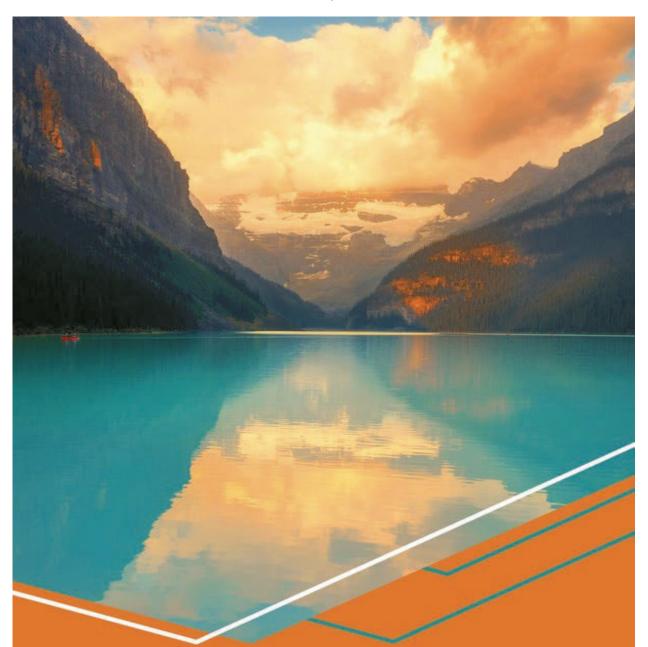


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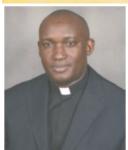
JULY 6, 2025



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

FROM FR. DEO



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with You! I want to start off by thanking Fr Mike for his faithful service and leadership. I thank all parishioners for the appreciation you showed him through your prayers, messages, and your gift of a "traveling altar". I personally thank him for welcoming me with open arms and making sure that I get the lay of the land. It is clear to me, and to all who have been blessed by his ministry, that his time here was guided by a deep love for God and for His

people. I feel incredibly honored to follow in his footsteps and engage our community on the path of building a new spiritual reality, a vibrant community where we walk and work together as missionary disciples. Although he will be greatly missed, we are glad that he will be close to us, and we wish him peace, joy, and continued blessings in his next chapter.

As I step into this role of shepherding our parish, it is with great humility, joy, and a deep sense of calling that I begin this new journey with you as your Parish Administrator. I thank God for the opportunity to walk alongside you in faith, to grow with you in love, and to serve with you in hope. I'm encouraged by your warm reception, and your dedication to our parish. I come not with all the answers, but with an open heart, a listening ear, and a desire to build strong relationships rooted in Christ. I am here to serve, to pray with you, to celebrate our faith with you in times of joy, and to stand with you in times of need.

The human experience has shown that the beginnings of every journey are always met with uncertainty, fear, and challenges. Those feelings are not somehow unknow to me. But I'm comforted by the words of St Augustin: "What I am for you terrifies me; what I am with you consoles me." I, too, am very consoled and strengthened by the grace we share as fellow (baptized) Christians and your love for and dedication to our parish. I ask for your prayers as I will also pray for you. In the spirit of synodality, we will continue to build upon the rich legacy of this parish, discerning God's Will as we move forward in mission and ministry. I look forward to getting to know each of you, hearing your stories, and discovering how we can grow stronger together as a parish community. You already know how I begin my homilies with the sign of the Cross and reminding ourselves how Good our God is: "God is good, all the time... all the time, God is good!

Today's Gospel reading talks about mission. Jesus commissions the seventy-two disciples to preach the Good News in towns and villages. He gives the paired disciples "travel tips" for their missionary journey. They must only rely on the Providence and the hospitality of others, living very simple lives, preaching the Good News and healing the sick. Unlike the Twelve, called by the Lord to remain with Him, the seventy-two will later return to their families and their work. They will bear witness, each in their own place, simply helping those around them to draw closer to Jesus Christ. By leading exemplary Christian lives, in which spouses love and respect each other, raise their children in the Catholic faith, we become missionaries in our own households. It begins with desire to know and encounter Jesus, then the commitment to sharing our faith with others. There is more joy to share about our faith and show the world how we love the Lord and one another. That is our call and mission.

In Christ,

Fr Deo



In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent His Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the St. Vincent de Paul Society members "go out two by two" to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Know that the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.

Coffee with Bishop Balthazar

You are invited to join us for coffee and treats with Bishop Balthazar Ntivuguruzwa from Rwanda, in the church vestibule after the 8:30 a.m. morning Mass on July 7th.



COME JOIN US FOR TOTUS TUUS JULY 6-II



Registration forms for students can be found at the Rectory, at the back of church or by going to the Totus Tuus tab on our website.

All Parishioners are welcome to join us for:

- 1. A parish potluck: We will kick off Totus Tuus with a parish potluck on July 6th from 12:00-12:50 and 2:15-3:15 in the auditorium. Come meet the missionaries and enjoy lunch with your fellow parishioners. Please bring a side or dessert to share if you can.
- Mass: There will also be an 11:15 Mass Monday July 7th-Firday July 11th.
 Come pray with the students who are joining us for Totus Tuus. All are welcome.

Please Note

Because of the 11:15 Totus Tuus Mass on Tuesday, July 8 - Adoration will start at noon.

SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

NEXT WEEKEND!



On the weekend of **July 12 and 13**, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our Parish to share their vocation of hospitality to the elderly. St. Mary's Home in Chicago is one of 155 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in 31 countries around the world.

Acute and considerable continues to be their need for financial support. Virtually all of the current Residents of St. Mary's Home qualify for Medicaid, and a few receive meager pensions. But these modest funds cover, at best, about half of the annual expenses. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of elders in Chicago for 146 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest seniors of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you!

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Between June 9 and August 15 the parish office will be open:

Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Arthur Hamilton—Joe & Nelda Garza—Jimmy Retondo—Elizabeth Hofstede—Jane Castiglioni

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - July 6, 2025 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

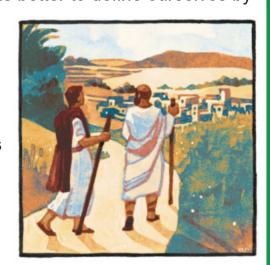
Jesus' words this week help. He says, "Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—

-to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

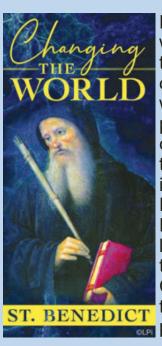
This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

- Father John Muir

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Feast of St. Benedict



Have you ever wanted to change the world? 5th century Europe was a dark place. The Roman Empire had fallen, and barbarian tribes were picking over the scraps of what remained. Faith hung on, but there was no consistent, coherent Christian culture in the world around. Young Benedict began his life with education and privilege but became disillusioned by a life pursuing material success. He withdrew to a monastery and spent much time in solitude. He began attracting followers, whom he organized over time into 12 monasteries, with a 13th established to train young monks. He wrote a rule of life including basic principles for living as Christ. His monks took three vows: conversion to Christ, obedience to the local abbot, and stability to remain with the community. Benedictine monasteries became lights in the darkness, secure centers of Christian culture enlivening the faithful beyond their walls. When the world around us seems complicated and contrary to the Gos-📥 pel, how will you be a light?



VOCATION OFFICE UPDATE

The Archdiocese of Chicago welcomes these priests ordained on May 17, 2025 who begin their parish assignments on July 1:

Fr. Cristian García

St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Mount Prospect and Rolling Meadows

Fr. Kevin Menard, SJC

St. John Cantius Parish, Chicago



Father Tim and the Vocation Office want to share some information on our work to grow the number of future priests:

I. Strengths (Good News)

- Quality candidates, stability with numbers of new seminarians over the past seven years, retention is strong
- b. Strong number of Latino discerners attending events
- c. Projected new seminarians for 2025: Seven
- d. Growth in lay supporters
- One new seminarian from Asian/Pacific Islander community and one new seminarian from the Black Catholic community
- f. Over the past 10 years, Vicariate I has given the most seminarians

II. Weaknesses (areas for growth)

- a. Overall number remains low: 31 seminarians
- b. No new candidates from Polonia in over 10 years
- c. No new Latino candidates since 2022

III. Opportunities

- a. Growth with candidates for college seminary
- b. Increased mentoring of the discerners at parish level
- c. More consistent promotion vocation at the parish level

IV. Threats

- a. Pace of life for priests and discerners
- b. Fear of commitment for candidates
- c. Lack of parental support, either for seminary or Totus Tuus

RECENT VOCATION OFFICE NUMBERS

Archdiocese of Chicago: 216 Parishes

	Particip	articipants	
	2023	2024	
New Seminarians	5	7	
Insearch	5	5	
Samuel Group	39	33	
Totus Tuus Missionaries	20	16	
Quigley Discerners	27	28	
Quo Vadis	65	70	
Who Will Fill These Shoes	? 82	80	

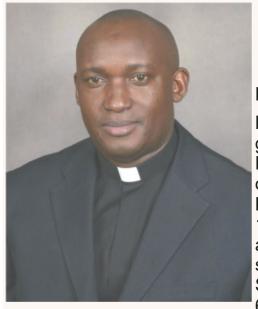


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ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY WELCOMES Fr. Deogratias Mbonyumugenzi (Fr. Deo) as our Parish Administrator

Dear Beloved Parishioners of St Elizabeth of the Trinity,

My name is Father Deogratias Mbonyumugenzi, and I go by Fr. Deo. I'm a diocesan priest from the Catholic Diocese of Kabgayi, Rwanda, East-Africa. I was born on September 23, 1982, in Rwanda to Laurence Kakweri and Zacharie Zikuliza, and I'm the youngest of 12 siblings. Both my parents died, and only 4 brothers and one sister are still alive. I grew up around church, serving as an altar boy since I was 9. I entered Minor Seminary at 12 years of age and graduated at 19. After 6 months of discernment about my vocation, I attended

St Thomas Aquinas Philosophy Seminary in Kabgayi, and St Charles Borromeo Theology Seminary in Butare, Rwanda. I was ordained to the priesthood on August 1, 2009, and I served 8 years in my diocese of Kabgayi as an educator and bursar of Kabgayi Minor Seminary and chaplain of Catholic schools (from 2009-2013). From 2014-2017, I served as Assistant Bursar of the diocese and director of the St Andrew Pastoral Center.

I came to the United States in 2017 to pursue my Theological Studies. I graduated from the Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in 2019 (MA in Systematic Theology) and started my PhD in Theology at Loyola University Chicago in the Fall 2019. I graduated from Loyola on May 6, 2025, and my PhD dissertation studied the relationship between Trinity, forgiveness, and Christian discipleship.

My pastoral ministry (experience) in the Archdiocese of Chicago includes serving as Parish Administrator at Saint Donatus Parish for 6 months, as associate pastor at St. Procopius / Providence of God (from July - December 2019), and as resident priest (2020 - 2023) in same parish. I served as a resident priest at Blessed Sacrament Parish (from July 2023 - November 2024), and Parish Administrator of the same Parish from December to May 31, 2025).

My hobbies include playing sports (basketball, volleyball, soccer, table tennis, bike riding, etc.), listening to classical music, meditation, reading, gardening, gastronomy, and cross-cultural encounters (communication). I fluently speak Kinyarwanda, French, English, Spanish, Italian and I have writing and speaking skills in Latin and German.

I am a happy person (priest), and I love to share the joy of the gospel with everyone around me. I am very thrilled to join your parish family, and I look forward to getting to know each of you as we journey together as missionary disciples.



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 JULY 5, 2025

5:00 PM — Robert Mitchell, Don Love

SUNDAY JULY 6, 2025

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski

9:00 AM — Dennis Mrozc, souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Hector P. Magnanao, Dawn & Greg LaVeau (30th wedding anniversary)

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Sebastian Aguilar (birthday), Cesar Hernandez Marin, Etelvina Villalba (2nd anniversary), Evangelina Rubio Medina, Pedro Barrera

MONDAY JULY 7, 2025

8:30 AM — deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families 11:15 AM — Totus Tuus

TUESDAY JULY 8, 2025

8:30 AM — Ray Komatowski, Margaret Machalinski, Eleanor, Samuel, Grace & Joseph Holden 11:15 AM — Totus Tuus **12:00** - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM 6:30 PM — Leo Salazar

WEDNESDAY JULY 9, 2025

8:30 AM — Lituania Pena, Irene Chmielowski 11:15 AM — Totus Tuus

THURSDAY JULY 10, 2025

8:30 AM — Janelle Volpe, Gigi & Ernie Aguilar (wedding anniversary), Mary Goneno 11:15 AM — Totus Tuus

6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions

FRIDAY JULY 11, 2025

8:30 AM — Frank Cicchetti, Margaret Rodden Wydra 11:15 AM — Totus Tuus

SATURDAY JULY 12, 2025

8:30 AM — John & Max Mielecki

5:00 PM — Don Love, Jr., Margaret Rodden Wydra

SUNDAY JULY 13, 2025

7:30 AM — Charles Jacobucci family

9:00 AM — Tom Gutzman, souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — John Keane Sr., Mary Keane, John Keane Jr.

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Pedro Barrera, Evangelina Rubio Medina

Presider Schedule - July 12 & 13

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





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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Tuesday:

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, Wednesday:

and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday:

Friday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

(1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt

9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and

15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,

10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-

17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, Friday:

39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, Saturday:

6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,

36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

The Church, led by the Holy Spirit, pursues her journey through history with trust, joy and courage as she proclaims the name of Jesus and the salvation born of faith in the saving truth of the Gospel.

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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 (Rectory): 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)

"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