27th Ordinary Sunday
Oct. 7-8, 2017

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:15-28
Thursday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:27-28
Friday: Jl 1:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

**TREASURE STEWARDSHIP**
10/01/2017
Envelope Receipts $ 12,770.00
Online Giving 13,054.25
Loose Plate 1,872.16
Total $ 27,696.41

Catholic Charities Collection 10/01/2017 $ 512.00

Church Expansion
Total Pledged $ 3,488,938.38
Collection week of 10/01 5,983.56
Online giving week of 10/01 4,750.22
Total Given to Date $ 2,665,580.63

Organ Cost $ 297,230.00
Organ Fund as of 10/01 37,543.64
Organ Debt $ 259,686.36

May God bless you for your generosity!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENTROSITY!
Catholic College Students
Do you attend UTPB, OC or TT? You are invited to a gathering here at St. Eliz., Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 pm. Can we organize a St. Elizabeth’s College Student Group???

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
If you are not baptized, or were baptized in a Protestant or Orthodox Church, and are considering joining the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Mark at 432-367-4657 immediately.

Next Latin Mass
Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2:00 p.m. here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Fatima Celebration
You are invited!
Thursday, October 12, 7:00 pm
100TH Anniversary
Mary’s apparition
at Fatima, Portugal.
Join us for Scripture, Prayer
Consecrating our Parish and
Diocese to Mary,
an International Rosary
and a Candlelight Procession

Confraternity of the Brown Scapular
If you wear the brown scapular, come to our first CONFRATERNITY OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR meeting today, October 8, 8:45-9:30 am in the education building (classroom to be announced). For more information, call Fr. Mark at 367-4657.

Also see Fr. Mark for information about the Brown Scapular...

Coat & Blanket Drive
Cold weather is on the way and once again Catholic Charities is in need of coats, jackers, sweaters, blankets, gloves, scarves, insulated underwear and socks for the less fortunate. St. Elizabeth’s parishioners have always been very generous and we pray you will help again. Items are needed for men, women, teens and children. There are barrels at the entrances for your donations. We will be collecting through the month of October. Thank you for caring for our people.

Adult Confirmation Class
Not confirmed? Fr. Mark will be scheduling an adult confirmation class in November for people who have not yet received confirmation. You must obtain your baptism certificate. To register, call the office at 367-4657. Bishop Sis will be in the area for an adult confirmation in January.

Men Interested in Priesthood
Do you think God might be calling you to the priesthood? HS juniors, seniors and older men are invited to visit our college seminary, Conception, in Missouri Friday, Nov. 10 thru Sunday, Nov. 12. For more information and an application packet, call Fr. Mark at 367-4657.

Shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth
A simple shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth has been erected in the Chapel of the Risen Lord. It’s a place to pray for:
- the conception of a child,
- a safe birth once pregnant,
- and thanks giving after the child is born.
If you wish to have the votive candle lit for your intention, call the office at 367-4657 to arrange it so we can post the name of the parents!
A blessing of the child in the womb is also available; call one of the priests to arrange it before or after Sunday Mass.

Pope’s October Intention
Workers and the Unemployed.
That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

BAPTISM
PREP CLASS-Our next baptism preparation class is Saturday, November 4, @ 9 a.m. You must call to register for this class. Please call after October 23. If there is no answer, dial 21 for Vickie’s ext. and leave a message.

To Schedule a Baptism-In order to baptize at St. Elizabeth’s, the parents of the child should be registered members of St. Elizabeth’s, or live within our boundaries. Parents please come to the office to schedule your child’s baptism. You will need to bring in the baby’s birth certificate, from the county, the godparents’ confirmation certificates, if the godparents are married, a copy of their church marriage certificate and proof of baptism prep classes for parents and godparents.

We do baptisms the 1ST, 2ND and 3RD weekends of each month. Beginning in October the baptisms held on the 3RD weekend will be in Spanish. The first person to come into the office with all necessary paperwork to register for a weekend will get to pick which day, Saturday or Sunday, for all baptisms that weekend. You must register in the office, before the date of your child’s baptism and you must have all paperwork!
**Question of the Week**
(from Deacon Gary Brooks)
In Paul’s letter to the Philippians he tells us not to be anxious, but in everything we do, give thanks to God through prayer.

**Adult:** What do you give thanks to God for in your life?

**Youth:** What do you give thanks to God for in your life?

**Ministry Fair!!**
Have you ever thought about becoming a Eucharistic minister, lector, usher, altar server, choir member, or bell ringer? Are you waiting for someone to ask you? Well consider yourself asked! We are having a ministry fair on October 14-15 after all the Masses. Stop by one of the tables on your way out the door and sign up. This is an excellent way to serve your church community and to meet new people.

**WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT**
The Women’s ACTS Retreat will be held OCT 19 – 22. The cost is $100 but do not let that keep you from going, scholarships are available. Come by the office to pick up an application.

**Please pray for:**
Lois Chorney, Donovan Crawley, Dan Carpenter, Diana Vaden, Jesus Chavez Jr., Brayden Smith, Anselmo “Sammy” Jacobo, Nora Gonzales

**MILITARY PERSONNEL**
Please keep our overseas service men and women in your prayers, especially the following who have relatives in our parish!
Stephen Gilson  Brandon Ritz
Zachary Hamilton  Sean Ernst
Ian Davis  Dallas Ryan Luera
Jason Tyler Pope  Tony La
Adam Arellano  Matthew Cagle
Eric Huki  Samuel Urias
Khiry Gallegos  Mario Montoya
Douglas M. Hicks  Mark McComick, Jr.
Joshua Lambert  Andres Contreras
Christopher Clemenza
Mateo Soto

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**Elementary CCD News**

**Teachers and Aides are needed!**

**Adult Bible Study Opportunities**

**MEN**
The men’s bible study has concluded for this spring. Please check back in the fall for a new bible study.

**WOMEN**
Women’s bible study on Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.. The new study is Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance, by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith. Sondra Eoff @ 296-1615 or email Sondra@oppartnerinc.com.

**SPANISH**

**Los pequeños Hijos de María**
Monday: Spanish Bible Study 7 – 9 pm in the classrooms.
Thursday: Spanish Mass, Rosary and Prayer 6 – 9 pm.

**Los Angeles de Cristo Grupo de Oracion**
Friday: Spanish Bible Study 7 – 9 pm in the Youth Building. Contact Pilar or Romelia Ornelas 362-4610.

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**In Memoriam**
We remember deceased parishioners who died in the month of September in years past.

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Deacon Gary’s Prayer Chain
If you are in need of prayers or would like to be a prayer warrior with him and others in the community, please contact him at gbrooks@sanangelodiocese.org.

Addiction Counseling
Call Randy at 432-631-9225 or Angela at 432-803-9435

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Oct 10 – Erica Martinez, Ciana Kaylie Aguirre, Joshua Tucker, Brian Baez, Roxanne Martinez, Camila Zoelzer, Michelle Pena, Rachel Ortega
Oct 11 – Gary Kiper, Jonathan Rios, Michael Caballero, Laura Dominguez, Reynaldo Lascano, Mayra Aguilar, Ricky Natividad, Jonathon Diaz, Bridney Ortiz, Ron LeMoine
Oct 13 – Pamela Crutcher, Jennifer Garcia, Rocio Rimer, Cheryl Ball, Carlos Martinez, Bernard Hooper, Liliana Sauceda, Geven Rodriguez, Agnes Heath, Vanessa Flores, Alexis Perez, Ailyn Carrasco, Giovanni Hernandez, Isaac Pena, Ariz Abila, Juan Hernandez, Sr., Crystal Reyes
Oct 14 – Ernest Martinez III, Rene Saucedo, Priscilla Flores, Banessa Lujan, Lucas Escajeda, Sebastian Ortega, Nabor Villarreal, Maria Armandariz, Kathy Rodriguez, Patricia Gil, Ramon Ayala

Checks to St. Elizabeth’s
Please make all checks out to St. Elizabeth’s. Also, please only use blue or black ink for your checks. All processing is done digitally now and other colors are not picked up. This results in extra time and work, not only for us but also for the bank.

COMPANIONSHIP
Take my hand and walk along with me, not ahead of me; otherwise I may not follow you.
—Anonymous

HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR LIGHT?
Our parish is growing in size and activities. As such, we need more volunteers to help spread the word of God. Please commit to helping the people of your community and yourself by volunteering in one of these ministries.

- Religious Ed teachers and aides
- First Communion teachers and aides
- Quincenera class teacher
- RCIA team member
- Youth Group leaders and chaperones
- Youth Confirmation leaders/teachers
- Steubenville chaperones
- Marriage Retreat team
- Baptism Prep class teacher
- Choir member
- Cantor
- Bell Choir member
- Hospital and Homebound Minister
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Ushers at all Masses (Sat. & Sun.)
- Marriage Retreat team member
- Altar server
- Altar linen laundering group
- Catholic Charities Volunteer

Call the office (367-4657) for more information.

To help us share our time and talents with our church community we have these opportunities to enrich our faith.

- Rosary Group
- ACTS
- Men’s Bible Study
- Women’s Bible Study
- Spanish Prayer Groups
- Knights of Columbus
- Adoration

Corinthians 12:7-11 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

What is your gift? Are you helping others?