

FROM FR. DEO

June 14, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

This Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time calls us to respond generously to the Lord's invitation to participate in His mission: "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." The call to labor in God's harvest is not merely a task; it is a share in the very life and mission of Christ by extending the grace and mercy we've freely received.

Mission flows from identity. In the first reading, (Ex. 19:2-6a) God claims His people as His own: "...If you keep my covenant, You shall be my special possession ... a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." Before we are sent on mission, we must first recognize who we are: beloved sons and daughters of God through Baptism. St. Paul reminds us that our mission is to share God's grace and mercy, revealed in Christ, who died for us while we were still sinners. Having received His mercy, we are called to extend it to others.

The Gospel (Mt 9:36—10:8) begins with Jesus' compassion and ends with the sending of the Twelve with a clear message: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Compassion always leads to mission. Before we can be sent outward, we must first encounter Christ within. Our patroness, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, teaches us that mission begins with God's presence within us. She believed deeply that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit dwell in every baptized person. The more we cultivate this interior relationship with God through prayer, the Eucharist, and the sacraments, the more we become capable of carrying Christ's presence to others.

Our parish can be truly missionary by welcoming everyone, serving the poor, supporting families, accompanying the youth, and empowering all members to share the Gospel. We are not simply parishioners who attend Mass. We are called to be disciples who have encountered Christ and are being sent to bring His compassion to others. The questions become: What can I do for our parish? How can I serve our parish? I invite you to discover your calling by exploring our liturgical ministries, engaging in community events, and participating in our upcoming parish initiatives like the Trinity Gala in November and the Generation-to-Generation Campaign.

As we continue to grow as a parish family, may we follow the example of St. Elizabeth by becoming living witnesses of God's compassionate love. United in faith and centered on Christ, let us answer the Lord's call to bring hope, healing, and joy to all who enter our doors and to all whom we meet.

In Parish News, please join us for an evening of Praise and Worship with the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Guitar Ensemble this Sunday, June 14, at 5:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium.

The blessing of the image of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity has been postponed due to the artist's health constraints that affected her schedule. The new date will be announced soon. Keep her in your prayers.

Please keep all the priests of our Archdiocese in your prayers as we gather this week from June 15-18, in Wisconsin for our Convocation. May the Holy Spirit renew us in faith, strengthen our fraternity, and guide us in our mission of serving God's people. Be assured of our prayers for you as well.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us.

Fr. Deo