



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



APRIL 21, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down
my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. Jesus died innocently to save us, so too every martyr dies for the truth and imitates the Lord’s patience in suffering. We’ve been hearing in the Readings about how St. Peter and the other Apostles prayed and preached the Gospel for people to convert, and they died for it. But not long before, in the Garden of Gethsemane he tried to defend the Lord with a sword and cut off the high priest’s servant’s ear. At first Peter used the weapons of the world to fight evil but he came to know that the Lord was calling him to take up the weapons of prayer and the Word of God which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

More recently there are Christians being displaced from their homes, and suffering greatly throughout the world; in the Holy Land, and many African countries. The Church in Nigeria is still under regular threat from the terrorist Islamic group called Boko Haram, that burned churches and homes, and has caused massive displacement starting in 2009. This group is infamous for taking captive hundreds of schoolgirls in 2014, many of whom have not been found. But the Lord has given the people their hope as is shared by Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme from Maiduguri, in northern Nigeria.

Bishop Doeme has a powerful story he still tells today to encourage all of us. While he was praying the rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, the Lord appeared to him. At first Jesus did not say anything but then He handed the bishop a sword saying three times “Boko Haram is no more.” As the bishop took the sword it immediately became a rosary. He said, *“I did not need a prophet to tell me what the sign meant.”* He kept the vision to himself for a year but then felt inspired by the Holy Spirit to share the vision so that his people wouldn’t lose hope. Bishop Doeme says: *“Prayer, particularly the prayer of the rosary, is (what) will deliver us from the claws of this demon, the demon of terrorism. And of course, it is working.”*

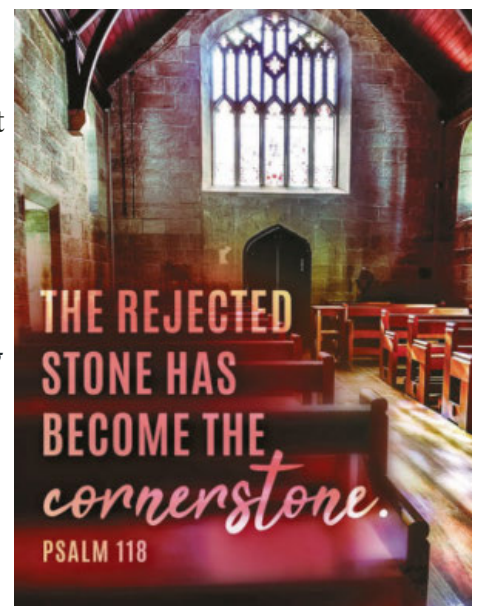
The bishop reminds that Boko Haram can try to take all that people have; homes, businesses and even lives, but they can’t take the people’s faith! Our prayers don’t end abstract evil but help convert us when we have given ourselves over to evil. It’s very difficult to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us. But we must, the Lord told us to.

There was another great Apostle other than Peter whose zeal had violent beginnings. The Acts of the Apostles says that Saul was breathing murderous threats against the Church, killing and imprisoning Christians. But the early Church was praying for deliverance. So it was that on the road to Damascus, Saul encountered the risen Lord and converted. God sent Ananias to baptize Saul but at first Ananias complained *“Lord, I have heard from many about this man, what evil things he has done to Your holy ones.”* The Lord forgave Saul and wanted him to be part of His Church. He who was once an enemy of Christ became its greatest missionary. The Lord didn’t abandon the early Christians in their persecutions, and He won’t abandon the Christians now.

Our natural reaction to injustice is anger. But God knows all of us by name. He wants us all to have a change and softening of heart. As Jesus told us today: ***“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.”***

God bless,

Fr. Mike





Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be outside of church after all Masses this weekend. We encourage any interested parishioner to join our parish conference as part of our mission to accompany those in our parish who are in need. Please stop and meet a St. Vincent de Paul member to learn more about their work and how you can be part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

SPRED MASS



Today at 9:00 Am We will have a Spred Mass. To make things more accessible to our friends we have made a few changes:

- 1. One of our Readings today is taken from the Children's Lectionary.*
- 2. One of our friends and their family are bringing up the gifts.*
- 3. They will be prayed for in the Intercessions*
- 4. They will be part of the procession with their catechists*

If you would like to be a part of this special ministry please contact Carol Idler by calling the parish office

FIRST COMMUNION MASS



Our annual First Communion will take place during the regular **11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 5.**

Please be advised that if you regularly attend this Mass there will be many more people in attendance and more than half of the pews will be reserved for the First Communicants and their families.

Thank you for your understanding.

Holy Name Society - 2024 Lucky Ten Winners

Thank you to everyone for making the Lucky Ten Raffle such a great success. Another sell-out! Thank you for all your support. Thank you to our top sellers: Tom Shallcross, Mike and Mary Teister.

Congratulations to our 2024 Lucky Ten Winners and sellers:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
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Welcome

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Baptism



Katherine Elizabeth child of
Jessie & Krystal
(Gomez) Morales



Madelyn child of
Raul & Gloria
(Diaz) Saucedo



Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl ministry will meet on Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the art room of the school. Entrance is off Moody Ave. Hope to see you there. Carol

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Charles Jacobucci—Nancy Wesclitz—Ciara Czajkowski—Donna J. Kolinski—Richard Muench—
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**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 37,
Silent, Humble, Contrite
By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



As we continue our walk through the **Offertory** of the Mass, have you ever noticed that sometimes the priest is saying something you can't hear (or can barely hear)? As we have reflected on previously, there are moments in the Mass—such as before proclaiming the Gospel—where the priest prays a prayer silently or quietly. These prayers are to prepare the priests (or deacons) for what comes next; they provide a moment of reflection for the priest and open his heart. Another one of these quiet prayers happens after the offering of bread and wine during the Offertory.

We offer ourselves...

After placing the bread and wine on the altar, the priest bows and says quietly, “With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.” As the Diocese of Peoria explains, “In this prayer, the priest silently speaks in his own name and on behalf of all the faithful, asking that God accept the sacrifice and find us in humility and contrition” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 12). The priest acknowledges the truth about how much we need God and that we at times fall short of living up to his standards. With that mindset, the priest is asking God to accept us and the sacrifice as we are, not faulty Christians who have given up and thrown in the towel, but honest Christians who admit our shortcomings and yet strive toward that perfection to which God calls us.

Reflecting on this prayer, Edward Sri invites us: “Notice how the sacrifice envisioned in this prayer is not some *thing* being offered to God, like bread and wine, but the people assembled: ‘May *we* be accepted by you...’ This theme, as well as the mention of a humble spirit and contrite heart, recalls the petition of the three Hebrew men thrown in the fiery furnace in Daniel [Chapter 3]” (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 90). If you have read this interesting story, you know that these three faithful men would not worship a false image made of gold by King Nebuchadnezzar. As punishment, they were thrown into a burning furnace, heated seven times more than normal. Instead of burning, the three men walked around unharmed and began singing a long hymn of praise to God. This hymn praises God for his goodness, recalls the many blessings he has given to his people, and then asks every part of creation to sing praise to God. Just before this last part, the three men say to God that they offer all they have (which is themselves) and ask him to accept them as if they were providing the best offering one could imagine (tens of thousands of rams, bulls, and fat lambs).

... and receive God himself.

Our prayer in the Mass, which echoes the prayer of the three faithful men, works in a very similar way. We have just said to God that we offer him the gifts of bread and wine, which are not much even by human standards. Along with the bread and wine, we have ourselves to offer, and we all know that sometimes we are not very worthy offerings to God either. Yet, we ask God to accept what we offer as if it were good and pleasing to him. And what is God's response? For the last 2000 years of Masses, no matter how big or small the congregation, no matter how strong or how weak their faith, no matter how worthy (or unworthy) we think our offerings are, God accepts them. As if that weren't enough, God in his love and generosity does something unbelievable with our meager offerings. He changes them into the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ! God accepts the bread and wine from us and gives us back the gift of himself! What a generous exchange! What a great God we have!



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, APRIL 20, 2024

5:00 PM — Don Love Jr., Frank & Theresa Cicchetti, Patrick Rodden

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

7:30 AM — Ed Sanborn (22nd anniversary), Jo Sanborn, Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Anna, Stella, Joseph & Walter Dyjak, Rose Dyjak (5th anniversary)

9:00 AM — Carl Sterk

11:00 AM — Denise Jacobs, Roberto Santiago, Angelina Turco, Dorothy Carr

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco, Jose y Nelda Garza

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

8:30 AM — Renee Pomierski, Fr. Dan Fallon, Patrick Rodden

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 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 — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

8:30 AM — Joseph & Loretta Sikora, Peter Eck

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

8:30 AM — Claudia Glomski

6:30 PM — Bilingual CONFESSION

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

8:30 AM — Michael Kennedy, Margaret Keane, Loretta Monte

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

3:00 PM — WEDDING—Chris Szmurlo and Jessica Gal

5:00 PM — Sophie Ziclazng, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Helen & John Ptak, Margaret Keaney, Lorraine & Ralph Schmidt

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

7:30 AM — Zofia Kalemba

9:00 AM — Joseph & Loretta Sikora

11:00 AM — Carmen Rosario Castro

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Diana Calderon, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Catalina Chavez, Cirilo Pacheco, Jose y Nelda Garza

Presider Schedule - April 27 & 28

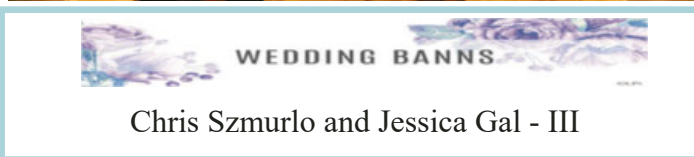
5:00 p.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / parish choir / piano

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday: Earth Day

Tuesday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Friday: Arbor Day

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday, April 21

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Mass and Adoration with Bishop Mark Bartosic
Friday, May 10, 5:30–7 p.m.
Holy Name Cathedral

All are invited to pray for vocations and all those who will be ordained.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr. Tim Monahan at 847.531.0148 or tmonahan@archchicago.org.

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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
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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*