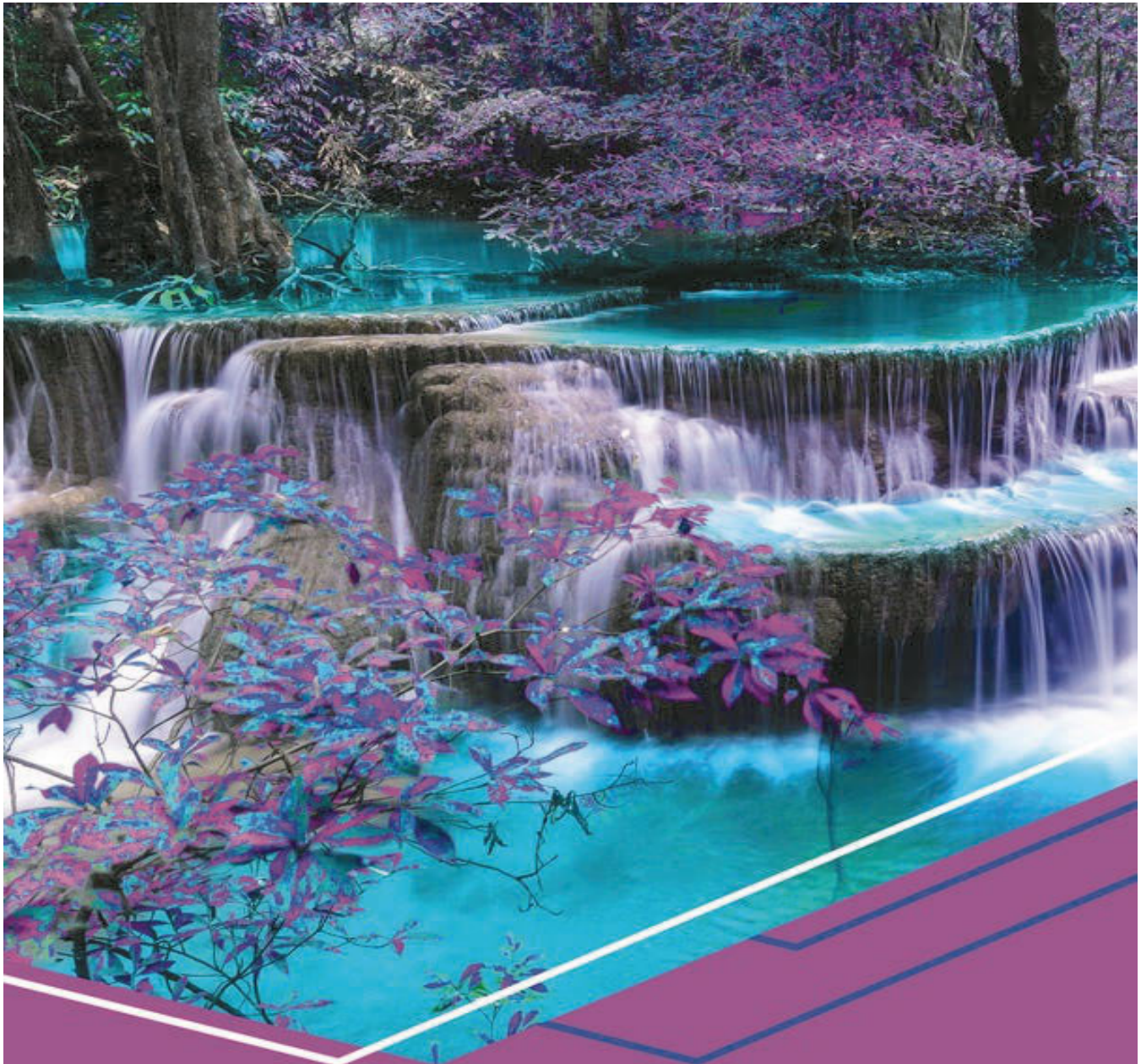




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AUGUST 3, 2025



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

- Lk 12:20-21

FROM FR. DEO

August 3, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you! I was ordained a priest sixteen years ago on August 1st, 2009. As I reflect on my priestly call and service to the Church, my heart is filled with profound gratitude. Each day, I am humbled by the magnitude of God's gift, and I'm constantly inspired and strengthened by your faith, generosity, and prayers. Priesthood is not a solitary path; it is a shared calling, nurtured and sustained by the community it serves. I thank God daily for allowing me to serve you, and to walk with you as we grow together in faith and love. I would like to reflect on this Sunday's readings in relation to ministerial priesthood and to common priesthood (the priesthood we all share as the baptized).

This Sunday's Word of God invites us to ask ourselves: Where is my treasure? What am I building my life on? In other words, what matters in my life and what are my relationships with God, others, and earthly things? Qoheleth says: "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity." For him, worldly life is ultimately empty without God because material things cannot satisfy our deepest longings. In the second reading, St. Paul urges us to "Seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." In the Gospel, Jesus warns against the danger of greed and the idolatry of material things. Jesus illustrates His teaching with the story of a wealthy man who said to himself: "I will store all my grain and my goods... then I will say to myself, 'You have plenty... rest, eat, drink, and be merry.'" (Luke 12:19) But God calls him a fool because he built his life around possessions, and self-reliance, not on a relationship with God or service to others. He is not condemned for being successful, but for his self-centeredness. Jesus invites us to be "**rich toward God**", which means to live generously, selflessly, and sacrificially, imitating the example of Jesus Christ, the High Priest.

The priesthood is the opposite of the life of the rich fool. Instead of storing up treasures on earth, the priest gives up earthly wealth, comfort, and personal ambition to follow Christ in radical trust. He becomes a man set apart, not to build bigger barns, but to build the Kingdom of God. A priest's treasure is Christ Himself. His reward is not material success, but the joy of sharing his faith and bringing souls to God. In a world obsessed with power and accumulation of wealth, the priest stands as a **prophetic sign**. His life **consists in giving oneself away in love, but he does not do it alone**. The laity (parishioners) in collaboration with their pastors participate in the life and ministry of the Church by exercising their common priesthood received in Baptism. They do so by offering themselves and their gifts and sacrifices to God. (see, CCC, 1267-68) Concretely, the laity "cooperate with their pastors for the sake of the Church's growth and life through the exercise of different kinds of ministries. (See, Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 73) The recent Synod on Synodality has also emphasized that laypeople are not at service to the clergy, but we're all together at service for the mission of the Church. We are called to act together co-responsibly in the spirit of synodality. This is a way of life for the Church (parish).

Our parish ought to be a vibrant community of faith, and each of us is an important part of the Body of Christ. I therefore invite you to consider sharing your time, gifts, and heart through one of our many parish ministries. Whether you are new to the parish or have been with us for years, there is a place for you to grow, to serve, and to make a meaningful difference. Each ministry plays a vital role in building up our parish family and extending Christ's love beyond our church doors. No matter your age or stage of life, there is a ministry that needs your gifts. Besides the existing ministries such as liturgical ministries, faith formation & evangelization, outreach & service, parish life & fellowship, I invite you to consider joining our new ministries of "Sanctuary Angels" and "Church Decoration." As we prepare for a new school year and for Religious Education and Faith Formation, I kindly invite you to register your children and help them grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith, experience the love of God, and deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

I also ask that you please join us in praying the Novena for the Assumption starting on August 6th, 2025, after the 8:30 morning Mass.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for us.

Fr. Deo



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS TIMES

Friday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Mass times will be as follows:

Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**Friday, August 15 - 8:30 a.m. and
6:30 p.m. (English)**

The 8:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by light hospitality in the vestibule.

Please join us in praying the Novena for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary after the weekday 8:30 morning Mass beginning on Wednesday, August 6. On Sunday August 10 it will be prayed at 12:30 p.m.



Religious Education



Join Us for the RE for the 2025-26 School Year

Registration is now open for children from 1st to 8th grade. Forms are available online, at the back of church, or by using the QR code above.

Tuition for this upcoming year will be \$275 plus \$75 for each additional child and our first class is Sunday September 7th

We look forward to helping your child to grow in their faith and love for Jesus!

We can always use more help if you would like to be a catechist or a classroom aid please contact Ashley Guinn in the parish office.

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

5th Annual PARISH St. Elizabeth of the Trinity SOCIAL



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Fall 2025

The Adult Confirmation Process of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a pre-sacramental program for adults (18 and older) who have already received the Catholic sacrament of Baptism and First Holy Communion and are seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Adults who have not received the Catholic sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion should contact their local parish to join the OCIA process.

The Adult Confirmation sessions are offered on Zoom in English and Spanish (**Flyer**).

Preparation Class Dates

Wednesdays: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 19. | 7 – 9 p.m.

English Adult Confirmation Mass

To Be Announced.

Registration Process

1. Registration opens on June 20, 2025.
2. **Register here** or by scanning the **QR code**
3. Pay \$100 fee (due at the time of registration)
4. Registration closes September 5, 2025 at 6 p.m.
5. You will receive the Zoom meeting link the week classes start.

For more information, please **visit our website**.

For questions, please email

adultconfirmation@archchicago.org, or call **312.534.8351**.



Minister of Care Training

A Basic Ministry of Care Training Course for those who wish to bring our Lord in Holy Communion to the homebound or in nursing facilities will be offered this Fall. Chaplain Rick Nash and Jim Vlazny of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview will facilitate this training.

The training will take place on two **Saturdays, October 25th and November 1st at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Hickey Hall, 1772 Glenview Road, Glenview**. Per Archdiocesan guidelines, it is important that new Ministers of Care attend both Saturday training sessions to be mandated. There will also be a session here at SEOT.

For more information or to register, please contact our parish Minister of Care Coordinator Tony Lupinski through the parish office.

ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY PARISH

SANCTUARY ANGELS

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CONTACT FR. LEO FOR MORE INFO.

New Eucharistic Adoration Opportunity at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist and longs to be with us in our daily lives. We are excited to announce an additional opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

It will be every Thursday starting on September 4 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 6:50 p.m. in Spanish.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout the day for private prayer and Adoration. Come and spend time with our Lord - whether for a few minutes - or an entire hour. Let us draw closer to Christ, who is waiting for us with love.

Please note that this is in addition to the normal Tuesday Adoration schedule.

All are welcome!





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 AUGUST 2, 2025

5:00 PM — Don Love Jr., Fr. Dan McCarthy (health)

SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 2025

7:30 AM — Diosdado & Pilar Cabrera
9:00 AM — Carmen Rosario Castro, Diosdado & Pilar
Cabrera, souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — Diosdado & Pilar Cabrera
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Evangelina
Rubio Medina, Pedro Barrera, Santiago Gonzalez,
Daniel Salgado (1st anniversary), Maurilio Mejia,
Ignacio Mejia, Maria Hurtado, Fransico Perez,
Teresa Padilla, Teresa Mejia

MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2025

8:30 AM — +Patricia Bastian, Martin O'Malley, deceased
members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families

TUESDAY AUGUST 5, 2025

8:30 AM — Eleanor, Samuel, Grace & Joseph Holden
11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
6:30 PM — for the homebound of the parish

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6, 2025

8:30 AM — Mark Brown, Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard
& Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margare Futterer,
+Hector P. Magnanao, Richard Bartuce

THURSDAY AUGUST 7, 2025

8:30 AM — for our parishioners
6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions
7:00 PM — Spanish Mass

FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2025

8:30 AM — Catherine Holden

SATURDAY AUGUST 9, 2025

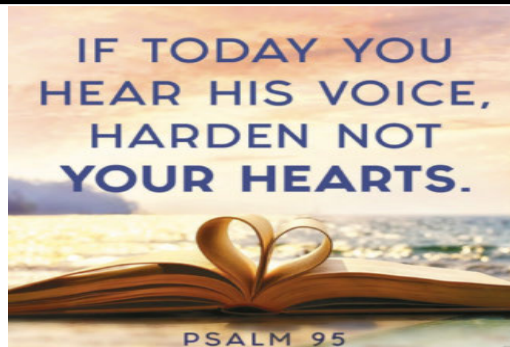
8:30 AM — for those in our Book of Remembrance
5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family,
Kathy & David Burns

SUNDAY AUGUST 10, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
9:00 AM — Mary & Joseph Jaszczor, Tom Gutzman, souls
in Purgatory
11:00 AM — Joe Gardner, Joey Gardner
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Santiago
Gonzalez

Presider Schedule - August 9 & 10

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Leo / piano
7:30 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ
9:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / piano
11:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ
1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Deo



Maureen Rose Fiore

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St.
Mary Major
Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,
Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Friday: St. Dominic, Priest
Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-
13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt
1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-
23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and
21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/
Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22
(12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

*If you took all of the good works
done by all of the humans
who have ever lived in all of history
and stacked them all up and
multiplied them by a million,
they wouldn't equal the merit,
the virtue and
the worth of one Mass.*

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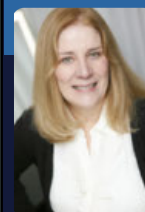
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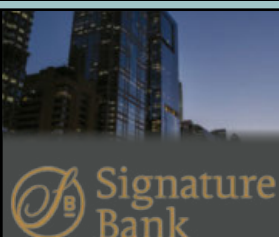
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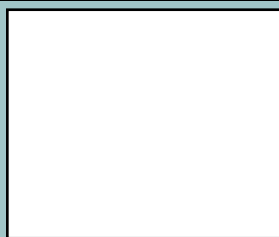
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SERVICES

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., and 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.)**

**Parish Office (Rector): Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday- 9:00 a.m.
- 4:00 p.m. & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 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 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)*. 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 Ashley Guinn 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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because my heaven is You,
my God,
and You are in my soul.
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and I in You – may this be my motto."
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*