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To offer a Mass Intention, reserve a room for your ministry, or for general inquiries, please contact the office: (214) 331-4328 or office@stelizabethdallas.org

Mass Schedule

Masses: Saturday (anticipatory) 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM
Daily Masses: Monday thru Saturday: 8 AM

Adoration

First Friday: 10 AM - 7 PM, ends with Benediction
Other Fridays: 6 PM - 7 PM, ends with Benediction

Confession

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM, and by appointment
Parents with young children in tow are warmly invited to skip to the front of the line.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Anointing of the Sick is administered upon request. Please call the office to make arrangements. For extended needs for Holy Communion at home, please call the office for further information.

Funerals

Before making arrangements, please contact Virginia Greene at (469) 697-6778.

Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Altar Servers, please call Deacon Paul Williams at (469) 901-8138 or email pwilliams@stelizabethdallas.org

Ushers and Greeters call Michael Rangel at (469) 855-2943.

Clergy

Pastor: Very Rev. Emmett Hall, V.F.
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Francis Nwizu
Deacon: Paul Williams

Lay Staff

Business Manager: Maria Longoria Chavez
Parish Catechetical Leader & Wedding Coordinator: Elizabeth Seidemann
Funeral Coordinator: Virginia Greene
Safe Environment Coordinator: Margaret White
Receptionist: Marie Marroquin
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Facilities Specialist: Leo Moncada

St Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School

Mrs. Jennifer Borth, M.S.E.L, Principal
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Faith Formation for Children & Teens

✠ PreK-4 through 7th grade meets Sunday mornings during the school year.
✠ 8th grade & high school Confirmation classes are Wednesday evenings during the school year.
✠ High School Youth Ministry meets Wednesday evenings during the school year.
Contact Elizabeth Seidemann at (469) 697-6775 or eseidemann@stelizabethdallas.org for information.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm from September to May. Contact Estella Castillo at (214) 725-2100 or ecastillo@stelizabethdallas.org for information.

Catholic adults desiring to complete their sacraments of initiation (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) may also attend these courses.

Financial Assistance

Contact St. Vincent de Paul Society at (469) 418-0871 or svdp@stelizabethdallas.org.

Scan the QR code to donate.



No aid is available at the parish office.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish is a Texas nonprofit corporation and 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization.

From The Desk of The Pastor

A Meditation on the Manger



Christmas is coming soon, and many of our decorations are already up, which is well and good. (We'll keep our decorations up through Epiphany, the traditional end of the Christmas season, and I encourage y'all to do the same if you can.) While some decorations may be merely winter-themed for the season, others can be spiritually instructive. I'd like to reflect on one decoration in particular: the nativity scene.

Christians have depicted the scene of Christ's birth in artwork since at least as early as the 4th century, but the practice of displaying it seasonally seems to have originated with St. Francis of Assisi, who on Christmas of 1223 first assembled a "living nativity scene" in a mountain cave near the Italian town of Greccio. From there it was adopted into popular piety and adapted to fit the circumstances of diverse places, and now we see it is so widespread that perhaps we don't give it much thought anymore. I propose, however, that the familiar manger scene can remind us of a few profound truths.

First, Jesus and His loved ones faced rejection even from before His birth. Bethlehem was Joseph's ancestral hometown, and he almost certainly had relatives there that should have welcomed him and his wife into their home. They didn't. Perhaps they couldn't believe the circumstances of our Lord's conception, and so rejected Mary and Joseph out of shame; or perhaps they just couldn't be bothered the inconvenience. This can serve as an examination of conscience for us, too: may we never reject Jesus out of doubt or shame or laziness.

Secondly, Jesus willingly entered into a messy world. Mary gave birth, not in a clean hospital or comfortable family home, but among livestock in the cold of winter. If Jesus didn't shy away from such meager accommodations, surely He will come even into our messy souls if only we do our best to welcome Him.

Finally, we know that the Christ-child was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger as a makeshift crib when He was born. This, too, is instructive: mangers are food troughs for animals, and we see this small detail of our Lord's birth highlighted because it points forward to Him becoming the Bread of Life (cf. John 6), nourishing us with His very Self in the Holy Eucharist.

What a great gift we have in our Savior, who comes to us already now, in hidden ways, despite our unworthiness, if only we welcome Him.

~ Fr. Emmett

Stewardship

December 7, 2025

Attendance Total: 1,044

5:00 PM 197

8:00 AM 161

10:00 AM 428

12:00 PM 258

Collections: \$11,291

Online: \$7,336

Teller Team Captain 12/14 - Tom Janik

Teller Team Captain 12/21 - Norma Gonzalez

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13

8:00 AM † Frank Garland, by Frances R. Jackson

5:00 PM † Anthony Alva, by Candy Alva and Family

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM † Raymundo L. Gonzales, Sr., by Hortencia Gonzales and Family

10:00 AM † Hal Ward, M.D., by Frances R. Jackson

12:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, December 15

8:00 AM † Alexia Navalny, by Frances R. Jackson

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory, by Frances R. Jackson

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 AM † James Mannos, by Peter Giura

Thursday, December 18

8:00 AM † Harry Mannos, by Peter Giura

Friday, December 19

8:00 AM † Mae Williams, by Deacon Paul Williams and Family



The sanctuary light burns in memory of Joe and Anthony Alva by Candy Alva and Family

 Please visit stelizabethdallas.org to register as a parishioner, see upcoming events, sign up for online giving and much more.



“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’” (Luke 2: 10-12)

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy – “Gaudete Sunday”

The third candle of Advent symbolizes **Joy**. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls “Gaudete Sunday,” meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the **“Shepherd’s Candle,”** and its color is **pink**, the liturgical color for joy.



Advent Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Confession will be available on Wednesday, **December 17th** from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is an additional opportunity to receive the sacrament during this Advent Season. Use this occasion to prepare for the “Coming of the Lord”.

Altar Guild News

- ◆ All members are invited to the annual Christmas Party. Festivities will begin in Grahmann on Thursday, December 18th at 11:00 AM. Show off your recipes and bring your best “food item” to share and compete against other homemade recipes.
- ◆ Don’t forget to purchase your Homemade Tamales! Only \$16 a dozen. Orders will be taken after ALL the Masses. You can pick up your order on December 22nd from 4 PM to 6:30 PM just in time for Christmas. All orders must be pre-paid.



Giving Tree

Let’s remember those who might go without this holiday season. Your donation can be “new” clothes for adults and children. Any non-violent toys, games, housewares or gift cards are also welcome. Please place your unwrapped gift under the tree. We ask that you also provide wrapping paper for the gift. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season

Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) Are Here!

St. Elizabeth Catholic School is accepting TEFA vouchers to help cover tuition cost. The vouchers are the new Texas Education Freedom Accounts, designed to give parents the power to choose the best educational setting for their children – including faith-based schools like St. Elizabeth! Scan the QR code for more information.



Saints’ Christmas Program



‘Tis the season for “fa, la, la la, la” and sleigh bells. Come join our school students display their many talents at this year’s Christmas program. The event is sure to put you in the spirit of the season. The program will be held on December 18th at 7:00 PM in the church.



Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who participated. In the appeal. We surpassed our goal and reached 14% participation this year. The appeal has received 96% of our pledged donations. Great work everyone.

Bible Study

The group will be on hiatus until Tuesday, January 6, 2026. They will begin their journey in “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”. Please contact the office if you would like to participate.

Deadlines: Information for the Bulletin **must be submitted at least 2 (two) Fridays before** the date of the event. Pulpit announcements must be submitted by the Wednesday (before noon) prior to the event. The office retains all right to change, modify, or not use any submissions.

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