



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



MARCH 23, 2025



3rd Sunday
O F L E N T

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

FROM FR. MIKE

March 23, 2025

Here are some major project updates around campus. After much consultation with construction managers from the archdiocese, contractors, and our own operations team, we are finally ready to have the entire church roof replaced this summer, with a start date somewhere in May. The bathroom in the altar server sacristy has been out of commission for a few months due to water leaks and ceiling damage, to say nothing of the peeling paint throughout the church. This is a long overdue project which is needed before any painting or further beautification of the interior of the church can be safely done.

After the church roof is completed, the same roofing company will be replacing three of the four school roofs as well (the junior high roof is in stable condition)! The school roofs will be handled during the summer when school is out. These roofing projects will have large dumpsters involved and other equipment so please follow safety signs and adjust your parking and walking as necessary.

You probably have noticed that there have been several church ceiling lights that are still out. There is good news on that as well. The light fixtures have been properly sized, and we should have that contractor out within this very week putting in energy-efficient LED lights. The lights and fixtures may even be installed by the time you read this, praise God.

--- Reflection: It was about twenty years ago when I was in my second year in the seminary and two of our most lovable seminarians from Kansas, Jared Cheek (23) and Matty Molnar (28) died tragically. One night they and two other seminarians were out drinking at a local sports bar and had too much to drink. They encouraged the driver, Rob Spaulding, to cruise around the lake at Mundelein Seminary. He lost control of the vehicle, and it skidded off the road into the trees. Jared and Matty were in the back seat without seatbelts and died within a day of their injuries. The other two survived.

The driver, Rob Spaulding, who is now a good priest said: *"There are still moments where it catches me in the middle of the day and I'm brought to tears by the loss of those two men,"* he said. *"And I don't think that will ever go away."* How often have he and the other survivor reflected on the foolish decisions that brought them all to that irreversible moment?

Later in the month of the accident, one of the priest faculty spoke to us about the dangers of drinking too much. He spoke with a real fatherly firmness, and I remember vividly him saying: "You might think, I'm just having a few drinks, it's ok, I can drive, it's no big deal, but then slowly saying...it is a big deal, it is a big deal."

One can imagine that if some authority figure, or a good friend, had tried to draw a boundary for these seminarians sooner, warned them about how they were losing their way, or reminded them to pray and do their schoolwork and that Christ was calling them to a wonderful, important vocation. They might have rolled their eyes and made a crack, but frankly, in hindsight, wouldn't it have been worth it if someone had used some tough love, some fraternal correction, even loudly saying, "that's not ok"?

That's what God is telling us in today's readings and not just about substance abuse, but anything that keeps us from bearing fruit, fulfilling the reason for our existence. In our second reading St. Paul talks about events in the Old Testament being recorded as a warning to us, to help us repent. The Lord makes similar points in today's Gospel, whether our lives end due to natural disasters, tragedy, or even murder He says twice: ***"Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did."***

Let's make the most of this Lent, **join us and Fr. Knotek for the Lenten Mission on the next two Monday evenings!**

God bless,
Fr. Mike

**"BUT I TELL YOU, IF YOU DO NOT REPENT, YOU WILL
ALL PERISH AS THEY DID!" - LK 13:3**



In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts.

This month, through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to bring God's love and mercy to families and individuals by offering assistance with food, utilities, and rent, etc. Thank You!



PARISH LENTEN MISSION – STARTS THIS WEEK!

“Abundant Life: Allowing God to Help Us Grow”

MONDAY, MARCH 24 & MONDAY, MARCH 31

We are pleased to announce that Fr. Michael Knotek will be leading us in a Lenten Mission on March 24 & 31.

Father Knotek grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1996. After serving as Associate Pastor at three parishes, Fr. Knotek served as a hospital chaplain at Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park. He then served as Pastor of St. John de la Salle Parish followed by serving as Pastor of St. Columbanus Parish. Following that he served as Executive Secretary of the Priests' Placement Board, then the Vicar for Priests.

Currently he is serving as the Vicar for the Professional and Pastoral Development of Priests. Father Knotek holds a Master of Theological Studies degree from the Catholic Theological Union and a Master of Divinity Degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake. He also holds a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Claret Center. He enjoys facilitating retreats and parish missions. When he gets a day off he enjoys long walks in nature, reading, movies and cooking with friends.

Fr. Knotek will also preach at all the English Masses on March 22 & 23. He will preside at the 5:00 Mass on March 22.

Each night we will start with Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m. in church. The one-hour Mission will then start at about 6:50 p.m.

Light refreshments will follow in the vestibule.



SPANISH PARISH LENTEN MISSION – THIS WEEK!

“A Call to Conversion”

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26 & THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Fr. Carlos A. Arancibia Bermudez, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will preach the Lenten Mission in Spanish on Wednesday & Thursday, March 26 & 27 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in church. He will also preside at the 1:00 Spanish Mass on March 23.

Light refreshments will follow in the vestibule.



During Lent...join us for:

Evening Prayer - Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross - Fridays at: 2:15 p.m.
(with school, but not on March 28) or
6:30 p.m. (English) & 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

The school will present Living Stations on Wednesday, April 16 in church at 9:15 a.m.



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Elizabeth Hofstede—Rosemary Francis—Julia Lampinen
(Call the parish office to have your name added or removed)



ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE THANK YOU

A big thank you to JoAnn Keto and her entire cast of helpers who hosted our parish St. Joseph Table last Sunday. The food was delicious, and our parish was very generous. Proceeds of \$655 were donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you!



Totus Tuus Is Back! Save the Date!



Totus Tuus is Returning to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity this summer July 6-11th. This is a great summer opportunity full of fun and faith formation. Registration will start soon. Keep an eye on the bulletin and Flocknote in the coming weeks for more details.

If you would like to be one of the first notified when registration opens or if your family would like to help host the Totus Tuus missionaries as either a host family or by having the missionaries over for dinner one night please contact Ashley Guinn or Hugo Munoz in the parish office.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - 3rd Sunday of Lent

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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Food Pantry

Updated Needs List:

Fruit juice / V-8
Pancake mix (box) & Syrup
Ground Coffee
Canned mixed fruit/pineapple
Reg Oatmeal
Breakfast Bars
Salt / Pepper
Flour/Sugar
Vegetble Oil

LENTEN Spotlight Items:

Small canned hams
Canned pineapple
Easter hershey kisses

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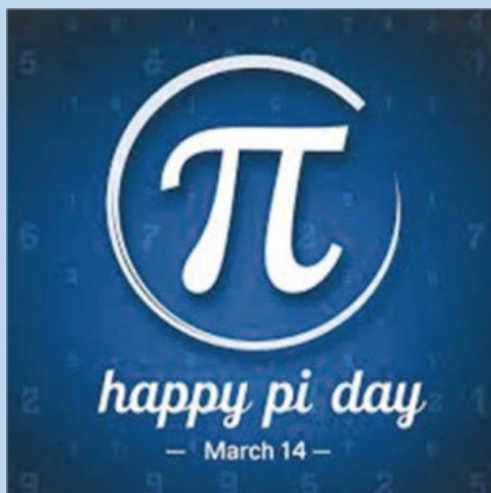
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Pope Francis' Lenten Message - Let us journey together in hope

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (*1 Cor*15:54-55). Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf.*Jn*10:28; 17:3).

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to *journey together in hope*, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, *to journey*. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good "examination of conscience" for all of us wayfarers.

Second, *to journey together*. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal. Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travelers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. *journeying together* means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf.*Gal*3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience.

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

Third, let us *journey together in hope*, for we have been given a promise. May *the hope that does not disappoint* (cf.*Rom*5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical *Spe Salvi*, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (*Rom*8:38-39)". Christ, my hope, has risen! He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!

This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf.*Rom*5:5). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" (*1 Tim*2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one" (*The Exclamations of the Soul to God*, 15:3).

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.



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 MARCH 22, 2025

5:00 PM — Don Love Jr, Dan Anderson

SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2025

7:30 AM — Helen Kolinski (8th anniversary), Alexander Kolinski, Anna Dyjak & Jo Sanborn (birthdays), Estelle, Walter & Edward Dyjak, Ed Sanborn, Joseph Dyjak (65h anniversary / birthday)
 9:00 AM — Carolyn Biala, Marieta Cabra (70th birthday), souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Lucyna & Rudolf Gustek, Marieta Cabra (70th birthday)
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Diana Calderon

MONDAY MARCH 24, 2025

8:30 AM — Joshua Albert, Tom Janowski, Keith Walker, Clara David, David Solomon
 6:30 PM — EVENING PRAYER
 6:50 PM — LENTEN MISSION

TUESDAY MARCH 25, 2025

8:30 AM — Nova Walter, Conrad Deane
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
 6:30 PM — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26, 2025

8:30 AM — Edgardo De La Rosa
 7:00 PM — SPANISH LENTEN MISSION

THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2025

8:30 AM — Mary Ann Short
 7:00 PM — SPANISH LENTEN MISSION

FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025

8:30 AM — Zofia Kalembe
 6:30 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (English)
 7:15 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Spanish)

SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2025

8:30 AM — Patricia Maietta
 5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family, Kieran Hickey

SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski, Henryk & Krystyna Korecki
 9:00 AM — Charles Boyd, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Rose Carlson
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Hector Aguilar, Diana Calderon, Miriam Calderon

Presider Schedule - March 29 & 30

5:00 p.m. — Fr. McCarthy / Deacon Grant
preaching / piano
7:30 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / organ
9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / Parish Choir
11:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ
1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Monday:
 Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



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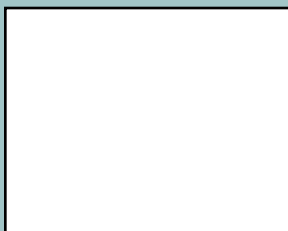
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Daily Mass Schedule:

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.)

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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 Hugo Munoz 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*