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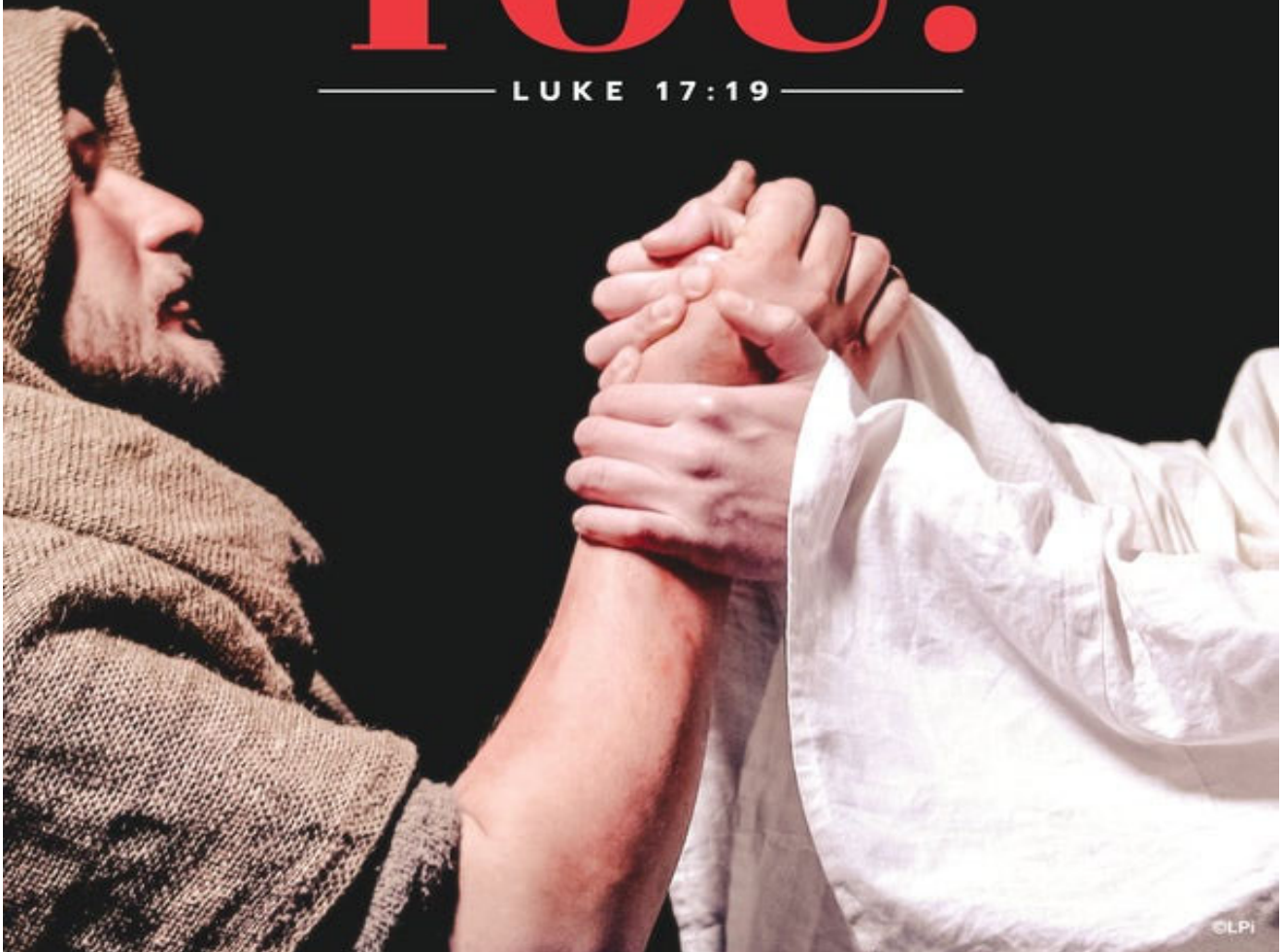


OCTOBER 12, 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR FAITH
HAS SAVED
YOU.

— LUKE 17:19 —



FROM FR. DEO

October 12, 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good! This Sunday's readings talk about gratitude as a response to God's loving and healing mercy. The readings talk about "grateful and forgetful lepers". Leprosy was a terrible disease and forgetting who healed you seems unconceivable. It reminds me of COVID-19. I caught COVID in September 2020, and I had to be taken to Rush Hospital, where I was hospitalized for eight hours before being released to recover at the rectory. Parishioners, in an act of kindness and solidarity, would leave food, medicine, and water by the door. I would only go out to pick them up once they had left. It was such a strange and painful way to live—cut off from everyone, even those who cared deeply. I'm eternally grateful to those who cared for me.

Like COVID-19, leprosy created a powerful social stigma that led to isolation, depression, and anxiety. Those who were infected were exiled from their communities and forced to live in remote leper colonies, cut off from family and society. That is why lepers were required to present themselves to the priest for examination when they believed they had been healed.

In the first reading (2Kgs5:14-17), Naaman, the Syrian leper is healed after obeying the prophet's instruction to wash himself in the Jordan River. In response, he acknowledges that there is no God except in Israel. In the Gospel (Lk17:11-19), ten lepers are healed by Jesus, and He instructs them to go show themselves to the priests. Yet only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for healing him, while the other nine now-healed Jewish lepers went their way. Jesus says to him, "Your faith has made you well." St. Paul, in the second reading, advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings, trusting in God who raised Jesus from the dead.

These readings invite us to contemplate our own leprosy and see ourselves as lepers who need God's healing and mercy. Oftentimes, when we hear "leprosy," we think of an ancient disease that no longer affects us. But in these readings, leprosy represents more than a physical disease: it symbolizes our spiritual woundedness, our sins, our brokenness, the ways in which we are "unclean" before God and others. Like the lepers, we may experience some sort of isolation, shame, fear, calling out to God to heal and forgive us. But we forget to return to the Lord and thank Him.

The nine lepers went on their way rejoicing—but they didn't return. They accepted the gift but neglected the Giver. Are we like those forgetful lepers? That one leper who returned displayed a deeper faith: he not only received healing but returned, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave praise. Jesus told him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well." He was completely healed, body and soul. As we celebrate our Sunday Eucharist, let us ask for the gift of gratitude to God for the healing grace and other blessings He has bestowed upon us. As I am eternally grateful to those who took care of me during those challenging times, let us thank those who bless us with their loving care.

In parish news, we invite each of you to participate in the "Encounter Survey". It will help us discern together where we are as a parish—what's working, where we can grow, and how we can serve you and others more deeply in your walk with Christ. Whether you come to Mass every week or just occasionally, your feedback is important and your voice matters.

This month is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary, and to Respect Life, a time when we renew our commitment to the sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death. We warmly invite you to pray the Holy Rosary with us throughout the month as a parish community. Let us ask Mary, Mother of Life and Queen of Peace, to intercede for our Church, our families, our nation, and especially for the protection of all human life. Lastly, they will be selling tickets after all Masses today for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner to support our parish mission for the Station School in Rwanda. Your generosity is well appreciated.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo





The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Coat Drive on October 25 and October 26

At all Masses on the weekend of October 25 and 26 the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting new and gently used, clean winter coats for homeless folks and others in need in our area. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Save the date! ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



Date: Sunday, October 19th

Time: 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Location: Phil's Pizza D'Oro

Pre-sale cost: \$6.00 carry out per person

At the door cost: \$7.00 carry out per person

NEXT SUNDAY!

This years event will be carry out only

MENU

Salad

Bread

Spaghetti with meat sauce

Dessert

Proceeds will be donated to the Station School in Rwanda

Tickets will be sold outside of the church on October 11th & 12th or you can purchase at the rectory

You will have an opportunity to sign up for sponsorship when picking up your dinner order or during pre-ticket sales
If you have sponsored a student and have not yet picked up your *thank you* letter, you can do so at the event

Thank you for your support

SPARE CHANGE / BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION FOR THE WOMEN'S CENTERS

During October, Respect Life Month, our parish is participating in **The Baby Bottle Project** benefiting **The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland**. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 41,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church, fill it with your spare change, and **return it the weekend of Oct. 25/26.**

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. *Thank you for helping defend life* and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

If you are donating by check, please make it payable to: "The Women's Center."

Thank you for your support!

Respect Life Month



Luke Frank
children of Steven & Rachel
(McDonough) Galardo



All Women of the Parish

Please join us today, **October 12th, for our Women's Group Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

This will be followed by our monthly meeting at 10:45 a.m.

All Parishioners

All parishioners are invited to the Auditorium **after the 9:00 a.m. Mass today** for Hospitality. coffee, juice, milk, and doughnuts will be served.

Hospitality will also be offered after the 1:00 Spanish Mass.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

We will offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the **8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, October 25th.**

This sacrament is intended for all who are ill - whether in body, mind, or spirit. The illness may be temporary, serious, or chronic. You may receive the sacrament if

you are preparing for surgery or even if you are just experiencing "old age."

It's important to understand that this sacrament is no longer referred to as the "Last Rites." As such, you may receive this sacrament as often as you need it during your life.

After the Mass, members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a selection of blessed prayer shawls available for those who would like one.



SICK LIST

Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Arthur Hamilton—Michele Schmidt—
Joe & Nelda Garza—Jimmy Retondo—Elizabeth Hofstede—Donna Kolinski—JoAnn Keto—Jane Berg—
MaryAnn Hermesdorf—Eugene Pagani—Lidia Piper

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



For All Women of the Parish Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY!

Make authentic connections with other women
Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? *Living in the Father's Love* will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.

This brief but powerful Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.



In the Auditorium

Starting October 15th at 6:30 pm

Books are \$25. If you register ahead of time at the back of church or by using the QR code we will order it for you and give it to you that evening.

We will meet for 6 Wednesdays from 6:30-8

Questions? Contact Ashley Guinn at
aguinn@archchicago.org



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JOIN US FOR FR. DEO'S INSTALLATION MASS

Our local Vicar, Bishop John Siemianowski, will preside at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, October 26, during which he will install Fr. Deogratias Mbonyumugenzi as the Administrator of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish.

A reception offering light hospitality will take place in the gym (5859 North Moody Avenue) afterwards.

Everyone is invited to attend and to offer your best wishes to Fr. Deo.



COLUMBUS DAY

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday on **Monday, October 13** both the Parish Office and Parish School will be closed. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 14.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY | October 19, 2025

Support Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples

Let us contribute to the evangelizing mission of the Catholic Church with our witness of life and prayer, our sacrifices and generosity. The collection taken this day provides critical support to 1,124 dioceses in remote and resource-limited areas. WeAreMissionary.org/wms

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
 2. Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.
 3. On the first bead, say an Our Father.
 4. Say one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.
 5. Say the Glory Be
 6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the Our Father.
 7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be.
 8. (After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.)
- After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen, followed by this dialogue and prayer:
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.
(A prayer to St. Joseph may also follow.) Conclude the Rosary with the Sign of the Cross.

See more at: www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary



THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

THE ROSARY IS PRAYED COMMUNALLY AFTER THE DAILY 8:30 A.M. MASS.

The Five **Joyful Mysteries** are prayed on Mondays, Saturdays, and during the season of Advent on Sundays:

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation in the Temple
5. The Finding in the Temple

The Five **Sorrowful Mysteries** are prayed on Tuesdays, Fridays, and during the season of Lent on Sundays:

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death

The Five **Glorious Mysteries** are prayed on Wednesdays and outside the seasons of Advent and Lent on Sundays:

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Coronation of Mary

The Five **Luminous Mysteries** are prayed on Thursdays:

1. The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist





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Thanks to everyone who recently came out to support the Class of '26 car wash fundraiser. It was a huge success! With all your help, they have funds for a Brewers game in the spring, a class trip to Superdawg Drive in, and all the fun treats in between.



Can a lima bean grow without soil? Students are hypothesizing whether their lima bean can grow without soil. They are placing a seed wrapped in a wet paper towel inside a Ziploc bag in a sunny place. Data is being recorded, and sprouts are being measured daily. This project enables students to learn about plant needs, such as water, warmth, and air, by observing the roots and stem development over a period of 7-10 days.





Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on YouTube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2025

5:00 PM — Eleine Miller, Mary Nowik, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Edward Michael Durkin (healing)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12, 2025

7:30 AM — +Maggie Brokos
 9:00 AM — +Kevin Kirby, +Tom Gutzman, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Theresa Rohde Divita, +Patrick & Agnes Brady, +Rita Lombardi, Jutta Czerkies (health)
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Ramiro Flores Jr (health), +Ricardo Calderon, +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Calina Gabriel (2nd anniversary), +Lupita Gamino, +Magalay Fernandez (2 wks.)

MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2025

8:30 AM — for those on our Memorial Trees and Boards

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2025

8:30 AM — Matthew Brown, Renee Pomierski
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — for those in our Prayer Garden

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2025

8:30 AM — Ray Trimble, LaVonia Komatowski, +Sophie Zielazny, +Anna Berndt (birthday)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16, 2025

8:30 AM — +George Berndt (anniversary)
 9:15 - 6:50 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:50 PM
 6:00 - 7:00 PM -- CONFESSION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17, 2025

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025

8:30 AM — +Thomas Byrne
 3:30 - 4:30 - CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — John & Helen Ptak, +Don Love, +Peter Eck, +Thomas Byrne

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — +Kevin Kirby, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health), +Steve & +Helen Kaczmarek
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Lupita Gamino, Susana Reveles, Concepcion Torres (birthday), +Magalay Fernandez (3 wks.)

Presider Schedule - October 18 & 19

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



Eugene Pagani

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day
 Tuesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
 Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
 Saturday: St. Luke, Evangelist
 Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



SPECIAL ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

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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)**

Low Gluten Hosts: available from priest in center aisle at all Masses

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: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.,
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday: 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.**
(all are bilingual)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)
**Thursday: starts after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at
6:50 p.m. (in Spanish)**

Parish Office (Rectory) Hours: 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 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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*"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*