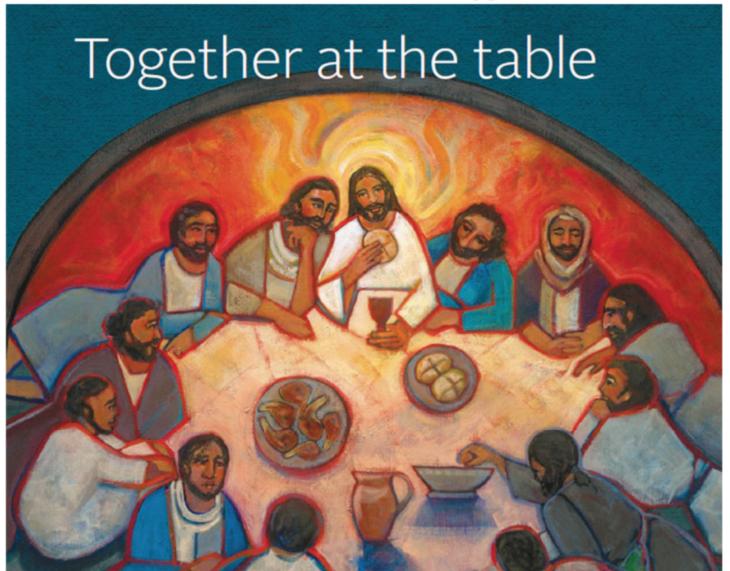
— Father John Muir ©LPi



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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal



Please make your gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Many families in our parish have already received the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call: "Together at the Table." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also helps fund services that are beneficial to our parish. As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.



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Eucharistic Revival Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 25: A Deeper Look at the Homily By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL



This week, we look more closely at the Homily. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, the homily "serves as an integral link between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Before the apostles recognized Jesus in the 'breaking of the bread,' he explained the Scriptures to them, 'filling their hearts with a burning desire.' The homily strives to kindle a fire of love for God and His Church. As a 'bridge' it draws us deeper into the mysteries we celebrate—most especially the mystery of the most Holy Eucharist" (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 9). So, as you can begin to see, the homily is really packed with a number of important goals!

Inspiration from the Church Fathers

One of the earliest written descriptions of the Mass is from St. Justin Martyr, who was writing a little earlier than 165 AD. As he describes the prayers and meaning of the Mass, I am always struck by how similar they are to our celebrations today. It is a great testament to the guiding work of the Holy Spirit and continuity of our Catholic faith and liturgy. When St. Justin describes the homily, he talks about how the leader exhorts the people to imitate the good things they have just heard. All these centuries later, preachers are still following this same pattern. The priest may use different kinds of homilies for different circumstances, taking into account what the people are like, what they know already, what kinds of involvement they have, what types of concerns are currently happening on the local level, etc. All of these elements will affect both what the faithful need to hear and how well they will understand it and live it out each day. No matter what the circumstances, and no matter what the background of the people is like, all homilies really have one thing in common: Jesus Christ who died and rose for us and our life in him. A wise old seminary professor once said, "If you never say anything else in the pulpit except Jesus loves you and wants you to be with him, the main essentials will always be in every homily."

A Bridge Between the Two Halves

So, our focus should always be on Christ, his love for us, and what that means in our lives. We focus on Christ's four-fold presence to us at every Mass: he is present in the Word of God, in the priest, in his assembled people, and especially in his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist in a most unique way. We focus on Jesus through the Scriptures and God's loving Word to his people. We focus on Jesus dwelling among us, offering himself for our sins, rising in triumph, and continuing to be with us through the Holy Eucharist. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1346, states: "The liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist together form 'one single act of worship'; the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord." It is important to remember that the Mass is not just a sequence of unrelated events: it is a perfect unity in Christ. The first half helps us get to know God (and ourselves), nourishing our faith in God; the second half helps us unite with him in body and soul. The hope of the homily, then, is to help bring these two halves together so that the faithful can go out into the world and really live the life of Christ.



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, JANUARY 27, 2024

5:00 PM — Don Love Jr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

7:30 AM — Zofia Kalemba

9:00 AM — Kathleen Joyce

11:00 AM — for our parishioners

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco, Diana Caldderon

5:00 PM — (Teen Mass)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

8:30 AM — for those on our memorial trees & boards TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

8:30 AM — Kathy Gallichio, Estefania Pena, Charles

Boyd, Conrad Deane 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — John & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

8:30 AM — for those in our prayer garden

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

8:30 AM — for our school community

6:30 PM — CONFESSION (bilingual)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

3:30 - 4:30 PM—CONFESSION

5:00 PM — Marcos Fernandez Sr, deceased members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

7:30 AM — for our parishioners

9:00 AM — Pauline Wanderski (birthday), Dawn

Cavins, Cynthia Hirami, the Women's Group

11:00 AM — for our parishioners

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

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

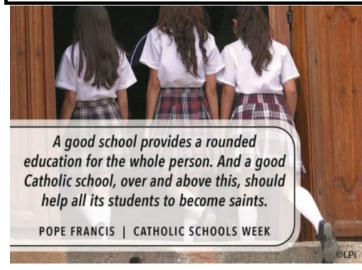
Presider Schedule - February 3 & 4

5:00 p.m.—Fr. McCarthy / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ 9:00 a.m. —Fr. McCarthy / piano / parish choir

11:00 a.m.— Fr. Grisolano/organ

1:00 p.m.—(Spanish) Fr. Grisolano



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday: Tuesday:

Wednesday:

St. John Bosco, Priest

Thursday:

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World

Day for Consecrated Life

Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St.

Ansgar, Bishop

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1

Cor/7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3,

4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/

Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk

6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,

11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9,

10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,

14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see

3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Lord, I lean on you alone for strength.

Give me your arm to support me,
your shoulders to carry me,
your breast on which to lay my head,
your Cross to uphold me,
your Eucharist to nourish me.
On you, Lord, I shall sleep and rest in peace.

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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 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:

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 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)

"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."

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