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**MAY 12, 2024**

**HAPPY**

*Mother's Day*



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel  
to every creature.” - Mk 16:15b

A number of things are happening this weekend, as is usually the case. Last weekend we had well-attended First Communion Masses at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with 59 children receiving Jesus for the first time with great faith and excitement. A special thanks to all those that prepared the children for this new, ongoing relationship with Christ: Mrs. Gold, Mrs. Capone, Peggy Bradley, Kristine Hillmann, Ashely Guinn, Grant Huslig and Gilda Rivero to name a few. May the Lord bless them for their labor of love in guiding these children.

Of course, parents are the primary teachers and models of their children in faith. The Lord will help every parent to fulfill the promises that they made at their child's baptism: ***"You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"*** The Sunday Eucharist is one of the main ways we continue to remain in the Lord's love and receive the grace we need.

This weekend is Mother's Day weekend. Life is a gift, a miracle, and our mom's played a big part in that for us. Usually, all our mom's want in return for all of their sacrifices and care for us is our presence, a kind word of gratitude, and some love in return. If your mother has died, then a prayer and a Mass offered for the repose of her soul is the greatest gift we can give her and continued gratitude to God for her. If your mother was very wounded and couldn't show you the love you needed, then she may need your prayers even more and may she find the healing and peace that only the Lord can give.

You will notice flower sales in the vestibule after the Masses. The funds go to support the good work of the Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. The Women's Center has qualified staff and volunteers who counsel women that are considering having an abortion. They offer counseling, free ultra-sounds, adoption referrals, baby/toddler cloths, car seats etc...along with financial and social service referrals. Buy some flowers for your own mom and support a good cause too.

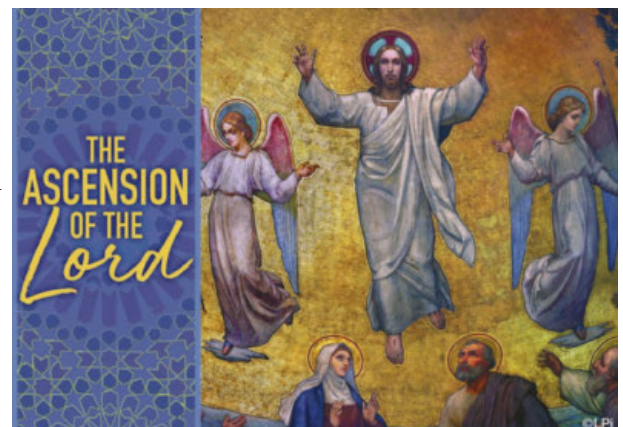
This weekend we also have a second collection that supports Catholic Charities of Chicago. Our mothers have supported us throughout our lives, we know how important mothers are to a child's wellbeing, and many moms need help in that role. Mothers and children are the largest group that Catholic Charities assists from counseling for pregnant mothers, to housing for families facing homelessness and domestic abuse, to care for aging mothers and grandmothers and more. Visit [www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net) for more information. May God bless you for your generosity.

This is also Ascension Sunday when Jesus bodily ascended to heaven while the disciples watched Him depart. Two angels spoke to them saying: ***"Men of Galilee, why are standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus...will return in the same way as you have seen Him going to heaven."*** Jesus gave the disciples a mission, they were sent into the world and weren't meant to stay watching and waiting, inactive, or unproductive. Jesus promised that they would receive ***"power, when the Holy Spirit comes to you."***

Each one of us has a mission, a God given purpose that will allow us, in our own way and in our own vocation to give witness to Christ...so as to not just sit back and watch life go by.

God bless you,

Fr. Mike







Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through His disciples...and now through us.

**When we give to the poor, God indeed pours His love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives, and into the hearts of those who are poor.**



### **Blooming for Babies: Mother's Day Fundraiser-May 11 & 12**

This weekend, May 11 & 12, the Respect Life Committee is selling beautiful bouquets of fresh-cut flowers after all Masses to benefit the life-saving mission of The Women's Centers. There is a beautiful selection of arrangements to choose from with prices for all budgets. Proceeds help vulnerable moms and their babies.

In celebration of the Center's 40th anniversary, they will have a gorgeous one-of-a-kind bouquet, a perfect gift for moms, aunts, grandmothers, or any special woman in your life!

Please plan to support this wonderful event.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event or have any questions, please contact Victoria Hastings at [v.annahastings@gmail.com](mailto:v.annahastings@gmail.com).

For more information about The Women's Centers, please visit their website at [www.GoTwc.org](http://www.GoTwc.org).

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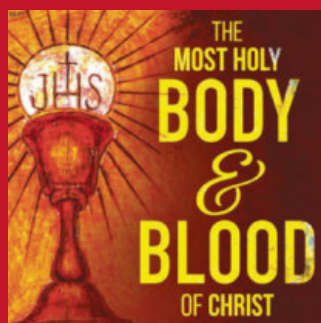
### **SPECIAL PENTECOST BLESSING**

Next weekend the Church will celebrate Pentecost. Many people think of this day as the birthday of the Church. In commemoration of this special day, we will offer a special blessing/commissioning of all lay ministers here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish.

**At all Masses, after the homily, anyone involved in any of the following ministries will be asked to stand: Altar Servers, Art & Environment, Catechists, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Finance Council, Food Pantry, Gardeners, Holy Name Society, Lectors, Legion of Mary, Livestreaming, Ministers of Care, Music, One Parish One Prisoner Ministry, Parish Council, Prayer Shawl, Rescue Project, Respect Life, Sacramental Preparation, School Board, Spanish Prayer Group, SPRED, St. Vincent de Paul, Sunday Collection Counters, Ushers, and Women's Group.**

As you can see, there are many and varied ways you can participate in the life of the parish by sharing your time and talent in one or more of these ministries.

At Pentecost, listen to the Holy Spirit and seriously reflect on how you are being called to serve the Church through this parish. Ask some of the people who stand at Mass why they do what they do. You are needed...you are being called. Will you answer the call?



## CORPUS CHRISTI MASS AND PROCESSION

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Body & Blood of Christ) is on June 2. We, as a parish, are going to celebrate this great feast in a special way this year.

We are going to have a bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament around our immediate neighborhood. We will pause at an "altar" in the school parking lot for prayer. The procession will end in church with Benediction.

After Benediction, there will be a reception in the auditorium.

Please note that there **WILL NOT** be a 1:00 Spanish Mass on June 2.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND

Join us for hospitality in the auditorium next Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass hosted by the Women's Group.

*(The Women's Group will gather first for the 9:00 a.m. Mass.)*

Join us for hospitality next Sunday in the auditorium after the 1:00 p.m. Mass hosted by our Spanish Mass community.



## Women's Group Meeting

The Women's Group will have their last meeting before summer on **Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Kolping Center at 5826 North Elston**. Join us for a painting event guided by Martina Brady and help us celebrate a wonderful year of friendship and fellowship.

Cost is \$15/person. (Cash to be brought that night)  
RSVP to Kathy Annunzio 312-699-0854 or kannunzio@mac.com by **May 13th**.

Bring a drink to share and a donation for the food pantry!

Hope to see you there!



## SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—  
Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—  
Nicholas Guerrieri—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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Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering—Alice Ward—Arthur Hamilton—Anthony Pfeifer—Paul Konietzny—  
Kathy Burns—Joan Harriss—Daniel Fraczkowski—Jackie Fortier—Charles Jacobucci—  
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Jose A. Reyes—Carmen R. Reyes—Calli Olvera—Antoinette Bongiorno—Joe Banks—Eleida Flores—  
Paul Wierdak—Joe & Nelda Garza—Kenneth Payne

*(Call the rectory office to have your name - added or removed)*





## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

We will take up the annual Catholic Charities Mother's Day second collection at all Masses this weekend.

Please be generous in your support of Catholic Charities of Chicago as they assist close to 400,000 people a year throughout Cook and Lake counties.

You can also donate electronically through Faith Direct or by using this QR code:



# Teen Mass

**May 19th at 5:00 pm**

**In honor of Pentecost** the guitar ensemble will join us to help us celebrate this wonderful feast.

Mass will be followed by games and pizza in the gym until 8 pm

**All** are welcome to join us for prayer and Mass

**Teens in grades 6-12** 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](mailto:aguinn@archchicago.org)



Saint Dymphna is the patroness of persons with mental & nervous disorders. Please come and join us to celebrate her feast day Wednesday, May 15th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Queen of All Saints Basilica located at 6280 N. Sauganash Avenue in Chicago. Saint Dymphna's relic will be present & after Mass may be venerated. There will be a reception with food and drink to follow in the Holy Name room. ALL are welcome! Any questions please call Theresa Marie Weber at 773-558-8222.



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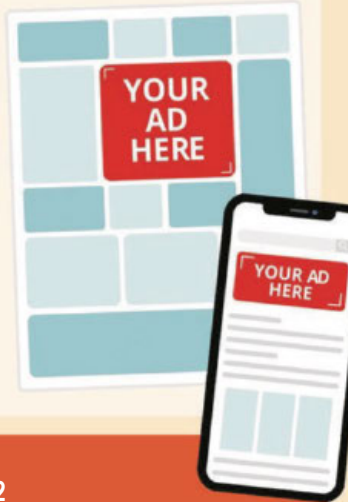
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### *PRAYER FOR MOTHERS*

*Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning You have chosen to entrust  
the human person to mothers in a special way.  
We thank and praise You for the gift of mothers;  
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,  
for their intuition and encouragement,  
for commitment and sacrifice.  
Bless all mothers this day.  
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them  
in Your loving care.  
May they be blessed by our open-  
hearted love and gratitude.  
Amen.*







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Congratulations to all those who made their First Holy Communion here last Sunday.



Congratulations to JV Boys and JV Girls who just won the CSCC Track & Field Championship.



8th graders attended the State Science Fair. They received two Gold Awards and two Silver Awards. Congratulations!



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**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass  
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 40,  
Washing Hands  
by FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



We continue our journey through the Offertory of the Mass. After the gifts are brought forward (and after the incense, when it is used), you may notice that the **priest washes his hands** over a dish called a *lavabo* (meaning, “I shall wash”) and dries them with a towel. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that this washing is a rite “in which the desire for interior purification finds expression” (GIRM, 76).

### **Practical and Symbolic Significance of Handwashing**

To explain this handwashing in more depth, Charles Belmonte teaches, “In every Mass, a liturgical act is performed which originally was a response to a practical necessity. The celebrant *washes his hands*, which have touched the sundry offerings as well as the censer, before taking up the bread about to become the body of Christ. The Church has kept this ceremony of the *Lavabo* to express the desire of interior purification. This mystical meaning was emphasized by St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century, when he wrote: ‘This action shows that we must be free from all sin. We perform actions with our hands; to wash our hands is the nearest thing to purifying our deeds’” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 114).

Even if the spiritual meaning makes sense, you may note the practical reality that the priest’s hands don’t look dirty. It is true that our offerings today are clean, but if you remember a few installments back, in the early days of the Church people would bring all kinds of things for the offertory, not just neat little containers of bread and wine. For example, someone might bring produce or chickens as gifts for the poor. Naturally, if the priest was handling these kinds of offerings, we would want him to wash his hands before continuing the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

While we no longer need the practical cleaning today, the understanding of spiritual cleansing is very valuable. As the Diocese of Peoria notes, “the Church maintains this washing ritual as it expresses an inward desire to be cleansed within” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 12). This desire is very clear when we see the private prayer the priest prays at this washing: “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” Although the priest prays this prayer privately, this is another place where all the faithful could unite in prayer, asking God to purify our minds and hearts in anticipation of being in the True Presence of Christ himself on the altar.

### **Uniting Ourselves to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

After washing his hands, the priest goes back to the center of the altar, extends his hands and then rejoins them, and asks the faithful: “Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.” According to our most recent directives, the faithful stand to make the response: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.” Charles Belmonte writes that “the priest begs us to unite ourselves with him in the sacrificial act as it draws nearer... the priest stresses that the sacrifice is *mine* (i.e., Christ offers himself—the aspect of ministerial priesthood) *and yours* (the entire Church offers the sacrifice—the aspect of common priesthood)” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 115). The Diocese of Peoria explains, “The invitation makes a distinction between the way in which the priest makes his offering and the way in which the faithful make theirs. The Sacrifice of the Mass is not offered by the priest alone. All of us by virtue of our baptism are called upon to offer ourselves to the Father through Christ” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 12).

As we have seen throughout the Offertory, there are several opportunities to unite ourselves and our sacrifices to Jesus. This is no accident! Each of these invitations helps us to be aware of what we can offer and to be attentive to what is about to happen in the Mass. Next time, we’ll see the Prayer over the Offerings draw our prayers and sacrifices together as the time of Christ’s True Presence draws ever closer.





**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, MAY 11, 2024**

5:00 PM — Angela, Alfonso & Marcos Sr. Fernandez, Pat & Katie Beirne, Don Love Jr., Helen Ptak, Frank & Ann Tadeusiak, Patsy McDonough (31st anniversary), Tom McDonough (10th anniversary)

**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024**

7:30 AM — Jim & Dorothy Taylor  
 9:00 AM — Mary Ciecko, Peter Eck, Jim Christensen, Hector Magnanao  
 11:00 AM — Peter & Patricia Smith, Irene Chmielowski, Catherine Holden, John Mulcrone, Amelia & Jan Tekien, Jozefa & Leopold MocarSKI, Carmen Rosario Castro, Patricia & Robert Finn, Mary Coffman  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cirilo Pacheco, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Jose y Nelda Garza, Candelaria y Rocio Licea

**MONDAY, MAY 13 2024**

8:30 AM — Joseph & Loretta Sikora

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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, MAY 15, 2024**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024**

8:30 AM — Bernadette Pitt-Payne  
 6:30 PM — Bilingual CONFESSION

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024**

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

**SATURDAY, MAY 18 2024**

8:30 AM — for those on our memorial boards and trees  
 5:00 PM — Joyce Jaszczor, deceased members of the Ognibene family

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

7:30 AM — for our parishioners  
 9:00 AM — the Women's Group  
 11:00 AM — Ugo V. Iaccino, Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health), living and deceased members of the Mally family, Henryk Bujno  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco, Candelaria y Rocio Licea, Jose y Nelda Garza  
 5:00 PM — TEEN MASS - for those in our families needing prayers

**Presider Schedule - May 18 & 19**

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



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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day; Mother's Day  
 Monday: Our Lady of Fatima  
 Tuesday: St. Matthias, Apostle  
 Wednesday: St. Isidore  
 Thursday:  
 Friday:  
 Saturday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day  
 Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday  
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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25  
 Nest Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 5:26-27; 16:12-15



*Let us be generous with our time  
in going to meet Jesus and  
ready to make reparation for  
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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](mailto: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](mailto:food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org)

**Bulletin Deadline:** Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

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**Fax:** 773-774-8461  
**School:** 773-763-7080  
**Website:** [www.stelizabethtrinity.org](http://www.stelizabethtrinity.org)  
**Email:** [parishoffice@setparish.org](mailto: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***