



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent



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Office Hours:

Monday and Friday: 8:00am to Noon

Tuesday — Thursday: 8:00am to noon
~ 1:00pm to 4:00pm

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Elizabeth

Saturday at 4:30pm and
Sunday at 7:15am & 10:45am

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday Mass at 9:00am

Daily Mass: (St. Elizabeth)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: Noon

Wednesday 11:00 am

Thursday & Friday: 12 Noon

(Except when noted:

Thursday Prison Mass)



(Exposition of the Most Blessed
Sacrament is on Wednesdays from
11:30 am to 1 pm at St. Elizabeth.)

Please consult parish webpage for up-
to-date scheduling changes, which
supersede bulletin scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners who are seriously or criti-
cally ill or having surgery, Please contact
the parish office.

Baptisms

Please call the Parish office

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults is an ongoing formation
process for adults who are
interested in becoming a Catholic
and would like to receive the
Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and /or First Eucharist.
Call the Parish Office for additional in-
formation.

Sacrament of Marriage

If you are considering marriage,
please contact the Parish Office no
later than 6 months prior to the pro-
posed wedding date, and the
diocesan and parish guidelines
will be explained.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth
3:15pm to 4:00pm
or by appointment

*"And this is my prayer:
that your love may increase
ever more and more in
knowledge and every kind
of perception, to discern what
is of value..."*

(Philippians 1:9-10)



Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Dec. 7	4:30pm	Christopher Hartrich by Eileen Hartrich
Sun. Dec. 8	7:15am	Dave Worman by Angela and Josh Stumborg
OLOL	9:00am	Helen and Roger Fabris by Kay Pescatore
	10:45am	Frances Medina by Rito and Maria Medina
Mon. Dec 9 OLOL St. Elizabeth	11:30am 6:00pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Perna Wirey by Keith and Rita Wirey Virginia Barclay by Hugh and Celeste White
Tues. Dec. 10	Noon	Becky Roth-Nightengale by Eileen Hartrich
Wed. Dec. 11	11:00am	No Mass or Adoration
Thur. Dec.12	Noon	Communion Service (Prison Mass)
Fri. Dec. 13	Noon	Greg Bohman and Edna O'Dell by George and Jane Bohman
Sat. Dec. 14	4:30pm	Virginia Barclay by Hugh and Celeste White
Sun. Dec. 15	7:15am OLOL 9:00am 10:45am	Linda Sikorski Fr. Walter Deppisch - Parish 70th JoAnn Shepherd by Preston and Mary Beth Reilly

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 14-15, Third Sunday of Advent

Sat., December 14, 2024, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Robb Sparks

USHERS AND GIFTS: Ken and Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MINISTER: Celeste White

Sun., December 15, 2024, 7:15am

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS : Jim and Shari Eckert

COMMUNION MINISTER: Shari Eckert

ALTAR SERVERS: Natelie and Naomi Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Travis Rich Family

Sun., December 15, 2024, 9:00am, OLOL

LECTOR: Stacia Matson

USHERS & GIFTS: Jerry and Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MINISTER: Keith Wirey

ALTAR SERVER: Abigail Davis

Sun., December 15, 2024, 10:45am

LECTOR: Eileen Hartrich

USHERS: Keith and Patti Buercklin

COMMUNION MINISTER: Missy York

ALTAR SERVER: Gavin and Dawson Tuel

GIFT BEARERS: Keith Buercklin Family

Advent Confessions Opportunity

In addition to regular confession times before the Sat. vigil, and by appointment, Fr. David, alone, will be available in the church for this sacrament on **Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 5 - 6:15pm.** (We have remaining separate Advent confession arrangements for the PSR children on December 11th.) We will have a Lenten Reconciliation Service this spring with a trio of priests.

PSR

We have two more regular PSR Classes this year! They will be held on December 11 and 18. Please be mindful that the kids attend class prepared for the cold, and that they do not leave their winter attire at the hall.

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th this year because the 8th is The Second Sunday of Advent, and observed as such. Therefore, **Mass in Oblong marking the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—A Holy Day of Obligation—will be at 11:30 AM on Monday, the 9th. Later that day at 6 PM is the Feast Day Mass in Robinson, the only Mass at St. Elizabeth that day.**

(Because these Monday liturgies occur on what is Fr. David's typical day-off, he will take his day on Wednesday, December 11th, so no Mass or Adoration that Wednesday.) Missing a Holy Day of Obligation without good reason is a significant sin for which an account must be rendered to God—our Heavenly Father who gave us our beloved Blessed Mother Immaculately Conceived without the stain of sin.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us."

New Parish Office Hours

Monday and Friday—8:00am to Noon

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—8:00am to 4:00pm

"NEW" Online Giving

For any of our parishioners who choose to donate their weekly collections online, we have switched to an easy new diocese-wide program for our offices. This current Sunday (Dec. 8) will be the last time we will be using Give Central. From here forward you can go to the parish website at www.crawfordcountycatholics.net and use the links there for **"Give - St. Elizabeth, Robinson"** or **"Give - Our Lady of Lourdes, Oblong."** Once you have established your new account, it will be a very easy and a quick way to do all your weekly, monthly, or special collections in a snap! Please continue using this way of donation, or give it a try for your first time! You will be surprised how easy it is, and may learn to love it!

St. Elizabeth Annual Advent Project

A **BIG THANK-YOU** to all who took Advent ornaments for this year's Advent Project. Please continue your giving to the this project by returning the gift tags AND the un-wrapped gifts to the church at Mass times, or to the parish center during posted hours. All gifts and tags **MUST** be returned by December 15, please.

Any questions: please call Patti Buercklin at 554-4621 or call the office at 544-7526 and leave a message for her. Thank you again and may God bless you!

2nd Collection THIS weekend

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. What a worthy cause! Please give generously.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses:

Our Lady of Lourdes—4:30pm

St. Elizabeth—8:00pm



Christmas Day Mass:

St. Elizabeth—8:00am

Christmas Party

Our combined-parishes Christmas Party will be **THIS SUNDAY, December 8th, at 5:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.**

Ham & turkey, noodles, dressing, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Parishioners are kindly asked to please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Has anybody seen anyone peaking around corners watching to see if you have been naughty or nice?!



Thank-You from The Family Life Center

Thanks to you, sixty beautiful babies have been welcomed into the world this year, and twelve more special mothers are expecting precious gifts from God before year's end! We still have much work to do, but your help in programs such as the Baby Bottle campaign you graciously took part in this last year (between Mother's Day and Father's Day) has been such a big help to us! May God bless you greatly this Advent Season!

From Fr. David

What is worse as goes harsh weather—extreme cold or extreme heat? Both can kill. Bone-chilling icy cold, especially if wet, might get my vote for the worse of the two, yet heat can be overwhelming and debilitating, too.

Hell is often depicted as a fiery place “where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” What an awful existence that must be! Some have suggested, though, that the worst challenge in hell is residence souls' eternal separation from God, and from loved ones.

Still, there is something about bitter cold that goes to the core of one's being, down to the bone. We are reminded when experiencing it of death and dying. The Irish literary giant James Joyce drew parallels between heavy snows and death.

Severe weather, like the crippling storms across the country over Thanksgiving, remind us of our vulnerability, and how quickly conditions (and our lives) can change. We are reminded, also, of the need to be prepared, of the importance of checking-up on those we love and care about, of having emergency kits in vehicles, and of keeping cell phones handy and charged.

If we are practical that way in earthly matters, we should be even more practical in Heavenly matters. The Season of Advent is a wonderful time to work at this spiritual preparedness, and to face our vulnerabilities maturely and bravely.

Confession is an amazing tool of grace to aid us in this preparedness. The sacrament compels us to enter humbly into an examination of our lives, especially in the realm of sin. In Reconciliation, suddenly the harsh frigidity of winter gives way to the warmth and fresh blossoming growth of spring!

We have more opportunities for this sacrament this Tuesday night at St Elizabeth. Please know you are welcome to stop-in starting at 5 pm. (It's just me available for this, and not much time, but we hope to have a trio of priests for a Lenten Penance Service this spring.)

Friends, take a fresh look at the promise of Advent! Work at making this sacred season truly special for you and your family this year. Christmases come and Christmases go, but what makes for truly wonderful ones is the preparation and prayer that precede them. I encourage you to ponder and pray on the wonder of Almighty God coming as that vulnerable Bethlehem babe! **How much He must love us! How much He must want us to surrender to His loving ways!**



Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, December 9, 2024, (Immaculate Conception)

Reading I - Genesis 3:9-15,20

Reading II - Ephesians 1:1-3-6, 11-12

Gospel - Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Isaiah 40:1-11 / Gospel, Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Isaiah 40:25-31 / Gospel, Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12, 2024

(Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6,10 / Gospel, Luke 1:39-47

Friday, December 13, 2024

Isaiah 48:17-19 / Gospel, Matthew 11:11-19

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Gospel, Matthew 17:9-13

Sunday, December 15, 2024,

(Third Sunday of Advent)

Reading I - Zephaniah 3:14-18

Reading II - Philippians 4:1-7

Gospel - Luke 3:10-18

Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is rooted in the sixteenth century. A poor baptized Indian named Juan Diego (December 9th) was on his way to a nearby town to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady. He was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it a young Native American maiden dressed like an Aztec princess.

The Lady spoke to Juan in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico City,—Juan de Zumarraga—with instructions to build a chapel in the place where She had appeared. Eventually the bishop told Juan Diego to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan Diego's uncle was gravely ill. The Lady assured Juan Diego that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan Diego to carry to the bishop in his cape (or tilma).

When Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground and the bishop sank to his knees: On Juan Diego's tilma appeared a glorious image of The Lady, Our Blessed Mother, exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. The day was December 12, 1531.

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary, and the God who sent her, accept all people without discrimination. While a number of Indians had converted before this incident, they now converted in droves!

In times now when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for—and identification with—the poor is an age-old truth stemming from the Gospel itself.



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

(Week ending Sunday, November 24, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 2190.00 / Loose: \$ 447.00

Give Central weekly: \$ 340.00 / Building fund: \$ 45.00

Sister Church India: \$ 20.00

DCJH: \$ 50.00 / Total Deposit: \$ 3092.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

(Week ending Sunday, November 24, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 640.00/ Loose: \$ 68.00

DCJH: \$ 5.00/Christmas Flowers: \$ 20.00

Building Fund: \$ 110.00 / Total Deposit: \$ 843.00

Prayer List

Jessica Andruch Fr. Steve Arisman
Anne Batzloff Howard Beagles
Tony Bierman Joe Bierman
Paul Berger Megan Burton
Ryan Calvert Annie Calvert
Sara Casburn Scott Chapman
Nancy Conrad Angela Day
Linda Dillingham Kristen Eagleson
Eileen Fabris Edward K. Hartrich
Tim Hinterscher (Genie) Huss-White
Marcia Lawhead Huong Que Le
Jeff Monroney Gregg Mossman
Carol Marshall Larry Mette
Kathleen Myers Michell's Dad
Debbie Nichols Henry Miles
Jocelyn Ramsey Chuck Reinoehl
Margo Riker Jennifer Sadler
Fr. Suresh & his family
Karen Sanders Fr. Carl Schrage
Judy Schiller Amy Slover
Raymond Smith Rodney Smith
Chelsey Steeno Linda Stewart
Jeremy Warren Nina Watts
Chary Wilson Kathy Wojkovich
Ralph Worman

All in the Armed Forces, and all our First Responders.

Answer to November 24th Quiz Question

Jesus called these 2 disciples "Sons of Thunder: A-Peter and Andrew B-Peter and Paul C-James and John D-Aquila and Priscila Or E-Philip and Bartholomew

Answer: C Jesus gave them this name because they were zealous and hot headed. (see Luke 9:54 and Mark 3:17.)

Quote of the Week

O Jesus, it is through Your most compassionate Heart, as through a crystal, that the rays of Divine Mercy have come to us.

—St. Faustina Kowalska —