



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



FEBRUARY 8, 2026



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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Parish Vision Statement

We are a vibrant Catholic parish family where all are welcomed to seek and be transformed by Christ, and to be sent forth to radiate Trinitarian love in daily life.

FROM FR. DEO

February 8, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings invite us to bear witness to Christ by living and sharing our faith. When we serve others with humility and love, we become signs of God's presence—bringing flavor to the world and light to those in darkness.

The first reading from Isaiah (Is 58:7-10) reminds us that authentic faith is lived and shown through concrete acts of justice. Isaiah insists that God's light shines through us when we care for the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In the second reading (1Cor 2:1-5), St. Paul declares that the Good News is not proclaimed through human wisdom or eloquence, but through humility and the power of God's presence.

In the Gospel (Mt 5:13-16), Jesus calls His disciples "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." These images challenge us to live our faith openly and authentically. Jesus does not say, "You should attempt to become the salt of the earth," or "Try to be the light of the world." He says, "You are." These are not suggestions; they are calls to action.

In everyday life, a little bit of salt and light may seem insignificant, yet they can make a great difference. Just a little salt enhances flavor, and even a small light pushes back darkness. Salt and light do not exist for themselves, but to serve. In the same way, faith must be lived and shared. Jesus is warning us that discipleship cannot stay hidden or private. We let our light shine not by drawing attention to ourselves, but by giving glory to God.

The vision of our parish is to be a welcoming community that lives out our faith visibly—through joyful witness, generous service, and a readiness to share the Gospel in word and action. When we live this way, our parish becomes what Jesus calls us to be. In other words, we become salt and light not through big speeches, but through concrete and small acts of love, forgiveness, generosity, and justice.

This Sunday challenges us to ask ourselves: Where has God placed me to be salt? Who needs light in their darkness because of me? As Pope St Paul VI says: "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." When we live the Gospel quietly and faithfully, Christ's light shines through us—and that light can change lives.

In Parish news, today we celebrate Scout Sunday, honoring the Scouts of our parish community. We are grateful to the Cub and Girl Scouts and their leaders for their dedication and positive witness, and we ask God's blessing upon them as they continue to grow in faith and service.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo

Jesus said to his disciples:
"You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste, with
what can it be seasoned? You
are the light of the world. A
city set on a mountain cannot
be hidden."
- Mt 5:13a, 14



In the Gospel today, Jesus says: “You are the light of the world.” He is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a “light” to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can drop it in the slot marked “Poor Box” on the inside wall of the church vestibule.

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Many families in our parish should have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries of the parishes and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us an opportunity to join with others and affirm that “together we bring light.” In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. As we consider God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect our gratitude by using and sharing those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express that gratitude. Please donate as you are able to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

**WE WILL HEAR CARDINAL CUPICH’S HOMILY NEXT WEEKEND AND
GO THROUGH THE IN-PEW COMMITMENT PROCESS**

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



2025 contribution statements are now available by request. 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

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FINAL HOMILY SURVEY: YOUR RESPONSE TO THE HOMILY TODAY

Fr. Leo has been participating in the Preaching for Encounter Program for the last two years. He is dedicated to improving his homilies and would love to hear your feedback on his homily on the weekend of February 7th & 8th at the 5pm, 11am and 1pm Masses. Please scan the QR code and take a few minutes to let us know how it impacted you. Paper copies will also be available on February 7-8 at church. Thank you for your help in supporting him to preach better!



ENQUESTA FINAL: SU RESPUESTA A LA HOMILÍA DE HOY

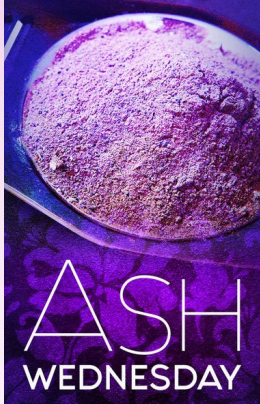
El **Padre Leo** ha estado participando en el Programa de Predicación para el Encuentro durante los últimos dos años. Él está dedicado a mejorar sus homilías y le encantaría escuchar sus comentarios sobre su homilía el fin de semana del 7 y 8 de Febrero durante la Misas de 5pm, 11am o 1pm. Escanea el código QR y toma unos minutos para contarnos que pensaste de su homilia. Enquestas en papel tambien estarán disponibles el 7 y 8 de Febrero en la iglesia. ¡Gracias por ayudar al Padre Leo con su predicación!



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—Lidia Piper—John Kottra—Rosemary Marinello—Marion Calvino—
Giovanni Randazzo—Ann Sychowski—Rick Levins—Majorie Ostrowski
(Call the parish office to have your name added or removed.)

ASH WEDNESDAY



February 18 is Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (in English) and at 7:30 p.m. (in Spanish.)

We will also have Prayer Services at noon and 4:00 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed after the homily at all of the above services.

Please make sure to take a bulletin next week. It will contain an inserted calendar with all of our liturgical offerings for Lent. There will also be a Rice Bowl box that we encourage you to use for part of your Lenten almsgiving activities.



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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EVANGELIZATION COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember to put a generous contribution in your evangelization envelope next weekend for the quarterly evangelization collection.

This collection helps us with such things as: Christmas and Easter book giveaways, our literature offerings, the Rescue Project, That Man Is You, our parish wall calendars, Sunday hospitality, and much more. Please help in supporting these worthy endeavors.



Congratulations to our six Science Fair finalists!

They have advanced and will compete at the Regional Science Fair next month. We wish them the very best of luck as they move on to the next round!

From left to right: Leah P., Aubrey A., Allison J., Addie B., Lilly P., and Billy J.

COMING SOON!

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 Catholic Faith.

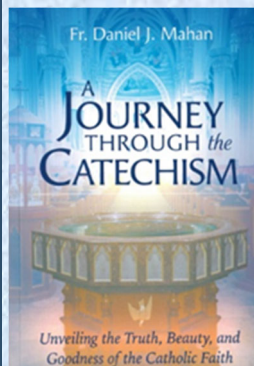
Sessions will be offered twice each week starting on:

Tuesday, February 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. through May 19

or

Wednesday, February 25 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. through May 20

Sessions 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 for more information or to register.

Hurry – space is limited!

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.

Parishioners' Corner



Scouting has always meant more to me than just meetings and activities—it was an experience that helped shape who I am. Through Scouting, whether in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts, children are given the opportunity to spend time outdoors while learning valuable life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and problem solving. The supportive environment encouraged me to try new things, overcome challenges, and grow more confident with every achievement.

Being part of a scout group creates a strong sense of belonging and lasting friendships. Scouting teaches leadership and responsibility in a fun, supportive environment where success is earned and rewarded. Outdoor programs, group activities, and leadership opportunities help scouts to grow and mature, build self-confidence, and learn how to set goals, reach for them, and achieve them alongside friends.

A few years ago, I was approached to help build the Scouting community at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Last year, we restarted the Cub Scout pack, and I stepped into the role of Cubmaster. Others have also stepped into leadership roles within our Cub Scout pack and Girl Scout troop. Together, we are carrying forward the lessons we learned through Scouting and now imparting them to the next generation of scouts.

Today, we celebrate Scout Sunday, which honors the contributions of both young scouts and adult leaders to Scouting. This special day highlights the importance of a Scout's "Duty to God" and the principle that "a Scout is Reverent," reminding us that faith, service, and gratitude are central values in not only our faith, but in the Scouting journey as well. We invite anyone interested in learning more about Scouts to reach out.

Dave Walters

Cub Scout Pack 3969

CUB SCOUT MASS



Please join St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Cub Scout Pack 3969 for the 9:00 a.m. Mass today.

Scouts —please wear your uniforms to Mass.



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Blessing of Mission Prayer

**Bless us on our way, O Lord.
Share with us as we share with others.
Heal us as we help others to heal.
Provide for us as we open our hands in charity.
Every gift comes from You.
You are at the heart of all that is good.
Share that goodness with us today, abundantly.
Amen.**



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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2026

5:00 PM — +Don Love Jr., +Joan Tavriles, +Lawrence Conway, +Melbourne Noel, +Kathleen Weber, +Thomas Byrne, +Susan McGrath (4th anniversary), +Sean O’Leary (anniversary), +Oliver O’Leary (month’s mind)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2026

7:30 AM — +Eugene Fraczkowski, +Charles Jacobucci
 9:00 AM — +Fr. Edwin Pacocha, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — +Margaret Mally, +Kristine Joy Dignadice (birthday), +Luisito Jimenez Capungan (RIP)
 2:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSIONS
 1:00 PM — +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Jesus & Adrian Hernandez, +Eloina Fernandez (49th anniversary)

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2026

8:30 AM — +Charles Jacobucci
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — for those in our Book of Remembrance

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2026

8:30 AM — Ray Komatowski, +Joanne T. Puisis, safe trip

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2026

8:30 AM — +Sharon Robinson (1st anniversary)
 11:00—6:50 PM — Adoration / Benediction
 6:00 - 7:00 PM — bilingual CONFESSION

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2026

8:30 AM — +Charles Jacobucci

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2026

8:30 AM — +Charles Boyd, +Annabelle O’Malley (birthday)
 3:30 - 4:30 - CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — +Joseph Martino (birthday), deceased members of the Ognibene family, +Electo Infante, +Kathleen Weber, +Thomas Byrne, +Pamela Kaczmariski

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026

7:30 AM — +Helen & +Alexander Kolinski, +Edward Dyjak (birthday), +Anna, +Estelle, +Joseph & +Walter Dyjak, +Jo & +Ed Sanborn
 9:00 AM — +Tom Gutzman, +Adelina Cabrera Dela Rosa (birthday), +Gemeliano Cabrera (birthday), souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — +Adelina Cabrera Dela Rosa (birthday), +Gemeliano Cabrera (birthday)
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSIONS
 1:00 PM — +Cesar Hernandez Marin, Edson Granados, +Jesus & Adrian Hernandez

Presider Schedule - February 14 & 15

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

Let the light of Christ
 that we carry within us
 drive away the darkness
 of fear and sadness.



Janet Robertson
 Ignacio Rocuant

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
 Monday:
 Tuesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine’s Day
 Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is returning to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity!

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10-15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link starting **February 18th** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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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)

*“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