



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



MARCH 10, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

We had a nice turnout this past Monday for our Lenten mission with Fr. Tim Anastos' dynamic and engaging presentation. I'd like to share some of his reflections with you about how Jesus wants to give Himself to us in the Eucharist. First, Fr. Anastos asked two questions we might consider: how old were you when you received your First Holy Communion, and how old were you when you deeply believed that Christ is Really Present in the Eucharist?

I think Fr. Tim was wise to make this distinction. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and believing that He is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity is not the same thing. In Fr. Tim's travels he has heard children say they believe, but also people as old as 91 before they really believed in Christ's Real Presence. From my own experience, it took years for me to move from seeing the Eucharist as being a sacred "thing" to being a sacred Someone. Reverence for the holy is good, but the Lord also wants us to have an intimate relationship with Him, that's why He gave us the Eucharist.

That brings us to Fr. Anastos' three points:

1. **The Eucharist shows us that Jesus wants to be close to us.** When a First Communicant was once asked, what happens when you receive Holy Communion, he responded "*We get to eat God.*" This is true, Jesus is God made flesh, and the Eucharist is really Jesus so that child already has the faith of a saint in that regard. The physical ingestion of the Sacrament shows us that God wants to be intimately inside of us, in our bodies, and most especially in our hearts and souls.
2. **The Eucharist shows that God takes delight in us.** We often hear that God loves us, but we may not think of the Lord taking delight in our existence, after all, He didn't have to make us or redeem us, but He did. We all have some qualities we don't like about ourselves; physical, personality, emotional or spiritual, but the people that love us usually see past those things. The Lord certainly sees into our hearts and takes delight in us and loves us to a better place. So, when you go to Eucharistic Adoration, it is not just you looking at Jesus but Him looking at you with tenderness, compassion, even delighting that you are there.
3. **Jesus wants us to hold Him in the Eucharist!** We know that the Lord holds us "in the palm of His hand" but how vulnerable He makes himself to us in letting us hold Him. It is as if the Virgin Mary at the Nativity turned to us and offered us the chance to hold the Christ child. Those of us not used to holding a newborn might nervously shy away at first. People often do that when asked to become a Minister of Care or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, thinking that they are not worthy, but someone has to do it, He calls us! Fr. Tim recounted that he really became aware of his vocation when helping a priest at his college chaplaincy with a Mass on the Quad. On the drive back to the chapel, the priest handed Tim the ciborium with the Eucharist left from the Mass and asked, "Tim, will you hold Our Lord for me while I drive?" The future Fr. Tim repeated that over and over "Will I hold Our Lord?" Whether we receive Jesus on the tongue or in our hands, at some level Jesus wants us to hold Him and in doing that our own path becomes even clearer.

Fr. Tim delivered all this better himself, but all reading this can now benefit a bit from his reflections.

In Christ,

Fr. Mike





In today's Gospel God demonstrates great love for us by sending His Son so that we may believe in Him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, and by acting with justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work - far greater than you think. Know that your coins or dollars are multiplied by coins and dollars placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



SIGN UP FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

One of the pillars of Lent is increased prayer. And one of the best ways to do this is in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We offer this opportunity every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Come and talk to Jesus in prayer and let Him talk to you in return. Come and gaze upon Jesus and let Him gaze upon you, His beloved, in return!

Recently there have been several occasions where there was no one present during our Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There should be at least two people present at all times. To insure this happens we are asking people to sign up in advance for at least a half hour at a time using Sign Up Genius. You are certainly welcome to sign up for longer time periods if you so choose. Use this link to go to Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A9AE23A1F9C61-48393832-eucharistic#/>



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Due to a number of scheduling conflicts, we will not have a St. Joseph's Table this year. We hope we are able to bring it back next year.

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.



SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—
Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—
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Carmen R. Reyes—Connie Larek—Calli Olvera—Antoinette Bongiorno
(Call the rectory office to have your name - added or removed)

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to our next Women's Group Meeting on
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
Double your fun...bring a friend!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Anything for the bulletin of March 24, including Mass intentions, must be in by March 15.
Anything for the bulletin of March 31, including Mass intention, must be in by March 21.

Jim Madura



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RCIC Students attended their First Communion Retreat on Feb. 25

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - 4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir

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February, 2024

Dear Parents, Parishioners and Friends of St. Elizabeth,

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity officially opened its doors, amid a pandemic, to students in the fall of 2020, after merging with St. Thecla and Pope Francis Global Academy - North Campus. Since then, we have remained open, offering in-person education for all our students, when other schools did not. We are very fortunate that new families joined St. Elizabeth during these past few years, because we remained open - and provided a Catholic education to all students.

In 2017, Illinois created the Invest in Kids Act, which allowed students to attend a private school with partial or full tuition covered, if they reside in a failing public school district as well as showed financial need. This program, also known as the Tax Credit Scholarship Program, awarded about 14% of our student population the funds to attend St Elizabeth, in the amount of around \$125K. Unfortunately, the Illinois legislature did not renew this program which leaves many families unsure of how they will afford private education. Schools are working tirelessly to work out a budget that will allow their students to remain in school.

I write to all of you today to ask for your financial support to help keep these students at St. Elizabeth. The boards of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity created the Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund, to help cover the costs of tuition for families in need. The tuition for one child per year is \$6840. I am asking for you to give what you can, whether it be \$500 or \$5000! Every little bit helps to ensure these 25 students remain at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity for years to come. And, I hope to continue to grow our Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund, so that anyone who wants to be a part of St. Elizabeth in the future, is able, no matter their financial situation.

If you would like to donate to the Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund (TTAF) you can send a check to my attention at school or donate online through GiveSmart <http://e.givesmart.com/events/AJX> or Faith Direct <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/IL795/54688>. Again, any amount is appreciated as we get this fund started at St Elizabeth. Please know that no matter the amount in the TTAF, Father Mike and I will work with families to ensure that any student who wants to attend St. Elizabeth is able through school and parish support.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at the above number or at k.hillmann@stelizabethtrinityschool.org. I thank you for taking the time to consider my request.

Yours in Christ,
Kristine Hillmann, Ed.D.
Principal

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**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 31:
The Liturgy of the Word and
the Liturgy of the Eucharist
by FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



As we conclude the Liturgy of the Word and prepare to transition to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it is a fitting time to reflect on how these main parts of the Mass are united and complement each other. We previously touched on this unity in our reflection on the homily. This time, we will hear from a couple of our recent popes. As *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, “The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God’s Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed” (*GIRM*, 28, also cf. *SC* 56, 48, 51). Perhaps the two main parts of the Mass seem obvious, but how are they “so closely interconnected”? How are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist related? As two examples, they both strengthen us in understanding our faith and living it out in the world, and they both draw us deeper into true unity with Christ.

The Two Ways Our Lord Nourishes Us

Pope St. John Paul II reflected on how the unity of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist goes back to the early Church: “We are well aware that from the earliest times the celebration of the Eucharist has been linked not only with prayer but also with the reading of Sacred Scripture and with singing by the whole assembly. As a result, it has long been possible to apply to the Mass the comparison, made by the Fathers, with the two tables, at which the Church prepares for her children the word of God and the Eucharist, that is, the bread of the Lord” (*Dominicae Cena*, 10). This image of the two tables illustrates for us that we are fed in two main ways through the Mass: through the hearing of God’s word to us and through the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we have reflected before, through the Scriptures we come to know God as he reveals himself to us; we learn who we are as his people; and we learn how to live our lives in him and with one another. As we will see as we continue through the Mass, in the Eucharist we are nourished in a unique way through the true presence of Jesus and his dwelling with us through Holy Communion. Our Lord nourishes us in two wonderful ways!

Pope Benedict XVI, reflecting on these two tables of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist, emphasizes the unity between them: “First of all, there is a need to reflect on the inherent unity of the rite of Mass. Both in catechesis and in the actual manner of celebration, one must avoid giving the impression that the two parts of the rite are merely juxtaposed... There is an intrinsic bond between the word of God and the Eucharist. From listening to the word of God, faith is born or strengthened (cf. *Rom 10:17*); in the Eucharist the Word made flesh gives himself to us as our spiritual food. Thus, ‘from the two tables of the word of God and the Body of Christ, the Church receives and gives the faithful the bread of life.’ Consequently it must constantly be kept in mind that the word of God, read and proclaimed by the Church in the liturgy, leads to the Eucharist as to its own connatural end” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 44).

Relationship and Unity

Pope Benedict’s words remind me of the way we grow in relationships. Typically, we first encounter others at a bit of a distance. Maybe we see them in a group, or we cross paths in some way. Next, there is usually a time when we are learning basics, such as names, family backgrounds, schools, or jobs. If the relationship continues to grow, we learn more about what a person thinks, likes, and hopes or dreams. Over time, a friendship grows and deepens, and with that depth comes greater love and intimacy. Of course, even with a depth of love, we know we still communicate with each other and continue to learn more. Our love helps us to understand each other more fully and our ongoing communication helps us deepen our love. This basic comparison helps me realize more concretely what I think the popes are teaching us: in the Mass, we encounter Jesus both through the Liturgy of the Word and through the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Both tables bless us with growing deeper in our relationship with him. Both lead us deeper in unity. Both invite us to share the fruits of that unity with one another. Both increase our hope for the perfect unity with Christ that awaits us in heaven. For now, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet is coming in the Liturgy of the Eucharist!



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, MARCH 9, 2024

5:00 PM — Jessica Bach, Don Love Jr, Joe Dudek, Linda Hess

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski, Raymond Ahlert
 9:00 AM — Fr. Dan Fallon, Raymond Ahlert, souls in purgatory
 11:00 AM — Marcos Fernandez Sr, Angelina Turco, William J. Egan, Mary E. Sievert, Teresa Suriano
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Elvia Suarez, Julia Suarez, Ramon Guzman (1st anniversary), Esperanza Aguilar (18th anniversary), Rofendo Arroyo Delgado (4th anniversary)

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

8:30 AM — deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

8:30 AM — Eleanor, Samuel, Grace, & Joseph Holden, Gigi Aguilar, Conrad Deane
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

8:30 AM — Kazimierz & Branislawa Sermek

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

8:30 AM — for our school community
 6:30 PM — CONFESSION (bilingual)
 7:00 PM — Spanish Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

8:30 AM — Mary Vasile, Christine Carbone

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

8:30 AM — for our parishioners
 3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

7:30 AM — Helen Kolinski (7th anniversary), Alexander Kolinski, Anna Dyjak & Jo Sanborn (birthdays), Stella & Walter Dyjak, Ed Sanborn, Joseph Dyjak (64th anniversary & birthday), Jim & Dorothy Taylor
 9:00 AM — Charles Boyd, family & friends of the Duszynski family, souls in purgatory
 11:00 AM — Peter Eck, Patrick Collins, Carmen Rosario Castro, Milka Stanojevich
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish)

Presider Schedule - March 16 & 17

5:00 p.m.—Fr. Sepulveda / *piano*
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / *organ*
 9:00 a.m. —Fr. McCarthy / *parish choir*
 11:00 a.m.— Fr. Grisolano / *organ*
 1:00 p.m.—(Spanish) Bp. Bartosic

BUT WHOEVER LIVES
 THE TRUTH COMES TO
 THE LIGHT...

JOHN 3:21



Antolina Hernandez
 Anne Miller

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Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Tuesday: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual)
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)

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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

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*