

St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Two Churches-One Parish

February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	St. Jude 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
Sunday	St. Elizabeth 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).



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

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"FEBRUARY: THE MONTH OF REMEMBERING THE SICK"

Mass Intentions

St Jude Saturday Healing Mass: In Memory of Maria Palmieri Garcia requested by Agustin Garcia

St Jude: Saturday: In Memory of Eva & Walter Simmons requested by John & Linda Navelski

St Elizabeth: Sunday: In Memory of Sandra Frost requested by Linda Collie

St Jude: Sunday: In Memory of Michael DeGraaf requested by Carol Larson DeGraaf

St Jude Feb.14: In Memory of Michael DeGraaf requested by Carol Larson DeGraaf

St. Jude Feb. 17: In Memory of Michael DeGraaf requested by Carol Larson DeGraaf



Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to

Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice — "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage, from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, "You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

2023 CSA COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the CSA Commitment Sunday. Pledge cards and brochures are available in the church if you have not received one by mail. Our CSA Goals for this year are:

St. Jude: \$8,956.76

St. Elizabeth: \$1,056.44

Thank you for your continued stewardship and generosity!

Offertory Report 02-05-2023

The Offertory Report now includes the Vanco totals Bldg Offertory Contin. Capital Other Campaign Fund \$1699.00 \$40.00 St Jude \$2495.43 \$400.00 \$4798.25 St Elizabeth \$1201.00 \$151.00 \$350.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—St Jude: 8:30 AM 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

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

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THIS WEEK'S ONLINE MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIFIC DISPENSATION

 \Rightarrow Tuesday, February 14,, 8:30 AM MASS

 \Rightarrow Wednesday, February 15, 8:30 AM MASS

- \Rightarrow Friday, February 17, 8:30 AM MASS
- \Rightarrow Saturday, February 18, 4:00 PM MASS
- \Rightarrow Sunday, February 19, 10:30 AM MASS

Online Masses will be held on ZOOM. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2942181244?

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It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of Charles Haveard, parishioner of St. Jude. Charles passed away on February 3, 2023. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep his family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let your perpetual

light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

This Saturday, February 18th at 1:00 pm is the Funeral Mass at St. Jude for Gerri Silva, long-time parishioner and organist at St. Jude. Gerri passed away on December 13, 2022. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep her family in your prayers.



***PARISH NEWS* MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Prayer for the Sick

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace.

May the example of Christ guide us in showing compassion for the sick, the suffering and infirm. Help us to understand those we come to serve and reach out in love to them. Bless our Care Givers with patience, mercy and compassion. Inspire them with insight to minister to all people with loving kindness.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



In this ever changing world, is Christ asking us to step up and meet the challenges?

If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older, join the <u>Knights of Columbus</u> Men's organization to pray together, help our church and community and each other.

We have monthly organized meetings preceded by a social hour every 2nd Thursday. Information is on the side table at church entrance, or ask a Knight (men in blue shirts) or call the office.

This year we will be collecting for the **BURSE CLUB** the month of **FEBRUARY**. As many of know the burse club is for the **Education** of **Priests**. The dues are only \$12.00 per year or \$6.00 twice a year. Members are remembered in all the masses that the priests, who are helped, say. **Envelopes and a form will be** available at the back of the church starting Feb. 11, 2023. These envelopes can either be <u>mailed</u>, put in the collection basket or handed to Dale Schmeidler, burse club director. Barbara Carnley will be available at St. Elizabeth's. The Burse Club helps support the future priests in our diocese. All the money donated goes for the for the education of priests. Thank you to all who help our future priests thru the Burse Club. Dale Schmeidler

- 1. St. Jude Altar Flowers this week are provided by Richard & Barbara Harris in Memory of Norman & Regina Booth; and Gerald & Annie Ruth Harris
- 2. St Elizabeth Flowers this week are provided by George & Nina Boudreaux
- **3.** Until our regular offertory envelopes arrive, please use the blank envelopes located at the back of the church. Please write your name and envelope number on the envelope.
- **4.** If you would like an End of Year Tax Statement, please email or call the front office and one will be mailed to you
- 5. Please see the back of the bulletin for information about purchasing a yearly ad



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Jail & Prison Ministry Training February 18

It is a proven fact that faith-based volunteers' participation in jail & prison ministry help inmates begin to make right choices. As a bonus, and perhaps as a surprise, you will very likely find that this ministry will bring you far closer to Jesus Christ than you have experienced or imagined possible. Your safety and well being are of utmost importance. Consequently, this ministry provides training and mentors so that you may minister with peace-of-mind. If interested call or text Andy Cash at 404-858-3125.

From the Diocese

*GriefShare: Feb. 14 6-8 pm, Every Tuesday until April 18

All who are going through a process of grieving are invited to attend a weekly meeting with a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside those going through one of life's most difficult experiences. The meetings will take place at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church's meeting house (320 Valencia St., Pensacola). For more information, contact Anthony Pinto at **(850) 221-1374** or apinto2343@gmail.com.

*Jubilee Mass: Feb. 19 2:30-4:30 pm

Each year, our diocese has a special liturgy for married couples celebrating significant anniversaries called the Jubilee Mass. Bishop Wack will lead participants in a special commemoration of vows, prayers of blessing and public recognition of individual couples during this liturgy. If you are celebrating your 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th and all anniversaries beyond 50 years, come celebrate your marriage with Bishop Wack.

For more information, or to register, contact Chez Filippini at filippinic@ptdiocese.org or (850) 435-3553.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 22 and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. While it is not a holy day of obligation, it is a great way to start the Lenten Season. Mass times will be:

> 8:30 am St. Elizabaeth 6:00 pm St. Jude

Every Friday during Lent, beginning on February 24th, Mass will be at 5:30 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at St. Jude. There will be no morning Mass on the Friday's during Lent.



Church's Mission Is Seen In Care For the Sick, Pope Says in Message By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The way individual Catholics and their parishes care for the sick offers a precise measure of just how much they either are part of or are fighting the "throwaway culture" that ignores or discards anyone seen as flawed or weak, Pope Francis said in his message for the World Day of the Sick.

The care of those who are ill shows "whether we are truly companions on the journey or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to 'make do,'" the pope said in the message, which was released by the Vatican Jan. 10.

The Catholic Church celebrates the world day Feb. 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

"Experiences of bewilderment, sickness and weakness are part of the human journey," the 86-year-old pope wrote.

But, he said, the Bible makes clear that "far from excluding us from God's people," those situations of vulnerability "bring us to the center of the Lord's attention, for he is our Father and does not want to lose even one of his children along the way."

Those who profess belief in God, he said, should do likewise, placing the sick at the center of their attention.

To illustrate his point, Pope Francis used the parable of the good Samaritan, a story he often cites to illustrate the importance of community and fraternity in contrast to cruelty and self-absorption.

"The fact that the man, beaten and robbed, is abandoned on the side of the road" in the parable "represents the condition in which all too many of our brothers and sisters are left at a time when they most need help," the pope said.

In addition, he said, in too many cases it is not easy "to distinguish the assaults on human life and dignity that arise from natural causes from those caused by injustice and violence. In fact, increasing levels of inequality and the prevailing interests of the few now affect every human environment to the extent that it is difficult to consider any experience as having solely 'natural' causes."

The problem is not only illness, the pope said, but also loneliness and the feeling of abandonment, both of which "can be overcome more easily than any other injustice, because -- as the parable tells us -- it only takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us, in order to eliminate it."

In the parable, he said, "two travelers, considered pious and religious, see the wounded man, yet fail to stop. The third passerby, however, a Samaritan, a scorned foreigner, is moved with compassion and takes care of that stranger on the road, treating him as a brother. In doing so, without even thinking about it, he makes a difference, he makes the world more fraternal."

People need the love and support of others as they age and especially when they are ill, he said.

Usually, people are not prepared to fall sick, he said, and, often, "we fail even to admit that we are getting older."

"Our vulnerability frightens us, and the pervasive culture of efficiency pushes us to sweep it under the carpet, leaving no room for our human frailty," he said. And even when people do not turn away, sometimes those who are sick think they should distance themselves from loved ones so they don't become "a burden."

But, Pope Francis said, "this is how loneliness sets in, and we can become poisoned by a bitter sense of injustice, as if God himself had abandoned us. Indeed, we may find it hard to remain at peace with the Lord when our relationship with others and with ourselves is damaged."

If the Catholic Church is truly to be a "field hospital," the pope said, then its members must act.

The church's mission, he said, "is manifested in acts of care, particularly in the historical circumstances of our time. We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal and raise up."

"The plight of the sick is a call that cuts through indifference and slows the pace of those who go on their way as if they had no sisters and brothers," Pope Francis insisted.

Those who are sick, he said, "are at the center of God's people, and the church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind."

https://www.usccb.org/news/2023/churchs-mission-seen-care-sick-pope-says-message

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