

Sunday Bulletin

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

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December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent



Father's Message

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,



All around the diocese, parishes are hosting their Advent penance services, providing the faithful with opportunities to partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession. Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ, offers a perfect moment to engage in this sacrament. For many, the thought of confessing sins to a priest can be intimidating, accompanied by fears of judgment or harshness. However, this perception is far from the truth. The priest serves as an instrument of Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. In John 20:22-23, Jesus grants His apostles the authority to forgive sins, making the confessional a sacred space to experience His forgiveness, love, and grace, empowering us to lead a Christian life with renewed strength.

There is a profound peace that comes with admitting our faults to a trusted confessor. It's akin to shedding a heavy burden and allowing Jesus to shoulder it. Moreover, the self-reflection inherent in the confession of sins enhances our self-awareness and understanding of our behaviors and shortcomings. This process is an opportunity for growth in faith, virtue, and holiness. However, it's important to remember that Confession is not a 'magical' solution that eradicates our inclination to sin, nor should it be 'abused' with the mindset of sinning freely without genuine conversion or repentance. We are not perfect; even after confession, we may fall back into sin. Yet, the power of the cross of Jesus Christ is immense and all-encompassing. No sin, no matter its frequency or gravity, surpasses the power of His cross, which has conquered all sin. We can, therefore, approach the confessional with confidence in Jesus' boundless mercy.

This Advent season, let us cultivate the habit of going to confession at least once a month. Such practice can bring us greater peace, joy, hope, and faith in Jesus Christ, as we trust in His loving mercy and prepare our hearts for His birth on Christmas Day.

With the peace of Christ,

Father Arrion Rosales-Llantos
Parochial Vicar





1 Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 18-24, 2023

18th - MONDAY

5:00 AM Misa de Gallo Mass (Fr. Greg)
 7:00 AM MASS
 6:00 PM SES Christmas Program - Grounds

19th - TUESDAY

5:00 AM Misa de Gallo Mass (Fr. Peter)
 7:00 AM MASS
 9:00 AM SES Prayer Service - Church
 6:00 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Room 1-2

20th - WEDNESDAY

5:00 AM Misa de Gallo Mass (Fr. Santhosh)
 7:00 AM MASS
 5:15 PM Zumba Fitness Class - Hall
 6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church
 6:00 PM Sun 5pm Choir Practice - Room 8

21st - THURSDAY

5:00 AM Misa de Gallo Mass (Fr. Romple)
 7:00 AM MASS / ADORATION
 5:00 PM **FOOD PANTRY - Hall**
 6:00 PM TMIY: Joyful Mysteries

22nd - FRIDAY

5:00 AM Misa de Gallo Mass (Fr. Herman)
 7:00 AM MASS

23rd - SATURDAY

5:00 AM Misa de Gallo Mass (Fr. Anthony)
 7:00 AM MASS
 9:00 AM Confessions - Church
 5:00 PM MASS

24th - SUNDAY

6am Misa de Gallo Mass (Fr. Sebastian)
 8am • 10am • 12pm
 (This fulfills your Sunday obligation.)



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses

5pm, 8pm, Midnight

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses

6am, 8am, 10am, 12pm

[NO 5pm Mass]

Chuukese Christmas Mass

2:30pm

Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians



December 8 was a beautiful day to celebrate the Profession of the Missionary Sisters, as well as Sister Stella's 40-years of religious life. A joyous reception followed in the parish hall.



We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all for sharing in this special occasion with us, and for your well wishes and generous gifts.

God bless,
 Missionary Sisters
 of MHC



**Lighting the
 2nd Advent Candle**



SUNDAY COLLECTION
December 9-10, 2023

Total Collection	\$ 13,040.40
Building Fund.....	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 506.00
Christmas	\$ 200.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 870.00
EDGE Donation.....	\$ 500.00
Energy.....	\$ 165.00
Good Samaritan	\$ 100.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 4,146.00
St. Damien	\$ 302.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 6,859.00
Total Weekly Deposit.....	\$ 19,899.40

Thank You for your Support!!

SECOND COLLECTION
TODAY

Retirement Fund for the Religious
Support a lifetime of service.

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Our donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

On-line Giving Now Available
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Use the following hyperlink:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZK22>
Or the following QR Code



“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

Our deepest gratitude, to all who have contributed to our parish and school community, this year!

In joyful anticipation as we await the celebration of our Lord Jesus’ birth, we invite you to bring Christ to others in our parish community here at St. Elizabeth. Please prayerfully consider making your gift to St. Elizabeth’s this holiday season through our secure online giving platform, or during mass.



Annual Giving Campaign



Edge Student:
First Reconciliation

On Sunday, December 10, 6th grade Edge student Anela Ellis attended the 5pm Mass with her Grandmother, Wendy Ellis. Little did she know she would experience reconciliation for the first time when grandma asked Father to hear her confession. Anela is the only Edge student that will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist next year. As for now, Edge will continue to prepare their students by sharing Jesus Christ’s teachings and encouraging them to go out and serve the community. Way to go Anela!!!



Submitted by Bernie Manoa
Photo by Jonathan Castro

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS

Siham and Ghassan Al Sahouri of Little Bethlehem Christians, are here at our parish this weekend. Items made from olive wood will be on display and available for purchase after all Masses. The Al Sahouris’ reside in Maryland and help support a group of Christian families that work as woodcarvers in the place of Jesus’ birth. Visit their website: www.littlebethlehem.org for additional information and to view the many items available for purchase.



5th Joyful Mystery:
The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

In this episode, we dive deeply into the fifth and last Joyful Mystery, the “Finding of Jesus in the Temple.” This incident is the only scriptural story about the life of Jesus, that takes place between his infancy and the start of his public ministry at the age of 30. When this happened, Jesus was 12 years old.

Each year the holy family would return to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When the feast ended, they began their journey home with friends and relatives. Mary and Joseph went a full day’s journey thinking Jesus was in the caravan with others before realizing that Jesus was missing.

Rushing back to Jerusalem, they searched frantically for him. After three days, Mary and Joseph finally find Jesus in the Temple. Imagine the fear they felt when they realized Jesus was not with them as they returned from Jerusalem. Imagine the increasing anxiety they experienced as time passed. At last, they find Jesus in his Father’s house, the Temple. What relief and joy. We look for Jesus too and we can always find him in the Temple... our church. He is always there waiting for us, so let us make every effort to visit Jesus regularly.

Submitted by: Gary Okino



The Christmas gathering for our clients is on Thursday, December 21. Please consider donating any of the following items for this special event.

- *toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body soap, body wash, dish soap and laundry soap (*frequently asked for*)
- *bath and face towels
- *new t-shirts for adult men & women sizes S, M, L, XL
- *new slippers for adult men & women sizes 6 to 10

Gift bags will be presented to all who attend. Your kindness to the needy is greatly appreciated.

Sister Lucy, Director, Good Samaritan Ministry

READINGS FOR THE

Sunday, December 17
 Third Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 18
 Jeremiah 23:5-8
 Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19
 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
 Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20
 Isaiah 7:10-14
 Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21
 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor
 Song of Songs 2:8-14 **or**
 Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Luke 1:39-45

Friday, December 22
 1 Samuel 1:24-28
 Luke 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23
 St. John of Kanty, Priest
 Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
 Luke 1:57-66

Sunday, December 24
 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16)
 Romans 16:25-27

Christmas Vigil Mass (5pm)
 Isaiah 62:1-5
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
 Matthew 1:1-25



Blessings



Special Blessings for Pregnant Women & Children ... Every 2nd Sunday of the Month.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am - 5pm
 Holidays: Closed

MEET OUR STAFF

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MASS: Sat Vigil: 5pm
 Sun: 6am, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm
 Weekdays: 7am, (Mon-Sat)

RECONCILIATION (*Subj to change*)

Saturday: 9am or by appt.

ADORATION

All Thursdays - 7:30 am to 12 pm
 Healing Mass (anointing during Adoration) - 1st Thursday of each Month

BAPTISM (*Schedule Subj to Change*)

Sunday - January 14, 2024
 Class: Fri., January 12, 2024
 Must register with the parish office.

WEDDINGS - Schedule with parish office six months ahead.

We are called to Love One Another. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change hearts and minds to believe in the Culture of Life!

Friday, January 19, 2024 3 - 6 p.m.
 State Capitol

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6 p.m.
 St. Theresa Co-Cathedral
 Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva

