



St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Two Churches-One Parish

December 25, 2022
The Nativity of our Lord



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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday:
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Rev. Mr. Bradley Seabrook, Deacon (Retired)
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PROGRAMS & PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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To donate online, please visit our website at:
<https://stjude.ptdiocese.org/egiving/>
Follow us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/stjudeandstelizabeth

New to the Parish?
New family registration forms are available
in the back of the church or you may
request one from the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

	St. Jude
Saturday	4:00 pm Vigil Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)
Sunday	10:30 am Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)
Tuesday	8:30 am Mass
Wednesday	8:30 am Mass
Friday	8:30 am Mass
	St. Elizabeth
Sunday	8:30 am Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)

SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

Baptisms: Parents must be registered, active members of St. Jude Thaddeus or St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. Pre-baptismal class attendance required. Contact the parish office to schedule.

Weddings: Call the parish office to schedule first meeting with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Funerals: Contact the parish office for priest availability and funeral arrangements. Call the priests direct if the parish office is closed.

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victim Assistance Coordinators, who are experienced and trained counselors, available to help anyone who has been sexually abused by a priest, deacon or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. Our coordinator for our area is Dr. Louis Makarowski (850-477-7181).



The Nativity of the Lord

“All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God”

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.

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Mass Intentions

St Jude: Saturday: In Honor of Deacon Mac & Gwen Smith’s 55th Wedding Anniversary

St Elizabeth: Sunday: In Memory of Jeanne Tremer requested by Alicia Poston

St Jude: Sunday:

MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 1, 2023

Tuesday—NO MASS

Wednesday—St Jude: 8:30 AM Mass

Friday—St Jude: 8:30 AM Mass

Saturday—St Jude: 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday—St Elizabeth: 8:30 AM Mass

Sunday—St Jude: 10:30 AM Mass

*You are urged to wear a Mask when indoors and around others.

Holy Rosary on Zoom Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 all are invited to pray the Holy Rosary with parishioners, friends and family around the world. Just send them the address and invite them

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2942181244?pwd=d3hSUnlXY1JlTzlZTm4TjJNYWp3QT09>

Meeting ID: 294 218 1244 Password: 063391

THIS WEEK’S ONLINE MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIFIC DISPENSATION

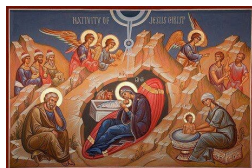
- ⇒ Tuesday, December 27, NO MASS
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 28, 8:30 AM MASS
- ⇒ Friday, December 30, 8:30 MASS
- ⇒ Saturday, December 31, 4:00 PM MASS
- ⇒ Sunday, January 1, 10:30 AM MASS***

Online Masses will be held on ZOOM.

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Fr. George & the St. Jude & St. Elizabeth Staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, “The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him.” That is why we celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: “In the darkness, a light shines. An angel appears, the glory of the Lord shines around the shepherds and finally the message awaited for centuries is heard.”

At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, “I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.” It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said this about Christmas: “Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives.”

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word, *Kaire!* That means “Be joyful.” God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say “Merry Christmas” let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

CSA UPDATE

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGE</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
St Jude:	\$14,279.34	\$ 16,301.66	\$ 16,291.66
St Elizabeth:	\$ 2,280.76	\$ 3,670.00	\$ 3,570.00

Offertory Report 12-18-2022

The Offertory Report now includes the Vanco totals

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Contin.</u>	<u>Capital Campaign</u>	<u>Bldg Fund</u>	<u>Other</u>
St Jude	\$1459.43		\$2110.00	\$1303.00	\$5.00
St Elizabeth	\$1115.00		\$250.00		\$60.00

PARISH NEWS MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Light from the Hill – Updates & Tidbits

St. Jude & St. Elizabeth

New Community Center Project

Meet the Design-Build Team!



QGA

The Project Procurement Committee, together with the Evaluation Team, have selected the team of Bear General Contractors and Quina Grundhoefer Architects (QGA) as the project's Design-Builder Contractor. Both firms are based in Pensacola and have worked together in several exciting projects. Bear General Contractors specializes in the renovation and new construction of commercial buildings.

QGA has designed or renovated over 60 Churches and Worship Centers, 15 Family Life Centers, and 20 Religious Education Building projects. Almost all these projects were preceded by a detailed Master Planning process, resulting in a fully envisioned campus plan for each Church.

**Together, Sharing
our Faith, Building our Vision**



St. Jude Ladies Society



THANK YOU to all who gave so generously to our POINSETTIA FUND. Out of your kindness you have helped beautify our church and you have made Christmas brighter for several families. Some of our local families will enjoy a full Christmas dinner and others will be able to purchase toys for their little ones through your generosity.



The local Council on Aging felt the love and blessings of St. Elizabeth and St. Jude as we supplied Christmas goodies and honey for their annual Christmas celebration. Fifteen bags were filled with all sorts of delights, then blessed by Father before distribution. The Christmas spirit is alive and well in our community. A big thank you to Gary and Danise Beadle for organizing this event.



1. Religious Education (CCD) will **not** be held on December 25 or January 1.
2. The end of the year is a great time to make a charitable donation, tax-wise. For more information, please call the Parish Office.
3. Thank you to John and Rose Veverka for organizing the "No Bake BakeSale"! We raised \$1153.00 for the Building Fund!
4. If you **shop Amazon Smile** for your Amazon purchases, 1/2% of your eligible purchases will go to our Fundraising project. Please see below, also on our Facebook page, and share this will family and friends.

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
 2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
 3. Select your charity (St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in Cantonment)
 4. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.
- Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

**Alternatively, you can go to this direct link which is the link that designates our church: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1826687>

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu (☰)
3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
4. Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.



Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As this year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for God and for each one of you. Thank you so very much for all of the ways that you support our Parish. To all of the volunteers who are engaged in our many ministries, I thank you for your dedication and service to God, our church and to one another.

As you know, this year we began our Capital Campaign for a new Family Life Center. So far it has been extremely successful. I thank you for supporting this endeavor, whether through your pledge contributions, participating in our many fund raisers, through your prayers, or in all of those ways. We are hopeful that we will have a new Family Life Center by the end of 2023. For all of us at St. Jude and St. Elizabeth, 2022 has been an exciting and productive year as we have made a great deal of progress in the beginning stages of not just building a new building, but ultimately, building a new home for future generations and making our Catholic presence widespread. As we enter 2023, we have much to hope for and always to be grateful for.

I am also very encouraged by the "Evangelization: Sharing the Gift" program we have started. As you may remember, at the conclusion of our Lenten Retreat this past Lent, we asked all parishioners to complete a survey of ministries. Many parishioners have come together to develop a specific ministry to focus on each month, as a result of your survey responses. This outline will be published soon and will provide more opportunities for all of us to come together in service to those in need and to one another. Be on the lookout for some exciting new ways you can get involved in our Parish!

Finally, we remember with love and gratitude all of our loved ones who have gone home to the Lord. We believe that they are united with us in prayer. And we pray for all of our parishioners who are sick, that our Lord's healing presence will surround them.

Please be assured of my prayers for all of you and know how very blessed I am to be a part of such a caring, welcoming community. As we move forward to face the many challenges that lie ahead, I am comforted in knowing that together, we can overcome and persevere and ultimately reach our goal of bringing God's love and presence to all of those we meet.

Wishing you a blessed New Year in 2023.

In Christ's Love,


Fr. George Thekku



N-O-E-L

Donations and Memorials for 2022 Christmas Flowers

Anonymous

Tom Card in Memory of Mary Ellen White

Diane Carman

Virginia Davis in Memory of Joe Schumacher

Suzanne Dawson in Memory of the Drewett & Connor Families

Cam & Shawn Engel

Diana & Agustin Garcia in Memory of Maria De la Trinidad

Carol Groves in Memory of Mary & Clinton Bright and Emma & George Groves

Susan & John Guttmann in Memory of Our Parents, Jack & Maxine Guttman

Mary Haas in Memory of the Haas and Graham Families

Richard & Barbara Harris in Memory of Norman & Regina Booth;

Gerald & Annie Ruth Harris; and April Tournay

Monique Hutchinson in Memory of my Beloved Husband Richard, my Mother, Father, Sister,

Nephew, Brother-in-Law and all Family Members Who Have Gone Before

Tony Kruszewski in Memory of Marcia A. Kruszewski

Carol Larson in Memory of the deGraaf and Metzger Families

John Latourelle in Memory of Arthur & Dawn Latourelle

Katie Lilly in Memory of Brenda Neel and Gladys Lilly

Lisa McCullough and Family in Memory of Ashley & Leona McCullough

Flo Maxwell in Memory of my Husband Donald, and the Maxwell & Dugic Families

Barbara Murphy in Memory of Frances Murphy & Mary A. Rice;

Taylor, Gladys & Charlie Jones

Ross & Jamie Price in Memory of the Price Families

Billy & Donna Randell in Memory of Deceased Members of the Forcier & Randell Families

Gwen Smith in Honor of Deacon Mac & Gwen Smith's 55th Wedding Anniversary 12/23/2022

John & Rose Veverka in Memory of George D. Veverka; and Antonio & Cecilia Nerpiol



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Luke 2: 10-11

Thank you to our CCD students and our teachers for your beautiful performance!

