

FROM FR. DEO

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good!

Today the universal Church celebrates the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran — the mother church of all the churches in Rome and it's a special day for our parish community as we celebrate the Feast of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, our Patron Saint. Both feasts invite us to meditate on God's dwelling place: in the Church, and in our souls.

When a parish takes a saint as its patron, it enters a spiritual friendship — a shared journey of faith with a holy companion who intercedes for us in heaven. Our patron saint becomes a trusted intercessor and model, someone we can turn to in prayer, confident that she is close to God and close to us. For our parish, having St. Elizabeth of the Trinity as our patron means walking the path of faith inspired by her profound love for the Triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Be sure to read about the life of our patron saint later in this bulletin. She teaches us that God is not distant, but lives within us. She said: *"It seems to me that I have found my Heaven on earth, since Heaven is God, and God is in my soul."* Her life reminds us to make space for silence, prayer, and adoration, so that we may become, as she said, *"a praise of His glory."*

The mystery of the Trinity dwells in us since every baptized person is a "temple" or "house" of the Trinity. This Sunday's readings remind us that God's true dwelling is not only built by human ingenuity. He dwells in living temples: Christ's Mystical Body and in us through the Spirit. The first reading (Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12) talks about the water flowing from the Temple, bringing life's fruitfulness everywhere. St. Paul, in the second reading, writes: "You are God's building... You are God's temple and God's Spirit dwells in you." (1 Cor 3:9c,16). In the Gospel (John 2:12-22), Jesus identifies Himself as the true and everlasting temple. He vows to restore its dignity, referring to His death and resurrection. The river from the temple is understood to be the Holy Spirit, flowing out from Christ and the Church to bring life to the world. St Elizabeth echoes this thought when she said: *"It seems to me that I have found my Heaven on earth, since Heaven is God, and God is in my soul."*

How can we live a trinitarian life? It is to be aware of this Divine Presence within us, not as an abstract idea but as a loving communion at the heart of our being. When the Trinity dwells within us, the "living water" of God's love, peace, and forgiveness flows from our hearts and brings life to others. As St. Elizabeth of the Trinity teaches us, we must spend moments during the day recollecting ourselves interiorly, as a guest of the Three Divine Persons. Furthermore, because the Trinity is a communion of love, living a trinitarian life means reflecting that communion in our relationships by choosing unity and harmony over division, and seeing others as temples of the same Trinity who dwells in us.

Turning to our parish life, we're considering two projects that will soon be presented to the Parish and Finance Councils and the wider parish community: 1) Organizing an annual fundraising event, the "Trinity Gala", to be held each year on the weekend of November 8 in celebration of our Parish Patron Saint; and, 2) Acquiring a statue or image of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, as a visible reminder of her presence and spiritual inspiration in our community. These initiatives aim to deepen our parish identity, strengthen our sense of community, and honor the spiritual legacy of our patron saint.

Finally, as we honor and pray for our veterans, we turn to God, the Giver of all peace, asking Him to bless them—to heal what is wounded, to strengthen what is weary, and to grant them the peace that the world cannot give.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

In Christ,

Fr. Deo