



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**JANUARY 18, 2026**



## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jn 1:29

# FROM FR. DEO

January 18, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” does not mean unimportant; it comes from the word *ordinal*, referring to the numbered weeks of the liturgical year. Ordinary Time is the season of growth, discipleship, and faithful living in the rhythms of everyday life. This Sunday’s readings challenge us to recognize the presence of the “*Lamb of God*” among us, and bear witness to Him as faithful disciples.

In the first reading taken from one of the hymns of the “Suffering Servant” in the book of Isaiah, we hear God’s call to be “a light to the nations.” This unidentified figure, who prefigures Jesus, is chosen from his mother’s womb by God and consecrated to serve his people and carry God’s saving light to the world.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that all who call upon the name of Jesus are sanctified and called to be holy. Through Baptism, we are called not just to be holy, but to bear witness through our kindness, forgiveness, love, and hope.

Today’s Gospel opens with one of the most powerful statements in all of Scripture: “*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*” John’s witness does not draw attention to himself; instead, he humbly directs others to Christ. His testimony is not only a declaration of who Jesus is, but a personal and communal invitation for us to accept this call and become witnesses to the Lamb of God in our daily lives.

The title of Christ as the Lamb of God is familiar to us. John proclaims this at the Jordan and the Church repeats it at every Eucharistic celebration before we approach the altar. What was announced in the desert is made present on the altar: the same Lamb, once offered, now given as food for the life and salvation of the world. These words are meant to shape how we see Jesus and how we understand ourselves.

Every time we come to Mass and hear, “Behold the Lamb of God,” we are invited to do more than look. We are called to trust, to follow, and to be transformed by Jesus. When we approach the table of the Eucharistic sacrifice, we consume what we believe and must become what we have received: the Body of Christ. But this holy act is never meant to end with us. We’re called to bear faithful witness to Christ who takes away the sins of the world. Let us ask ourselves: “Does my life point others to Christ?”

In parish news, all parishioners are warmly invited to join us next week as we kick off Catholic Schools Week, celebrating and giving thanks for the gift of Catholic education and the formation of our students in faith, knowledge, and service. I urge you to visit our Parish School next Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and discover all it has to offer.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo

**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29**



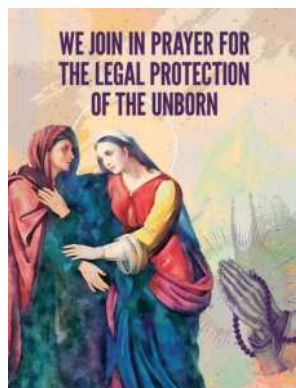


In today's Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying: "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon Him."

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**The parish office and school will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**



*"Only with prayer — prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."*

— U.S. Catholic Bishops

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

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## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [uscbb.org/latin-america](http://uscbb.org/latin-america).

iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.



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MaryAnn Hermesdorf—Lidia Piper—John Kottra—Rosemary Marinello—Marion Calvino—  
Giovanni Randazzo—Ann Sychowski—Elvira Caruso

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





## Catholic Schools Week

### Open House

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Sunday  
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## An Invitation to All Men of the Parish

*That Man Is You - The Fight of Faith* equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Biblical identities will emerge to inspire heroic lives of service to a calling greater than ourselves. Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God's own identity. Fight the good fight of faith to win an imperishable crown of glory.

Join us for a video presentation followed by deep, meaningful, personal, and safe conversations and fellowship on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the auditorium beginning January 20. All men are welcome. Come and see how this experience can make you a better man!

Learn more at [thatmanisyou.com](http://thatmanisyou.com).



### 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 contribution statements will be available by request beginning January 20. You may request one by: calling the parish office (773 763-8228), by stopping by the parish office, or by emailing the parish office at ([parishoffice@setparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@setparish.org))

We prefer to email the statements or have you pick them up.

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish!

### Science Fair Judges Needed

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School Science Fair will be on Thursday, January 22, 2026 and we need judges! As a judge, you will be evaluating students on their science fair presentation while also reading their written reports. Both projects have a rubric to follow. Anyone can volunteer (who does NOT have an 8th grade student enrolled in St. Elizabeth). If you can help on the 22nd from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., please contact Mrs. Kathy Dati. It is really a great experience, and our students love showing off their projects!

[k.dati@stelizabethtrinityschool.org](mailto:k.dati@stelizabethtrinityschool.org).

# Totus Tuus Is Back! Save the Date!



Totus Tuus is Returning to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity this summer from July 12th-17th. This is a great opportunity full of fun and faith formation.

Registration will start soon. Keep an eye on the bulletin and Flock-note 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.



## Reflection: What is clear to me about blurring

Growing up in the 1950s, I played with “trucks and cars.” When I added a new vehicle to my collection, I instinctively knew whether it was a “truck” or a “car.”

Then, over time, the distinction between trucks and cars faded and evolved. But that’s not the only instance of the blurring of lines of distinction. Think about it: professional sports vs. amateur sports; work time vs. vacation time; casual attire vs. dress attire. More examples of blurred lines?

If we eat breakfast cereal at a time other than the morning (as do a significant number of Americans), is it still correct to call it “breakfast food”? That raises another question: What is “food”? If a label says an item has artificial coloring, artificial flavors and virtually no nutritional value, should we still call it “food”?

And then there are those ubiquitous electronic devices that most of us carry around all the time that blur lines by serving as a phone, communications device, learning tool, camera, flashlight and more.

For some, spotting blurs can become a type of game. For instance, if a health care practitioner is able to earn a doctorate degree in nursing, should we address that nurse as “Doctor?” However, blurring can be very serious. With the onslaught of Artificial Intelligence, will we be able to distinguish between what is factual and what constitutes fake news? And what about actual photographs vs. fake images?

What does blurring have to do with faith and religion? Actually, a lot. Consider how some have blurred the line between male and female. What’s more, blurring has led to a redefining of marriage by segments of our society.

Each distinction that is erased makes it easier to eventually obliterate all distinctions. But it is “the big one” that troubles keen observers of society -- and it’s the one that worries me.

This tendency to blur everything logically leads to erasing the line between what is right and what is wrong. That is “the big one.” In other words, the blurring of all lines of distinction transforms, for example, the Ten Commandments into a historically interesting, simple list of “suggestions.”

While cryptocurrency (such as Bitcoin) continues to blur the definition of money, here are some fundamentals that I personally find clear:

**Direction** is given through the message of Jesus in the Gospel;

**Guidance** is provided through the teachings of the Catholic Church;

**Inspiration** is delivered through the example of the saints; and

**Support** is offered by the community of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish.

For me, these are realities, they are not blurry, and my hope is that they will stay this way.

Ron Polaniecki



We are excited to welcome students back after Christmas break. We are halfway through the school year and ready to finish the second half strong!







Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Sunday Mass on YouTube - search for the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2026

5:00 PM — +Don Love Jr., +Roger Jaeger

### SUNDAY JANUARY 18, 2026

7:30 AM — for our parishioners

9:00 AM — souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Mary Coffman (good health), +Bridget Byrne, +Robert Joseph Caston, +Maria Magnolia Gomez, +Richard & +Lucyna Gustek,

2:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSIONS

1:00 PM — +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Jesus & Adrian Hernandez, +Justiniano Pacheco, +Perfeto Corral Avitia

### MONDAY JANUARY 19, 2026

8:30 AM — +Kenneth N. Jaszczor (birthday)

### TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026

8:30 AM — +Ambrose & +Katherine Irti

11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — +Joyce Jaszczor (8th anniversary)

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21, 2026

8:30 AM — for those in our Book of Remembrance

### THURSDAY JANUARY 22, 2026

8:30 AM — +Daniel G. Cahill

11:00—6:50 PM — Adoration / Benediction

6:00 - 7:00 PM — bilingual CONFESSION

### FRIDAY JANUARY 23, 2026

8:30 AM — for those on our memorial trees and boards

### SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2026

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

3:30 - 4:30 - CONFESSION

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family

### SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2026

7:30 AM — for our parishioners

9:00 AM — souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Walter & Mary B. Davitt (health), +Peggy Hanley

2:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSIONS

1:00 PM — +Juventino Gonzalez (25th anniversary), Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Jesus & Adrian Hernandez, +Magaly Fernandez (4 month anniversary), +Pedro Lopez

### Presider Schedule - January 24 & 25

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / piano / parish choir

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo

## Day of Prayer for the

# LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN



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Eternal Life

Edward Edwards

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9 -10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**Something Exciting is Coming to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity!**

## *This Is Our Faith*

This series will explore what the Catholic Church teaches and believes by studying the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

- What do we believe?
- Why do we believe what we do?
- Where do these beliefs come from?
- Why are all of them important?

We will explore Church tradition and scripture, in addition to the Catechism. This series is ideal for life-long Catholics who want to learn more about their faith as well as seekers and newly received people into the Church.

Sessions will be offered twice each week starting on

**Tuesday, February 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and run through May 19**  
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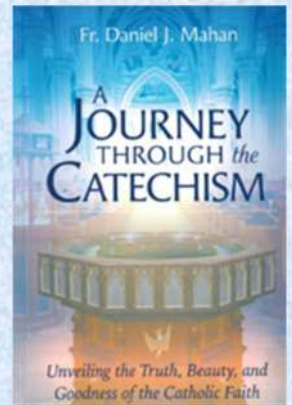
**Wednesday, February 25 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. through May 20.**

Meetings will be held in the lower level of the rectory.

Reading from the book *A Journey Through the Catechism* will be required prior to each session. There will be a \$20 fee to purchase the book. Bibles and Catechisms will also be available to those who would like to purchase them.

Contact Jim Madura at (773) 763-8828 or [jmadura@archchicago.org](mailto:jmadura@archchicago.org) for more information or to register.

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### 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:  
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### 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](mailto:food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org)

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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*