



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



JANUARY 14, 2024



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

FROM FR. MIKE LEO

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Gospel passage this Sunday once again brings to the forefront our current dire need to evangelize as a Church community. We see that three new people find the splendor of Christ and decide to stay with Him, not only that evening but for the rest of their lives. Andrew, the other unnamed disciple, and Simon Peter cling to the “Lamb of God” forever. Something to note right away is that Andrew, a faithful disciple of John the Baptist up to that point, understood the great importance of sharing what he had just experienced. He could not wait to see what Jesus was all about or if He lived up to the hype. He understood and, most relevantly, believed in the witness of the Baptist to the extent that he just had to tell his brother about the Lord. To him, the simple action of seeing the Christ confirmed all hopes and expectations in his heart.

Furthermore, Andrew’s quick proto-evangelizing action reveals something valuable about these brothers’ spiritualities. It demonstrates their deep interest in realizing the ultimate revelation of God the Father, that is, His Word made flesh, Jesus. These two brothers must have been praying rather intensely to receive a confirmation from Heaven—and they obtain it! Andrew shares the good news with inexpressible joy: “We have found the Messiah.” This joy could only stem from a deeply rooted trust that the Messiah was real and would soon arrive. A joyful moment of sharing such as this between Peter and Andrew only originates from hearts full of expectation.

This brotherly interaction of evangelization, however, begs the question: Is it the responsibility of every disciple to share the joyful news of our Messiah? Or is it reserved only for those intellectually or pastorally attracted to the concept of evangelization? I pose this question because it is likely that evangelization can be given to those with a particular inclination for it. In other words, we could believe that spreading the good news of Jesus Christ should be a task only for those lay, religious, and ordained members of Christ’s body who have it at the forefront of their hearts.

The truth is that we find ourselves at a distinct junction in the history of the Church. It really does depend on this current generation of Catholic Christians to do something to ensure the visible structure of our Church remains standing. We could leave it to the evangelization-inclined people and hope something will be left one hundred years from now. However, it has never worked this way in the past two millennia. What has always worked has been the Apostle Andrew’s example. That is, as individual disciples, we need to take ownership of the faith we received and fall in love with the Lord. This joy must lead us to seek our brothers and sisters out to tell them immediately about Jesus. We have to be able to communicate the richness that only Christ can bring into the world. For if you love our Messiah, you will love to see future Christians genuinely love Him as well!

Peace!

-Fr. Leo Sepulveda





In the Gospel today, Jesus asks: "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find it when we look for ways to make others happy. It is then that we truly become happy.

As you place your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Society poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

The parish office and the school will be closed on Monday, January 15th in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Also - no RE classes on January 14.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Any items for the January 21st, January 28th, and February 4th bulletins, including Mass intentions, should be submitted no later than Tuesday, January 17th.

Thank you for your understanding.

Jim Madura
jmadura@archchicago.org

January Teen Mass

January 28th at 5:00 pm

with prayer time accompanied with music and Confessions starting at 4:40 and followed by games and pizza until 8:00 pm

All are welcome to join us for prayer and Mass
Teens in grades 7-12 are welcome to join us in the gym, after mass for some food and fellowship.

If you have questions or are a teen who would like to help lector or alter serve at the Mass please contact Ashley Guinn in the Parish Office or at aguinn@archchicago.org

 **Baptism**
Welcome
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St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Holy Name Society / Men's Club
Championship Sunday Party
Sunday, January 28, 2024
Doors open at 1:00 p.m. at the Auditorium.
Tables are \$250 (seat 10)
\$30 entry fee at the door for same day walk-ins.
Email st.elizabethhns@gmail.com to reserve a table.



SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—
 Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—
 Nicholas Guerrieri—Fr. Dan Fallon—Marie Brasher—Paola Estrada—Judy Biala—Eva Anderson—
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 Charles Jacobucci—Nancy Wesclitz—Ciara Czajkowski—Donna J. Kolinski—Richard Muench—
 Frank Delia—Steve Miller—Raffaella Mucerino—Sandie Douglas
(Call the rectory office to have your name - added or removed)

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!



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A Festive End to the Christmas Season for Religious Education Classes

R.E. students enjoyed a festive end to the Christmas season last Sunday. Students brought over 80 camels to school to commemorate the journey of the magi described in Matthew's Gospel.



First Graders searched for their own Baby Jesus' laying in small bundles of hay hidden throughout their classroom, and made their own reminders that God guides us.

RCIC students enjoyed a Three Kings cake. The Third and Fourth Graders learned that the lyrics of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* song contain hidden Bible references used by Catholic families in the 16th century to secretly pass the faith onto their children. (Those "four calling birds"? Well, those would be the four Gospel writers. The eight maids a-milking? Those would be the Beatitudes. The ten lords a-leaping? Ask a 3rd or 4th grader.) And the Confirmation students learned that although the magi's visit is typically depicted with three wise men, the Bible doesn't declare how many wise men actually paid homage to the newborn king.



As we take down the last of the Christmas decorations and put away the manger (and get back to eating a bit more healthy diet), let's help our children keep the lessons and blessings of Christmas alive – the kindness and gratitude, the caring acts of compassion and the outpouring of generosity - - and the joy! Wishing you a very merry Ordinary Time as we enter the new liturgical season.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



2023 contribution statements will be available *by request* beginning January 22.

We would prefer to email them to you or have you pick them up at the parish office, but they can also be mailed. You may call or email the parish office if you would like to request a copy. Call 773 763-8228 or email: parishoffice@setparish.org

If you are a Faith Direct user, you are able to print out your own report through their website. If you have made contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal you will receive an acknowledgement directly from the Archdiocese.

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WHEN: Sunday, January 28, 2024
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**CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK**



**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 23:
The “Fifth Gospel”
By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



More on the Gospels? This week, for our final Gospel topic, we are going to discuss the fifth Gospel. *Fifth Gospel?! But Father, you went into detail last time about why there are four Gospels!* Before I cause too much confusion, let me clarify that the fifth “Gospel” is not one that is written. It is the place where Jesus lived, the place where he walked on the water and worked miracles, the place where he celebrated the Last Supper with the Apostles, and the place where he carried the Cross and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to the Father for the forgiveness of sins: the Holy Land.

The Land Where Jesus Walked

A *New Catholic Encyclopedia* article quotes Gino Concetti’s 1974 article in *L’Osservatore Romano*: “The geographical and historical setting...bears a quite special witness (to Christ). It has been said that the Holy Land is itself a Gospel, the fifth Gospel. The judgment is not an exaggerated one. [...] Those places that Christians have venerated, since the beginning, as sacred because sanctified by the Savior, are still able today, 2000 years later, to re-echo his voice and his message” (*New Catholic Encyclopedia*, p. 245). Similarly, Pope Francis recently encouraged journalists to “keep telling stories from the Holy Land, calling it the ‘Fifth Gospel,’” a title which “has been invoked by popes from Paul VI to Benedict XVI to describe the Holy Land” (Courtney Mares, *Pope Francis: The story of the Holy Land is the “Fifth Gospel”* CNA, January 17, 2022). The Holy Land is more than a spot on the map half a world away: it is a true witness to the Lord Jesus as the place where he lived and walked and died for our sins!

Since I had the privilege to spend some time in the places where Jesus walked, the words of the four Gospels truly do feel different. Standing by the shore of the Sea of Galilee and feeling the afternoon breeze, it is not hard to see where a large crowd could have gathered to listen to Jesus. Experiencing the dusty, dry environment brings a deeper understanding of the moment Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for a drink. Walking up the stone steps in part of the Old City of Jerusalem, the Way of the Cross is vivid and closer.

Unfortunately, the Holy Land continues to be a place of turmoil and violence. As an important center for three world religions (Christianity, Judaism, and Islam), there has been a long history of ongoing tensions. Although leaders have worked together to secure and protect important religious shrines and historical places, the struggle for territory and control has long made the Holy Land a place of unrest and uncertainty. Sadly, this uncertainty has at times prevented many Christians from journeying to Israel and walking in the places and pathways that Christ walked, losing an opportunity to grow closer to him by walking in his footsteps. May our respect for this unique “fifth Gospel” inspire us to pray always for peace and justice and for the opportunity for each soul to freely seek out the true Savior of the world, Jesus Christ.



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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene Family, Margaret Rodden Wydra

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

7:30 AM — Alice Erie
 9:00 AM — Joseph, Sally & Debbie Gleeson
 11:00 AM — Agatha Kubik, Geraldine Gudani, Pete Eck
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Edwardo Granados, Cirilo Pacheco, Etevlina Villalba, Cesar Hernandez Marin, deceased members of the families of Hector Castaneda and Constreras Manon

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

8:30 AM — Donald Mosinski

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

8:30 AM — Conrad Deane
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — John & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

8:30 AM — Gabriela Lara, Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

8:30 AM — Jim Dagger
 6:30 PM — CONFESSION (bilingual)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

8:30 AM — Joyce Jaszczor
 3:30 - 4:30 PM—CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — Don Love

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — for our parishioners
 11:00 AM — for our parishioners
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco

Presider Schedule - January 20 & 21

5:00 p.m.—Fr. Sepulveda *piano*
 7:30 a.m. —Fr. Sepulveda / *organ*
 9:00 a.m. —Fr. McCarthy / *piano / parish choir*
 11:00 a.m.—Fr. Grisolano / *organ*
 1:00 p.m.—(Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King Day
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
 Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 Friday:
 Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
 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: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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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)

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)

Last Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Benediction at 7:50 p.m.)

Rectory (Parish Office): 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 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. 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 Peggy Bradley 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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