



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



APRIL 13, 2025



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

--- First a transition update before reflecting on Palm Sunday. My successor is now known, Fr. Deogratis Mbonyumugenzi who goes more simply by Fr. Deo, (pronounced “Day-O”). Fr. Deo is quite accomplished, he just completed his Doctorate in Systematic Theology at Loyola University while being an adjunct professor there. He speaks seven languages (including Spanish) and is currently the administrator at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Chicago.

Fr. Deo will likely be moving into the rectory in May and will help out at the parish until officially replacing me on July 1st. The staff is working on when to have a formal reception for him, probably in the Fall. Fr. Deo is originally from Rwanda and tells the story of the genocide there that he experienced as an eleven-year-old boy. You can read more about Fr. Deo in this newspaper article when talked to students at Eisenhower High School about reconciliation and peace: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2019/01/31/blue-island-priest-who-survived-rwandan-genocide>

--- This week is Palm Sunday with our Gospel readings coming from St. Luke. St. Luke gives us some unique information about the Lord’s final days. We often focus on the various responses people at the time had to Jesus because it’s helpful for us in our discipleship to reflect on how we might have responded at the time. Would we have demanded like Judas that Jesus be a worldly king or protested how we would never deny or abandon Him like Peter? Would we have called Jesus a blasphemer like many of the religious leaders or been a secret believer like Joseph of Arimathea or Nicodemus? We’d probably all aspire to be like the Blessed Mother, St. John, Mary Magdalene and all the other faithful women who stuck with Jesus at the cross even without complete understanding.

The character study is a good and humbling reflection for us, but today, St. Luke also gives us some unique memories of how heroic and gracious Christ really was. Jesus, the Son of God, is the real hero of this week. He was true to His identity, faithful to the mission the Father gave Him but always present and concerned about those with Him, amazingly so. Jesus Christ took time to pray for, comfort, encourage, and forgive others *while* He went through His Passion.

At the Last Supper, Jesus specifically prayed for Peter, the first pope, ***“Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.”*** The Lord knew about Peter’s weakness but also of his love and fidelity. When Peter denied Jesus, this Gospel reports that Jesus just gave Peter a look of love as the cock sounded, as gentle a correction as we could ask for.

Jesus also comforted the women on His own way to the cross. He took the time to encourage them to weep for themselves, not to worry about Him, the Divine heart always thinks of others. While on the cross, Jesus prayed ***“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”*** The Lord knows about human ignorance, confusion, weakness, and sin, that’s why He came not to condemn but to forgive. For those we love, we try to find some reason why they failed, presuming that they have a good, not ill-will.

One of the most moving accounts only found in the Gospel of Luke, is that of the two thieves crucified next to Jesus one who mocks Him, the other who repents. This might be the most hopeful passage for those who have lived a life far from God but are sorry before the end. While we should never expect or wait for a deathbed confession (I have only heard a few as a priest) Jesus’ forgiveness of the good thief, while He himself is being crucified, gives us all extreme confidence in God’s mercy. The Lord never gives up on us, He doesn’t want us to give up on ourselves.

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

May we all have a blessed and prayerful Holy Week,

Fr. Mike





Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday Masses

Sat.: 5:00 p.m. and Sun.: 7:30 a.m., 9:00* a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

**9:00 Mass will start in the Prayer Garden with Blessing of Palms and Procession*

Monday, April 14

8:30 a.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. – Holy Hour -
Adoration, Evening Prayer, Confession, Benediction

Tuesday, April 15

8:30 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Confession

6:00 p.m. - Benediction

6:30 p.m. - Mass

Wednesday, April 16

8:30 a.m. – Mass

9:15 a.m. Living Stations presented by the school

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. - Bilingual Confession

Thursday, April 17 – Holy Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual)* ☩

The church will remain open until 11:00 p.m. for Adoration.

Collection will be for the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society & the parish Food Pantry

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - *(with Holy Communion)* (bilingual)

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English) & 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday, April 19 – Holy Saturday

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Food

(no afternoon Reconciliation or 5:00 p.m. Mass)

8:00 p.m. - The Great Easter Vigil (bilingual)☩

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Masses

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.* ☩ & 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.☩ (Spanish)

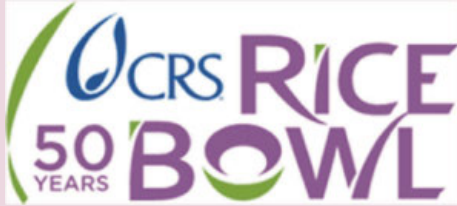
* Mass will be livestreamed

☩ Incense will be used



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you place your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.



MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children, and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How - like Simon of Cyrene - can you help to carry

the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

Beginning next weekend you can return your Rice Bowl almsgiving. We kindly ask that you convert your coins to currency or a check. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and write "Rice Bowl" on the memo line. You can use any plain envelope to return your donation. Simply write your name on it and "Rice Bowl." You can drop the envelope in the collection basket over any of the next three weekends. There will also be a basket near the baptismal pool where you can place your donation.

Remember, 75% of the funds collected goes directly to Catholic Relief Services for their charitable work overseas and 25% will stay here in our own parish with our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you for generously supporting this important Lenten almsgiving project.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any items for the April 20 bulletin, including Mass intentions, must be submitted by Friday, April 11 at noon.



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(Call the parish office to have your name added or removed)

Join us for a special Mass to celebrate, honor, and recognize the service of our first responders.

Help us show gratitude and pray for their safety and well-being.

The School Parent's Club will host a reception in the auditorium following the Mass.

Sunday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m.



First Responders Mass



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Sunday, April 27th 2025



9:00 am Mass
• Reception in Auditorium to Follow



Liturgical Ministers



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A LECTOR OR COMMUNION MINISTER?

If not, why not? Now might be the time to pray about this opportunity to give some of your talent and time back to the Lord through one of these liturgical ministries. Lectors proclaim the Readings at Mass, and the Intercession when a deacon is not present.

Extraordinary Ministers distribute the Precious Body & Precious Blood at Mass.

If interested, or if you have a question, contact Jim Madura at 773 763-8228 or email him at jmadura@archchicago.org.

Training will be provided. Help is especially needed at the 5:00 & 11:00 Masses.

If neither of these ministries appeal to you, we are also in need of additional Ushers, especially at the 5:00 Mass.

WHY ARE THE STATUES COVERED?

Why are images veiled or hidden towards the end of Lent? Starting the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we have entered into a period of time known as "Passiontide," that is, the period of heightened anticipation as we approach "Passion Week," more commonly known as "Holy Week." This custom arose in order to help Catholics mystically enter into the final days of Christ's life on earth. The covering of sacred images has the effect of focusing attention on Christ's Passion, and the manner in which He veiled His divinity to suffer in His humanity for the redemption of the world. For Passiontide, the Church's ritual becomes extra penitential.

As we get closer to the Crucifixion, the Gospel's tell us how Jesus "hid" Himself from the Jews when they attempted to stone him (cf. John 8:59). According to St. Augustine, at this moment when Jesus hid Himself from the angry crowd, Christ in fact became invisible to them by virtue of His Divine nature. To help signify this mystery, holy images in church are veiled the evening before Passion Sunday. This includes images of the saints, as it is befitting that if the glory of the Master is hidden, then His servants should also not appear.

Indeed, in the Latin Church, we "hide" His images for two weeks out of the year in a spirit of penance and mourning. An acute sadness is felt in the human heart. We long to be reunited with Him. The veil suggests the discomfort of being separated from Him. We prepare for the agony and triumph of the Easter Triduum. Outsiders are intrigued by these little customs. Children remember them.

- from *Liturgical Art Journal* "The Custom of Passiontide Veiling", March 27, 2023



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

You are invited to join us on Sunday, April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 3:00 p.m. in church as we take time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and sing and pray bilingually the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and listen to a short meditation. Confession will also be available.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

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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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we journey through this Lenten season, we embrace the call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving - not just as individuals, but as a faith-filled community united in Christ. We are called to grow together, supporting one another, and sharing the love and joy of our faith with those around us.

Easter is a time of great generosity, not only of spirit but also in our call to care for one another. Your Easter offering plays a vital role in sustaining our mission and ministries. Through your generosity, we can continue to extend Christ's love in tangible ways, reaching out to those in need and nurturing the spiritual life of our parish. Your support enables us to continue the work that St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish does, bringing the light of Christ into the lives of so many.

I invite you to prayerfully consider making a one-time Easter gift to ensure that our parish remains a beacon of faith and service. Contributions may be dropped in the collection basket, sent to the parish office, dropped in the rectory mailbox, or given online at: Faith.Direct/IL795.

Beyond financial support, I invite you to share your time and talents. As we continue to renew and strengthen our parish, we are all called to discern how we can best serve our parish family and community. Whether it's through evangelization efforts, liturgical ministries, outreach programs, or volunteering in our food pantry or with St. Vincent de Paul, your involvement brings our faith to life. To volunteer, please contact the parish office.

Most importantly, I extend a heartfelt invitation for you to join us in celebrating Easter at one of our Masses. There is no greater joy than coming together as a community of faith to worship, give thanks, and rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord. Our Easter Mass schedule is as follows:

**Saturday, April 19 (the Great Easter Vigil) at 8:00 p.m. and
Sunday April 20 at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
(Spanish)**



Please know that you are a cherished member of our parish family. Whether you can join us in person or in spirit, your presence is a gift and a blessing to our community. May the hope and joy of Christ's Resurrection bring peace and abundant blessings to you and your loved ones this Easter season.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and grace-filled Easter!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Mike

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.



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Sixth grade finished their social studies unit on Greek Mythology by choosing a Greek God, and recreating it through art.

Greek mythology is a collection of stories and tales passed down through generations. These tales explain the origins of the world, the lives and actions of gods and goddesses, and the nature of humanity, all within the context of ancient Greek religion and culture.



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SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025

5:00 PM — Don Love, Jr., Julie Ann Defiore, Julia Lampinen (good health), Joan Ptak, Elwood, Mary Coyne, Patricia Mills

SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025—Palm Sunday

7:30 AM — Charles Jacobucci
 9:00 AM — Arlene Mondack, Tom Gutzman, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer, John H Fergus, Meredith Cicchetti
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, souls in Purgatory

MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025

8:30 AM — GB
 6:30 PM — HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16 2025

8:30 AM — for our parishioners
 3:00—5:30 PM — CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2025

8:30 AM — MORNING PRAYER
 6:30 PM — EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY APRIL 11, 2025

8:30 AM — MORNING PRAYER
 3:00 PM — CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
 6:30 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (English)
 7:30 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Spanish)

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025

8:30 AM — MORNING PRAYER
 1:00 PM — BLESSING OR EASTER FOOD
 8:00 PM — THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025—EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — deceased members of the Ognibene family, Roberto Santiago, Charles Boyd, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Alber Herry Redford, Lois Redford, Mary Redford, Robert Redford, Frank & Theresa Cicchetti, Peter Eck, GB
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) souls in Purgatory

Presider Schedule - April 19 & 20

8:00 p.m. — Fr. McCarthy
7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ
9:00 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / Parish Choir
11:00 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / organ
1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Monday:
 Tuesday: Tax Day
 Wednesday:
 Thursday: Holy Thursday
 Friday: Good Friday
 Saturday: Holy Saturday
 Next Sunday: Easter Sunday
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
 Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

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QUIGLEY DAYS

April 26, 2025

High school age men are invited to enjoy a day of Mass, breakfast, mini golf, and lunch!

Pick-up: 7:30 a.m.: Mother of the Americas (10-person limit)
7:30 a.m.: Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish (6-person limit)

Drop-off: 12 p.m.: Mary, Seat of Wisdom and Mother of the Americas

Scan code to register. For more information contact Katie Hazen at khazen@archchicago.org.



Kolbe House Jail Ministry

Palm Sunday Prayer Walk at Cook County Jail

Sunday, April 13 | 3 p.m.
2801 West 24th Boulevard
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Let us commemorate the beginning of Holy Week with a family-friendly, ecumenical procession of palms, drumming, song and prayer around Cook County Jail. We will remember moments of Jesus' passion and connect them to the experiences of those impacted by violence and incarceration. Together, we will recommit to hope, healing, and human dignity as a Church and as a society.

Groups are welcome and parking is available. For more information, contact Emily Cortina at ecortina@kolbehouseministry.org or scan the QR code below.

Please bring your palms!

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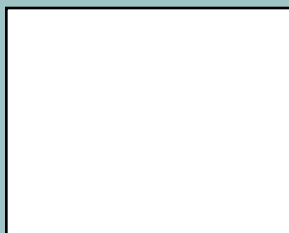
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SERVICES

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:

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 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)

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School: 773-763-7080
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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*