



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday~Thursday from 8:00 am~4:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday~7:30 am

Tuesday~12:00 pm

Saturday Vigil at St. Elizabeth 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth 7:30 and 10:30 am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Flach.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr. Flach for registration and information.

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 Center for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

Sunday, July 30, 2017

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found & covered up. Then in his joy he goes & sells all that he has & buys that field.

Mat. 13:44



Mass Intentions

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| Jul. 29 | 4:30 pm | Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann |
| Jul. 30 | 7:30 am 9:00 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Mildred Hinterscher by George Mette |
| | 10:30 am | Special Intentions |
| Jul. 31 | 7:30 am 12:00 pm | Jane Brown by George Brown Ethel Happ by Steve & Geri Ezell |
| Aug. 1 | 7:30 am | Darrell Spencer by Keith & Patti Buercklin |
| Aug. 2 | 7:30 am | Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family |
| Aug. 3 | 7:30 am | The Mette Family by Jane Howard |
| Aug. 4 OLOL First Friday Mass | 5:30 pm | Michael & Wes Ryan By Dan Schalasky |
| Aug. 5 | 7:30 am | James & Rita Hughes by the Family |
| Aug. 6 | 9:00 am 10:30 am | Favorable Weather For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions |



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 5, 2017 ~ Sunday, August 6, 2017

Sat. Aug. 5, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Terry Roche
USHERS: Jack & Marylin Stanley
COMMUNION MIN: Lisa Baird, Karen Sanders
SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins, Ty Mullins
GIFTS: Terry Baird Family

Sun. Aug. 6, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Shari Eckert
USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Mike Dorn
SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins
GIFTS: Christopher Bonnell Family

Sun. Aug. 6, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman
USHERS: Rod & Wilmer Wilson
COMMUNION MIN: Mary Patchett, Jim Ping
SERVERS: Taylor Blank
GIFTS: Rod & Wilmer Wilson Family

Sun. Aug. 6, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Ian Quick
USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower
COMMUNION MIN: Missy York, Teresa Gower
SERVERS: Korbin Rawlings, Cody York
GIFTS: Scott Rawlings Family

Collection Counters: August, 2017: Don Brown, Jim & Maureen Hill

PSR Upcoming Meeting



It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and the start of school and PSR is just around the corner. In order to prepare for the upcoming PSR year, we will be having the following

meetings: August 2 at 6 pm, the PSR faculty will be meeting, August 9 at 6 pm. The parents of the 2017-18 Confirmation class & Confirmation candidates will be meeting and on August 16 at 6 pm, we will be having PSR registration and a parent informational meeting in the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth. **AT THE AUGUST 16TH REGISTRATION MEETING, REGISTRATION FEES OF \$35.00 PER CHILD ARE DUE.**

There are several new policies to be discussed this year, so please make sure that you are in attendance at the registration meeting. Our opening mass for PSR will take place on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Please contact Courtney Ferris if you have any questions.

Letter of Thank You from St. Augustine Friary

Members of St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes. Dear Father Flach and Members of St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes:

Thank you for your warm welcome and generous support of our Augustinian Missions in northern Peru. I enjoyed my brief visit with you at St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to pray with you during your Masses. Faced during the past few years with problems such as severe drought and devastating floods, an epidemic of cholera, the threat of terrorism, political uncertainty, hunger and poverty, our people in Peru have found life to be very difficult. At the end of July, the people of Peru will celebrate "Fiestas Patrias", their biggest national holiday. Knowing about your prayers and financial assistance will help to give the people cause for celebration and hope.

Please know that we Augustinians and the people of northern Peru will pray for you. God love you. Sincerely, Br. Thomas Taylor, O.S.A. Augustinian Missions



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Jeremy Babbs, Sherry Boswell, Lori Brown, Renee Craig, Sharon Drake, Bonnie Field, Jamie Hartrich, Susan Hills, Leona Kocher, Logan Inboden, Trent Matthews, Val Pescatore, Linda Russell, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Vickie Wilson, the men & women in armed forces.

Pastoral Council Meeting



The Pastoral Council Meeting will be at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

First Friday of the Month Mass



The First Friday of the Month Mass will be at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

From the Pastor
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time –July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's kingdom is a magnificent treasure worth seeking. When found, it is like discovering a well-hidden pot of gold, lost for centuries

but whose discovery now fills life with brilliance, contentment and wonder. It transforms a person's life so profoundly that those who discover it never want to give it up. They are so imbued with this prize and the happiness and joy it gives them that they would rather part with everything they possess to make this new-found treasure theirs. This is the alluring concept of the kingdom that Jesus is conveying to his listeners. Once its wealth is explored, its richness savored and the many opportunities it opens for them, nothing else seems capable of matching it. That is the experience of God's Kingdom Jesus hopes for when he relates these parables, describing its wonders and its magnificence. Those who find it will need nothing else ever again to be satisfied. Jesus wants them to seek this treasure, the kingdom, and not to stop seeking it until they have full possession of it forever. However, this seeking is not a selfish seeking. Solomon sought a treasure from God to rule his kingdom fairly and justly. God granted his wish because it benefited others. Paul's message to the Romans is similar: If they imitate Christ, God will never forget them. In fact, he will reward and help them. This is the hidden treasure that faith gives. In the novel "The Secret Garden" by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the actual secret is to think less of self and more about others. The children in the novel, Mary and Colin, are unhappy when they sit around all day and think only of themselves. Other characters in this story, Dickon and Mrs. Sowerby, always appear happy as they are busy taking care of the little Sowerbys. When they think of others and find ways to love them, happiness floods their days and their lives. They put others before themselves, and this choice causes happiness. Through his parables, Jesus shows that loving God and our neighbor can bring a true treasure, and discovering this brings lasting happiness. This is the kingdom Jesus proclaims. It is the kingdom he invites his followers to discover every day.

**Scriptural Reflections
for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God says to Solomon, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." "The Lord was pleased that Solomon" asked for an understanding heart instead of for long life or riches. For with such a request, God can work miracles. "All things work for good for those who love God." The desire of Solomon is what characterizes

the heart of the man who sells all he has to buy the treasure-bearing field. The desire of Solomon is what sets apart the merchant who risks his whole livelihood to buy what he judges to be the "pearl of great price." They can make these sacrifices with certainty because that treasure, that pearl corresponds to, the deepest longings of the "understanding heart"—it is Christ himself.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

**Embracing the
Icon Of Love**

In our Roman Catholic faith, the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY shares in the redemptive role with her SON, JESUS CHRIST, to draw us closer in love to GOD, OUR FATHER. All of the members of our parish families are invited to participate in a study session class entitled EMBRACING THE ICON OF LOVE in which we will invite the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY to be our teacher and model as we enter into the Sacred Mysteries contained in the miraculous icon of OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP. Just exactly what is an ICON? An ICON is a sacred painting which functions as a window into the spiritual world, bringing us closer to the divine mystery and helps us to strengthen our faith as we meditate on them. An ICON is placed inside a church for the veneration of the faithful. After an ICON serves its role as a special place for prayers and petitions, it becomes a sacred space. The ICON of OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP is one of the best—loved and most well—known of all ICONS.

With the excellent resource entitled EMBRACING THE ICON OF LOVE by Bro Daniel Korn, CSSR the class will explore the messages within the OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP ICON which will help us to deepen our understanding of the Incarnation, suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. Through the guided meditations on the five key elements of the ICON and questions for personal reflection, hopefully those who participate will be directed on the path toward deeper understanding and prayerful devotions with OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP as your guide, Father Flach will be the instructor for our class and the classes

will be held on the following dates:

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The fee for the resources is Fifteen Dollars. Please call the Parish Office to register by WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017 so that the resource may be ordered for you. It is my prayer that many from our parishes will find this spiritual opportunity helpful so that the beautiful ICON of OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP may be an instrument of special grace that flows into the hearts and souls of those who experience a sacred presence as they pray before it.

Finance Council Meeting at St. Elizabeth

FINANCE COUNCIL



The Finance Council will be
at St. Elizabeth on
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
at 6:00 pm.



**THE HOLY DAY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO
HEAVEN TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017
THE SOLEMN FEAST DAY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

It will be helpful to us to focus spiritually on this important feast of the Blessed Virgin and upon her devotion and humility revealed in her simple life of obedience, love, and service as it intertwines with each of our lives in our faith journey into the Kingdom of Heaven. Each time we gather in prayer to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we listen to a Gospel reading and this particular reference shares with us that even though she was also the Mother of God and Jesus, Mary remained simple, reverent, detached, and humble. In the same situation as the Blessed Virgin, any of us would be frightened and timid. But Mary trusted in God so much so that the trust in God was far stronger than any fright or fear. As we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on this feast which marks her entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven to dwell with God, Her Son-Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we recognize her simplicity as humility when she announces the sacred and beautiful words of the age old prayer, the **MAGNIFICAT**, the exact same words of our Gospel. Even in the sacred, holy, yet mysterious surroundings of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary could respond in a spirit of love, fidelity, and simplicity because her life was completely and totally centered upon **GOD** alone. The most important question that lies before us on this special feast that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary is often recognized in the various mysteries of our human lives, those moments of pain, heartache, suffering, trials, hardships as well as those experiences of joy, peace, and happiness and they help us to strive to respond as the **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** did in her very own life.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



The **SACRED EUCHARIST** will be celebrated on **MON. AUG. 14, 2017** at 5 pm at **OLOL's** & 12 pm **TUES. AUG. 15, 2017** at St. Elizabeth as well as 6 pm. This Eucharist fulfills your **HOLY DAY OF**



**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN INTO**

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION is an invitation to trust in God and also to imitate Mary in what she herself said: "Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; I put myself at the Lord's disposal." This is the lesson: one should travel on one's own road; one should give life and not take it. And precisely in this way each one is on the journey of love which is the loss of self, but this losing of oneself is in fact the only way to truly find oneself, to find true life. Let us look at Mary, taken up into Heaven. Let us be encouraged to celebrate the joyful feast with faith: God wins. Faith, which seems weak, is the true force of the world. Love is stronger than hate. And let us say with Elizabeth: Blessed are you among women. Let us pray to you with all the Church: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. — Pope Benedict XVI from Homily on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2007.

Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help



*Our Mother of Perpetual Help,
pray for us!*

O Mother of Perpetual Help,- grant that may ever invoke thy most powerful name,- which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O Purest Mary, O Sweetest "Mary; let thy name-henceforth be -ever on my-Lips; Delay not, O Blessed Lady to help me whenever I call on Thee, for, in-all my needs; in all my temptations shall never cease to call on Thee, ever repeating Thy sacred name, Mary, Mary. O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce Thy sacred name, or even only think of Thee. I thank God for having given Thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely pronouncing They name: let my love for Thee prompt me ever to Hail Thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. Recite Nine hail Marys.

Liturgical Ministry Contacts

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Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church
Week Ending Sunday, July 23, 2017
Envelopes \$ 2,902.00 Loose \$212.00
2 Online @ \$80.00 Peter's Pence \$20.00
Deposit \$3,214.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church
Week ending Sunday, July 16, 2017
Envelopes \$635.00 Loose \$61.65
Deposit \$696.65

Daily Mass Readings July 31~ Aug. 4, 2017

Mon. July 31, 2017
Reading 1~Ex.32:15-24,30-34 Gospel Mt. 13:31-35
Tues. Aug. 1, 2017
Reading 1~Ex.33:7-11,34:5B-9,28 Gospel Mt. 13:36-43
Wed. Aug. 2 2017
Reading 1~Ex. 34:29-35 Gospel Mt. 13:44-46
Thurs. Aug. 3 2017
Reading 1~Ex. 40:16-21,34,38 Gospel Mt. 13:47-53
Fri. Aug. 4, 2017
Reading 1~ Lv.23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34B-37
Gospel Mt. 13:54-58