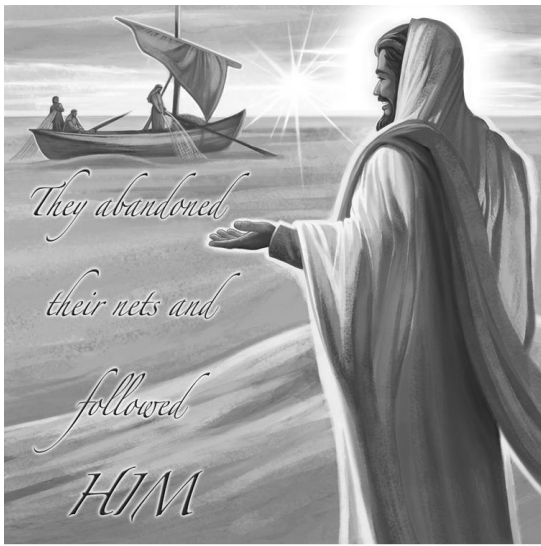


3RD ORDINARY SUNDAY
January 20 – 21, 2018



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS

“Mass is Heaven on Earth” – St. John Paul II

SATURDAY, JAN. 20: 3RD Ordinary Sunday

4-4:45 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm +Katherine Rylee Chorney, by Vincent & Lois Chorney

SUNDAY, JAN. 21: 3RD Ordinary Sunday

9:00 am +Louis & Dorothy Wiesman, by Marilyn Wacksmann
 11:30 am +Ralph Hurst, by Elva Hurst
 5:00 pm +Dr. Chad Vanderford, by Gwen P. Landreneau

MONDAY, JAN. 22: Day of Prayer for Protection of Children

6:30 am St. Lucy, by Josefina Galindo

TUESDAY, JAN. 23: St. Vincent, Martyr

6:30 am +Guadalupe Chapa, by Graciela Chapa

WED’DAY, JAN. 24: St. Francis de Sales

6:30 am +Ralph Hurst, by Elva Hurst

THURSDAY, JAN. 25: Conversion of St. Paul

6:30 am +Domingo Nunez, Jr. & Sr., by Carrasco Family

FRIDAY, JAN. 26: SS Titus & Timothy

6:30 am +Prudencio Minjarez, by His Daughter

SATURDAY, JAN. 27: 4th Ordinary Sunday

4-4:45 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm +Katherine Rylee Chorney, by Vincent & Lois Chorney

SUNDAY, JAN. 28: 4th Ordinary Sunday

9:00 am +Amador Perez, by Rita Perez
 11:30 am +Ralph Hurst, by Elva Hurst
 5:00 pm St. Joseph, by Josefina Galindo

If a Mass you requested for a specific date does not appear on that date, call the Office at 367-4657, ASAP.

TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We have Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday evening, 6:30-7:30 in conjunction with our weekly Tuesday confession. We have moved into our new chapel which is a wonderful place to pray. *Yes, there is our city-wide adoration chapel at St. Mary’s, and yes, Fr. Mark would prefer people to make regular visits there, and even sign up for a regular hour there.* But remember, our ACTS people offered to sponsor a weekly adoration here. (A. in ACTS stands for “adoration”.) ATTENDANCE has fallen to a disastrous level. But let us not allow our Tuesday adoration to die. Please, please consider coming to Adoration (and confession is available at the same time).

Budget to Actual

Weekly goal	\$ 25,900.00
Week of 1/14/2018	24,073.57
Keep Praying!!!	\$ -1,826.43

****TREASURE STEWARDSHIP****

1/14/2018

Envelope Receipts	\$ 12,901.50
Online Giving	7,757.75
Loose Plate	3,414.32
Total	\$ 24,073.57

Catholic Charities Collection

1/14/2018 \$ 310.00

Church Expansion

Total Pledged	\$ 3,488,938.38
Collection week of 01/14	5,228.44
Online giving week 01/14	1,626.33
Total Given to Date	\$ 2,892,536.15

May God bless you for your generosity!

Catholic Charities Seeks New Executive Director

The executive director of Catholic Charities has resigned. Resumes are welcome for those interested in this position. Fr. Mark has a longer description of the position. Call him at 432-202-0336 and he will send you a copy.

Project Andrew Dinner for Priesthood Vocations:

Do you know a young man ages 15-45 who would make a good priest? Bishop Sis wants Fr. Mark to invite him to what is called a "Project Andrew Dinner." Andrew the Apostle invited his brother Peter to meet Jesus and become an apostle – hence the name. The dinner will be at St. Stephen's in Midland on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6 pm. *Moms, dads, CCD teachers – if you know a young man who might make a good priest, give his name and address to Fr. Mark 367-4657 so he can extend him a personal invitation.*

THANK YOU FOR THE CHURCH

Father Mark wishes to thank all our parishioners who, in any way contributed to the expansion of our church. This project began in earnest about 5-6 years ago. It seems like a long time ago, but now it is complete and the new St. Elizabeth's is open, [providing a place of worship for generations to come!] Thank you. Be proud of what you have done!!!

Reviving the Parish Council

Sadly, our parish council actually ceased operating a number of months ago. Too many other meetings connected with the building of the church. Now it's time to reconstruct. If you were a parish council member in the past or have some insights about the PC, Fr. Mark invites you to a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 10:00 am (between the 9 & 11:20 masses) in the Parlor. Call the office to let us know you are coming. This meeting will gather ideas about how to proceed.

Pope's January Intention

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Addiction Counseling

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

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.

Question of the Week

(from Deacon Gary Brooks)
How has the Lord called you?

Shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth

A simple shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth has been erected in the Chapel. It's a place to pray for:

- the conception of a child,
- a safe birth once pregnant,
- giving thanks after the child is born.

Men's ACTS Retreat

The Men's ACTS Retreat will be held from March 1-4. The cost is \$100 but do not let that keep you from going, scholarships are available. Look around the church or come by the office, for an application

BAPTISM

PREP CLASS-Our next baptism preparation class is Tuesday, February 6 @ 6:30 p.m. **You must call to register for this class.** Please call after January 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. Baptisms held on the 3RD weekend will be in **Spanish, if requested**. 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!

Quinceanera Guidelines

Parents must be registered and contributing and their daughter must have attended CCD for 2 years prior to the ceremony.

Elementary CCD

January News CCD Resumes

January 21

1st Communion Class

January 29
6:30

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

WOMEN

Women's bible study will begin on January 17th at 6:15. The study is *Wisdom – God's Vision for Life* by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith. The cost of the Journal is \$25.

SPANISH

Los pequeños Hijos de Maria

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.

In Memoriam

We remember deceased parishioners who died in the month of January in years past.

Frank Sanchez	1	Oscar Ridley Jr.	18
Marjorie Weaver	4	Rita Hernandez	18
Frederick Devine	5	Ralph Boschert	19
Edwin Bynum	5	R. L. Bland, Jr.	20
Gertrude Wiesner	6	Marie Reynolds	21
Cresencia Lujan	6	Anita Garcia	21
Johnny Landis	7	Theola Barron	21
Kay Madrid	7	Billie Buckminster	22
Jane Fox	8	Freddy Matta	22
Donna Carrasco	8	Amanda Flores	23
Miguel Barrantey	9	Ricardo Paniagua	25
Bettye Jo Turner	11	William Vance	26
Josefa Gutierrez	12	Amador Perez	26
Clarence Petrosky	13	John Barry	27
Rosario Giarratano	14	Dominga Dirickson	27
Raymond Cole	14	Maria Buryj Gajewski	27
Regina Mathis	15	Humberto Olivas	27
Lester Savoy	15	Frank Blasi	28
Carlo Meth	16	Dewey Lewis III	28
Lupe L. Valenzuela	16	Daniel Mijares	29
Ladislao Rodriguez	17	Deborah Munoz	29
Aron Carrasco, Jr.	17	James Harwell	29
		Beverly Montgomery	31

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	Paul Porras

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan 21 – Kaidyn Flores, Freddie Lopez, Dianne Mata, Melissa Jones, Mario Quiroz, David Alcantar, Julia Losoya, Marcelo Losoya, Elijah Catungal, Joeli Pando, Matis Garcia, Raymond Florez, Medardo Canlas, Gary Chapa, Missy Galindo, Gaael Porras, Valeria O'Con, Mariah Sanchez

Jan 22 – Lillian Gaspar, Jesus Torres, Kiley Villarreal, Helena Saenz, Valerie Longoria-Bueno, Victor Lujan, Anthony Minjarez Jr., Paula Gutierrez, Sandra Saucedo, Kristalyn Marrero, Dora Rivera, Diana Rodriguez, Erica Ramirez, Samantha Campos, Viviana O'Con

Jan 23- Ashlee Ramirez, Chito Morales, Francis Neal Leonico, Cindy Kimmell, Anisa Daniel, Abigail Tilghman, Veronica Hernandez, Kristie Mendoza, Maria Ysela Olivas, Martha Levario, Alisha Carrasco, Teresa Carrasco, Brianna Arenivas, Crystal Armendariz, Michael Atkins
Jan 24- Jayelynn Estrada, Samantha Stokes, Nathan Villaloboz, John Matta, Liberty Kirksey, Adriana Ontiveros, Ishaan Lopes, Dan Montes, Aryan Lopes, Jazmin Hernandez, Robert Hernandez, Jesus Meraz, Veronica Ojeda, Josue Ligon, Giselle Ortega

Jan 25– Gavin Guerrero, Albert Valencia Sr., Patrick Moseley, Izrah Barrera, Norma Galindo, Kristina Corrales, Connie Phillips, Reyna Vasquez, Mary Isabel Franco, Noel Arroyo, Sofia Elmore, Sienna Bueno, Kelly Benavides, Sebastian Franco, Edward Aguilera, Glenn Tolentino

Jan 26- Anita Uy, Martin Villalobos, Angela Legaspi, Jonathan Martinez, Manuel Ray Reyes, Sofia Ortiz, Leslie Reyes, Josephine Munoz, Lou Serrano, Zarrah Urias, Joey Cadenhead

Jan 27- Julianna Abila, Laura Kunkel, Daniel Munoz, Pearl Celaya, Adriana Garcia, Daizy Martines, Aaliyah Ortis-Morales, Natalia Nieto, Nathaniel Nieto, Gavin Subia, Frank Manriquez

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, "Ons Lieve Heer op Solder." What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and "de-Catholicized" them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed "Old Church" by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work "hiding" St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It's a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there's no need for any of them to hide in the attic.

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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.

Please pray for:

Lois Chorney, Donovan Crawley, Dan Carpenter, Noah Johnson, Juan Urias, Jason Miller and family, Rhina Toruno-Haensly, Joe Villarreal, Roberto Serrato, Anton Friske.



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?