

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC PARISH



From The Desk of The Pastor

Christmas Every Day



What a great blessing, that God would enter into our world in the Incarnation! This is for us a source of great joy, which animates our mission to share the Good News as disciples of Jesus. On Christmas, everyone is called to be filled with joy: Jesus Christ our Lord is born! He has come to set us free from sin and death, and we rejoice with the angels proclaiming "Glory to God in the highest!"

Once upon a time in the life of the Church – not so long ago, some of you may still remember this – the priest used to read an extra Gospel passage at the end of Mass, the first lines of John's Gospel: "In the beginning there was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory."

This passage used to be read at the end of every single Mass, except for one: Christmas Day. And that's because it's the reading used during the middle of Mass. In other words, the Christmas Day Gospel was proclaimed at the end of every Mass throughout the year. Why would that be?

The mystery we celebrate at Christmas is that God became one of us. But He didn't just take flesh and enter into our world two thousand years ago. He comes to us at every Mass in the Holy Eucharist.

Jesus truly dwells among us still today: in the Tabernacle; in the hearts of the Faithful; and in the poor, the immigrant, the sick, and the imprisoned. We have the privilege of encountering and serving Him. May that be a source of enduring joy in this season and always.

Stay close to Christ always and cherish that joy.

~ Fr. Emmett

Stewardship

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith." *Galatians 6:9-10*

Teller Team Captain 12/28 – Tom Janik

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Eucharistic Adoration



Please join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** on this **First Friday, January 2nd** during the hours of **10AM to 7PM**. Immediately following adoration, communal praise in the form of **Benediction** will take place. We ask that you join in the Holy Father's intention: "**for the formation of men and women religious and seminarians**". Please use the sign-up sheet in the rear of the church. It is our way of ensuring that the Blessed Sacrament will not be left unattended at any time. All are encouraged to attend the sacred event.

THIS is our FAITH.

In addition to First Fridays, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held every Friday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Benediction will follow.

Because we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, we ask that only practicing Catholics in good standing receive Holy Communion. If you are not Catholic or it's been a while since you've been to Mass, and you haven't first returned to the Lord in the sacrament of Confession, we ask that you either remain seated during Communion, or else come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing instead.



Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Nazareth, today, we turn our gaze to you with admiration and confidence. In you, we contemplate the beauty of communion in true love. To you, we recommend all our families, so they might be renewed in this wonder of grace. Holy Family of Nazareth teach us to imitate your virtues with a wise spiritual discipline.

Renew our desire for holiness. Reawaken in our society the awareness of the sacred and inviolable character of the family, a priceless and irreplaceable good. May every family be a welcoming abode of goodness and peace for children and the elderly, for those who are sick and alone, for those who are poor and in need. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we pray to you with confidence, we entrust ourselves to you with joy. Amen.



Altar Guild

The St. Elizabeth Altar Guild is a group of men and women who serve God and assist our pastor with varied projects and activities. We welcome you to join. Give me a call if you want to know more! Debbie Savins, President 972-922-9921

Love to Sing?? Join the Choir

You can join one (OR ALL) of these singing groups.. (1) the CONTEMPORARY GROUP, sings on the 1st and 3rd Sundays; (2) the TRADITIONAL CHOIR, sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays; or (3) the ENSEMBLE, sings on the 5th Sunday (or 3rd Sunday when no 5th Sunday). All rehearsals are in the Gorman Room. Stop by and speak with Mr. Richard Gwozdz or call (817) 368-2235 for more information.



Guadalupana Association

The Guadalupanas work toward promoting religious education by providing resources or sponsoring scholarships for retreats. We also make delicious hot tacos!! Come and join us in 2026. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month. You may contact Tina DeLeon at (469) 734-2853.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council 17111 serves the parish through acts of charity, volunteerism, and through community service. Our mission is to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in the parish, and in the community. Our group meets at 7p every 3rd Thursday of the month in the Grahmann Center. If you would like to learn more about how to become a Knight and getting involved in our council, please reach out to Ben Hernandez at (214) 458-6244.



Liturgical Ministry

I coordinate the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and the Altar Servers. We are always looking for volunteers eager to serve the Lord within the Mass.

Contact me @ pwilliams@stelizabethdallas.org or (469) 901-8138.

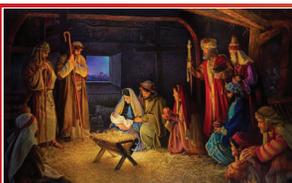


Newly Married Group

For this group we promote fellowship and support among couples who have recently entered a sacramental marriage. Our meeting schedule is TBD for the spring but would love to include you in our chat group and next meeting.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our society needs your heart and hands. Help us provide food and funds for people in need in our community. Don't forget our Black Bag Collection weekends. Contact Rudy Garza for more info at (214) 202-0655.



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