



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**FEBRUARY 4, 2024**



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

We just came through Catholic Schools week and so many fun and educational activities were planned for the kids. Last weekend, the open house and kickoff for the week went very well. The school kids did “blessing bags” for the homeless that included basics like: soap, socks, toiletries, notes of encouragement and most importantly, a bit of love borne from faith. One of the saddest things is the thought of someone not having a home or someone that cares about them. The kids are learning to do the Lord’s work of giving themselves in sacrificial love. Thanks to the hard work of Dr. Hillmann and Jenica Anderson, our new marketing director, 13 new families toured the school on Sunday before the Championship Sunday games.

We had a pretty packed house in the Auditorium for the NFC/AFC championship games. The men of the Holy Name Society did a great job organizing and staffing it. I had a sense a good time was had by all with good food, some drinks, even some hope for luck with squares. Beyond the food and games though, there was a nice gathering of guys from different eras, who clearly look forward to the event every year. It was a nice chance to catch up with some in a casual setting and hear where they are at in life. Authentic and transparent conversation can be so refreshing.

“How are you doing?” That is a simple question that we probably have asked to us often and we know the usual kind of response that we might give is “pretty good, not too bad...”. My dad’s honest and cheerful response when he was asked that question was, “mostly good.” Usually, the one asking the question isn’t really looking for a long answer and the one responding usually obliges. But sometimes, people have more to share about how they’re doing whether good, or not very good.

It has often been said that the Gospel comforts the afflicted but afflicts the comfortable. Given what I hear from most people, life is stressful with its afflictions and most people are in need of comfort. Perhaps there’s no more pitiable figure in Scripture in need of comfort than Job from our first reading. At the point where we are in the reading for today, Job’s cattle and flocks have all been stolen, his house is destroyed, his children killed and he’s sitting on a dung heap scraping the sores on his body. He’s lost family, wealth and health but he hasn’t lost his faith.

His friends have come and for a while do a good job listening and empathizing but then they think it’s their place to basically explain how Job’s sufferings are probably due to some sin of his or his family’s. At one point Job calls them “miserable comforters.” We know from the end of the book of Job that God was not pleased with Job’s friends, who He says did not know His ways.

Job’s friend’s talked about God but not to God. In his sufferings Job didn’t lose faith and wouldn’t curse God but he did lament and complain about his situation ***“is not man’s life on earth a drudgery...I have been assigned months of misery and trouble nights have been allotted to me. I shall not see happiness again.”*** We know Job did find happiness again but in his moment of trial God allowed him that chance to lament.

We can tell God our laments, our hurts and fears and our hopes and desires. We receive the grace and strength just being able to say what’s weighing on us, as the psalms said ***“praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.”*** God will listen, even if we worry that nobody else will.

God bless,  
Fr. Mike





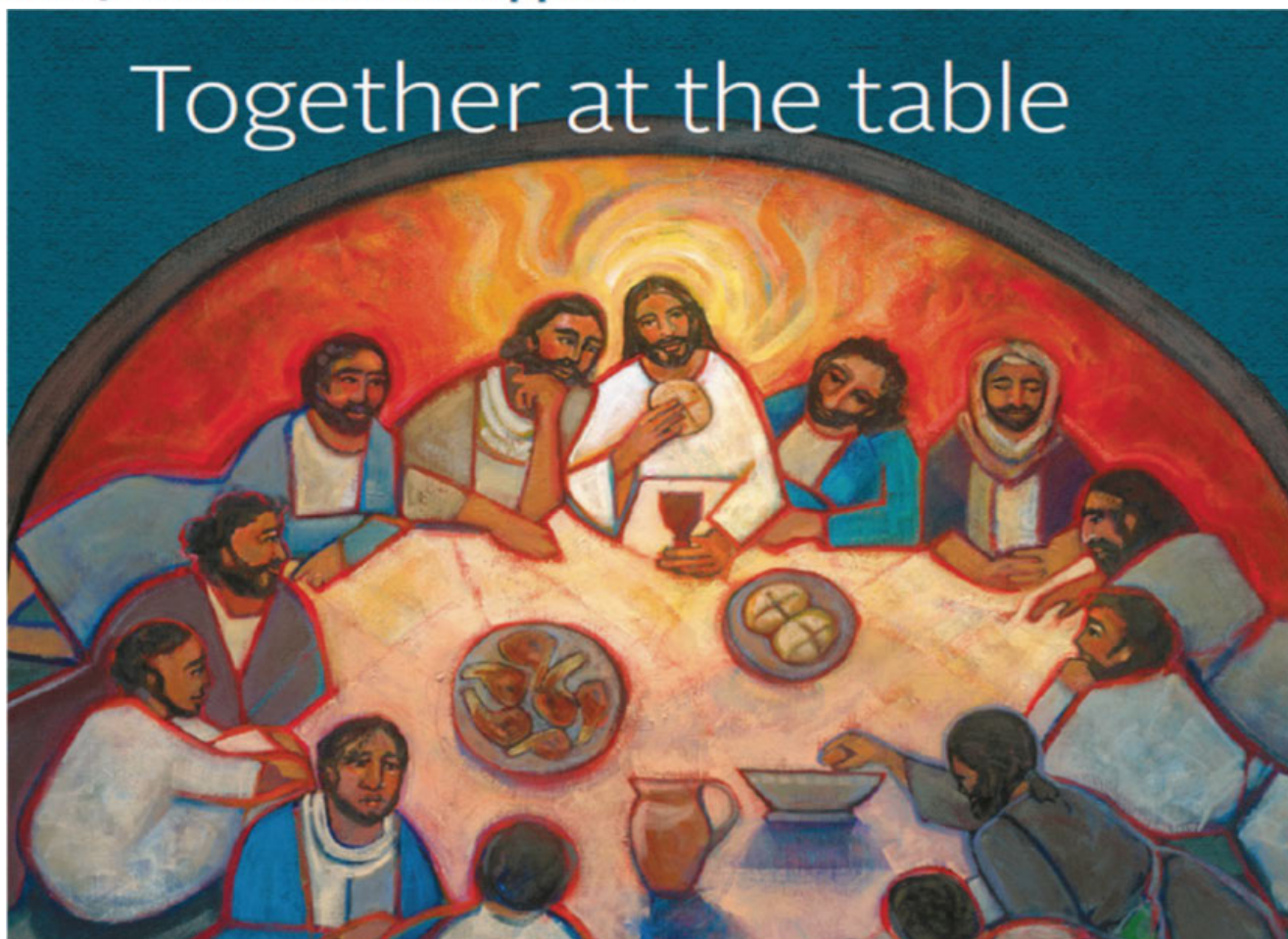
In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then He went out to preach and to heal.

**Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear, doubt, loneliness and dread.**

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Commitment Weekend.  
See the inserted brochure  
in this bulletin for details.**

## 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.



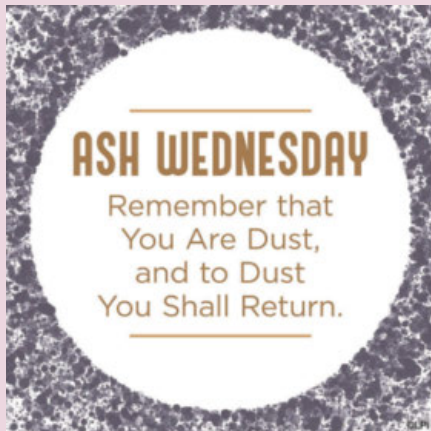
## ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Join us TODAY

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**



### ASH WEDNESDAY / LENT SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday (February 14th)

Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (with school) and 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Services (with ashes) 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.

The collection today is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Evening Prayer

Every Monday of Lent at 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at 6:30 p.m. and

7:15 p.m. in Spanish

## 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.



## SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—  
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Elise Fernandez—Emery Tanski—Cary Muldoon-Pauly—Sr. Kelly Masdat MSHT—Darlene Russo—  
Constance Anderson—Dolores Nano—Roberto Druca—Steve Hovde—Helzing Aguilar—  
Flavia Langan—Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering—Alice Ward—Arthur Hamilton—Anthony Pfeifer—  
Paul Konietzny—Kathy Burns—Joan Harriss—Daniel Fraczkowski—Jackie Fortier—  
Charles Jacobucci—Nancy Wesclitz—Ciara Czajkowski—Donna J. Kolinski—Richard Muench—  
Frank Delia—Steve Miller—Raffaella Mucerino—Sandie Douglas—Hector Magnanao  
(Call the rectory office to have your name - added or removed)





## Ashes & Pizza, Faith & Fellowship Event

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 on Feb. 14th, 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 take-home resources will be available to keep your family engaged on the Lenten journey.



***Suggested Donations: \$5 adult and \$3/child. All are invited, including those who attended earlier Lenten services. Reservations suggested, but walk-ins are welcomed. Watch for the sign-up email. Need service hours or want to help? Call Peggy Bradley @ 773-763-8228.***

### Special Prayer Intentions for Our Confirmation Candidates

**Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**Rite of Confirmation Mass**

*All are invited*



Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on February 22<sup>nd</sup> will gather at the 9:00 AM Mass on February 18<sup>th</sup> to receive a blessing, and the prayers and encouragement of our parish community. We invite our parish community to continue to pray for the 46 Confirmandi in their final weeks of preparation:

***“Heavenly Father, You send out your Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in your Son, Jesus, whom you sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to the Holy Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. Help them to truly know the deep and abiding love You have for each of them and fill them with the joy of Your presence. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.”***





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**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass  
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 26:  
How to Engage with the Homily  
By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



Why are Homilies so long anyway? To answer that question, we start by realizing that we don't always understand the Word of God perfectly when we first read it. Whenever we read a Bible passage, we should ask ourselves: "What is God saying here?" Sometimes it is pretty easy to listen to God; sometimes, it is not so easy. Sometimes reading the Bible can answer questions that we have; sometimes reading only seems to bring more questions. We humbly recognize that understanding everything about God and us is not always super-easy. So, in humility, we realize we need help. That is where the preachers of the Word come in—those who have been given a special grace to help God's people understand better his communication with us. With years of prayer and study, some preachers can become incredible resources, such as Cardinal Newman, who was known to preach on average about an hour and a half for every sermon!

### **Drawing Everyone Closer**

In the homily, the bishop, priest, or deacon tries his best to help us hear what God is saying. We try to explain the Scripture and apply it to our lives in the local area. As we said last time, the whole point is to draw each heart in the congregation closer to Jesus. This is really important: the priest seeks out each heart. That is why sometimes the homily focuses on something you already know, do, or believe; that is why the homily might not always be perfectly on track with what you are thinking about. Because there are a lot of people in the pews with different backgrounds and experiences, preaching a homily that directly addresses everyone can be a little tricky. Have you noticed that sometimes the preacher says the same thing in a couple of ways? This is one way of helping different people to understand the same message.

### **Listening with Open Hearts**

Make no mistake about it, though—the homily is not just the preacher trying to help people understand God's message to us. One of the most important parts of the homily involves everyone sitting in the pews: all are invited to listen with an open heart. Each one is encouraged to follow the homily in his or her heart, taking in what is helpful and being on the lookout for the true needs of the heart. If we believe that God is working through the ordained clergy who are preaching, then there will always be something in the homily for us; we just have to listen for it.

Another important part of listening to the homily is an openness to being challenged. If we think we already know it all (or enough), our hearts won't be ready to receive God's message to us through the preacher. We have to be ready to admit that we don't know everything and that we don't always understand everything perfectly. Listening to the homily takes some humility. I recall one of the seminary professors at Mount St. Mary's—Sister Joan—who had listened to decades of homilies day after day, including thousands by deacons in the seminary who were still learning their way. Even though she knew so much more than we did, even though at times it seemed we were trying her patience, she was always there in the front row, ready to listen attentively. What great humility! The preacher needs this same humility also, which is why we said above that he tries his best. Remember that when you hear something challenging, it is the preacher's duty to proclaim the truth, and perhaps could be God calling you closer to his heart through the preacher's very words.

This being said, we all know that the homily to the congregation is not always a spectacular touchdown pass. Sometimes we are distracted or tired. Sometimes we hope the preacher will speak on something in the readings that interests us, but he doesn't get to it. Whatever the case, the Lord only asks us to give a good effort at true listening, knowing there will be something there that will help us. And when that wooden pew seat starts to get a little hard, just think of the people in years gone by who listened to homilies for hours on end and remind yourself: "Wow, it is almost time for the Creed and the Prayers of the Faithful!"





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 3, 2024

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

7:30 AM — Joseph Alan Thiel  
9:00 AM — Pauline Wanderski (birthday), Dawn  
Cavins, Cynthia Hiram, the Women's Group  
11:00 AM — Emily Rodden, Bridget Kelly,  
for our parishioners  
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo  
Pacheco, Jose Luis Bucio, Alfonso Contreras  
Estrada, Hector Castaneda

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

8:30 AM — Irene Holod & Family

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

8:30 AM — 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, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

8:30 AM — Joanna Helenowska- Gitter & Family,  
those on our memorial trees and boards

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

8:30 AM — Margaret Mally  
6:30 PM — CONFESSION (bilingual)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

8:30 AM — Jeff Friedlieb

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

8:30 AM — the homebound of the parish  
3:30 - 4:30 PM—CONFESSION  
5:00 PM — Susan McGrath (2nd anniversary),  
Don Love

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

7:30 AM — Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Anna,  
Stella, Joseph & Walter Dyjak, Jo & Ed  
Sanborn, Ed Dyjak (100th birthday),  
Ray Komatowski  
9:00 AM — Carmen Caraballo Rosario  
11:00 AM — for our parishioners  
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Ivonne Hernandez, Cesar  
Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco

### Presider Schedule - February 10 & 11

5:00 p.m.—Fr. McCarthy / *Guitar Ensemble*  
7:30 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / *organ*  
9:00 a.m. —Fr. Fallon / *piano / parish choir*  
11:00 a.m.— Fr. Grisolano / *organ*  
1:00 p.m.—(Spanish) Fr. Leo



Irene Holod

Joanna Helenowska- Gitter

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr  
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine  
Bakhita, Virgin  
Friday:  
Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin  
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World  
Marriage Day

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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  
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/  
Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5  
and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-  
40/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37  
and 40/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab,  
12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-  
7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11  
(7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— Father John Muir



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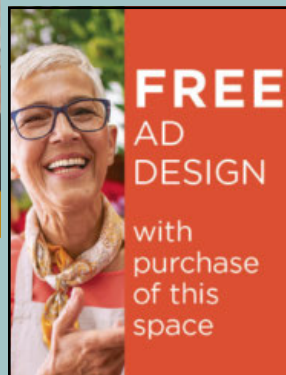


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### SERVICES

#### 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 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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#### 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](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*