

2ND ORDINARY SUNDAY
January 13 – 14, 2018



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23;
 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;
 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
 Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11;
 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;
 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9;
 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Budget to Actual

Weekly goal	\$ 25,900.00
Week of 1/7/2018	26,649.17
Alleluia! Keep Praying!!!!	\$ 749.17

****TREASURE STEWARDSHIP****

1/7/2018

Envelope Receipts	\$ 12,885.00
Online Giving	11,242.76
Loose Plate	2,521.41
Total	\$ 26,649.17

Catholic Charities Collection
1/7/2018 \$ 470.00

Church Expansion

Total Pledged	\$ 3,488,938.38
Collection week of 01/07	13,743.56
Online giving week 01/07	6,798.00
Total Given to Date	\$ 2,885,681.38

May God bless you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 13: 2ND Ordinary Sunday

4-4:45 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm People of St. Elizabeth’s

SUNDAY, JAN. 14: 2ND Ordinary Sunday

9:00 am +June & Francois Boutin, by Mike & Patti Langford

11:30 am **NO MASS**

5:00 pm Holy Trinity, Josefina Galindo

MONDAY, JAN. 15: 2ND Ordinary Week

6:30 am +Jerry Garza, by Rita Perez

TUESDAY, JAN. 16: 2ND Ordinary Week

6:30 am +Jerry Garza, by Rita Perez

WED’DAY, JAN. 17: St. Anthony, Abbot

6:30 am +Guadalupe Chapa, by Graciela Chapa

THURSDAY, JAN. 18: 2ND Ordinary Week

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 19: 2ND Ordinary Week

6:30 am +Prudencio Minjarez, by His Daughter

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

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!!!

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.

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,
- and giving thanks after the child is born.

Quinceanera Guidelines

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

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!

Question of the Week

(from Deacon Gary Brooks)

How has the Lord called you?

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 Barrandey	9	Ricardo Paniagua	25
Betty 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 Olivias	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

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.

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.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

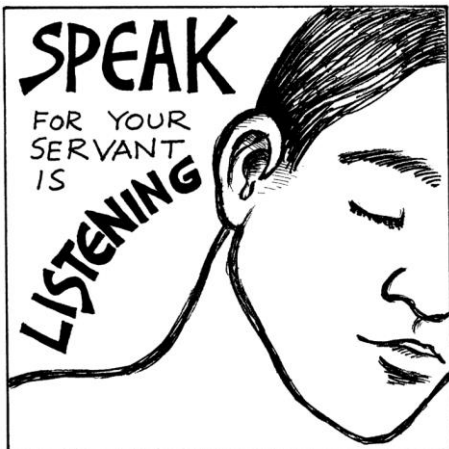
Please keep our overseas service men and women in your prayers, especially the following who have relatives in our parish!

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

THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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Elementary CCD

January News

CCD Resumes

January 17 & 21

1ST Communion Class

January 29
6:30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan 14 – Gracie Quintela, Anthony Villaloboz, Jose Guevara, Theodore Navarrette, Valorie Villarreal, Ariana Tarango, Ivan Benavidez, Julius Olague, Yanelly Amador, Romeo Segura

Jan 15 – Connie Crawley, Heather Morales, Robert Hernandez, Dang Ta, Sylvia Sanchez, Krystel Prieto, Ivory Urquidez, Victor Favela, Roland Rubalcaba, Angel Ramirez, Julianna Soto, Missy Prieto

Jan 16- Priscilla Urquidi, Phoebe Zaragoza, Anyssa Mata, Robert Gonzalez, Kevin Enriquez, Angie Lopez, Melissa Garcia, Ben Adams, Mark Varela, Maria Berumen, Troy Abila, Madeline Olague

Jan 17- Daisy Soto, Teodoro Silvas, Nathan Olague, Dulce Gallegos, Kade Ramos, Matthew Torres, Carol Gonzales, Raymundo Villa, Davi Ortega, Doni Ortega, Sandra Levario, Rosie Padilla, Lasha Watson

Jan 18- Jacob Rodriguez, David Franco, Jesse Franco, Sergio Bustamante, Federico Gonzalez, Andrea Fierro, Mia Luevano, Zyra Padilla, Melissa Marrero, Zachariah Lozano, Samantha Nicole Cardenas, Matt Rimmer, Susie Kennedy Wyatt, Elloralinda Ortega, Patricia Herrera

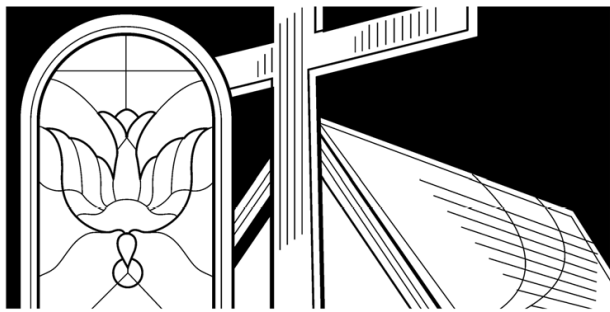
Jan 19- Issac Garcia, Liam Tavarez, Mark Anthony Enriquez, Donna Justice, Amber Juarez, Alyssa Deanda, Philip Garza, Pierre Mundia, Noelia Matta, Jennifer De La Garza, Camila Sanchez, Barrett Clanton, Alexander Ramirez, Dana Gonzalez

Jan 20- Victoria Juarez, Nikki Jacquez, Sergio Mendoza, Armando Gonzalez, Jackie Sirengo, Martina Abbott, Socorro Rodriguez, Matthew Aceves, Alexia Campos, Fabian Galindo, Staci Schwab, Garrett Casarez

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.

Immensely



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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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.



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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?