



St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Two Churches-One Parish

Lent: A Season of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

March: Month of Stewardship



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PROGRAMS & PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Religious Education	Rachel Bradley	850-968-6189
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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.

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).

Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Email: office@stjude.ptdiocese.org

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

Fridays During Lent 5:30 pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

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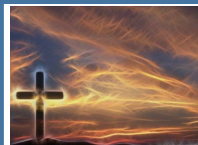
Mass Intentions

St Jude Saturday: In Memory of Roberto Alarcon & Aniceta J. Alvarez requested by the Alvarez Family

St Elizabeth Sunday: In Memory of Mike Shuttleworth requested by Claudia Shuttleworth

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

St Jude Wednesday, March 8: In Memory of Michael DeGraaf requested by Carol Larson-DeGraaf



Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—St Jude: NO MASS

Wednesday—St Jude: 8:30 AM Mass

Friday during Lent—St Jude: 5:30 PM Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

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

- ⇒ Tuesday, March 7, NO MASS
 - ⇒ Wednesday, March 8, 8:30 AM MASS
 - ⇒ Friday, March 10, 5:30 PM MASS
 - ⇒ Saturday, March 11, 4:00 PM MASS
 - ⇒ Sunday, March 12, 10:30 AM MASS
- Online Masses will be held on ZOOM.

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CSA UPDATE

TOTAL PLEDGE

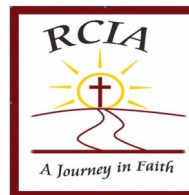
	GOAL	TOTAL PLEDGE	RECEIVED
St Jude	\$8,956.76	\$7667.01	\$7,377.01
St Elizabeth	\$1,056.44	\$1,400.00	\$1,300.00

Offertory Report 02-26-2023

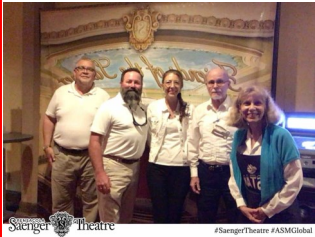
The Offertory Report now includes the Vanco totals

	Offertory	Contin.	Capital Campaign	Bldg Fund	Other
St Jude	\$2,544.15	\$10.00	\$3411.00	\$2414.62	\$137.00
St Elizabeth	\$1,320.00		\$250.00		\$137.00

Rite of Election for our RCIA Candidates takes place this Sunday, March 5th at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Please keep all of our RCIA Candidates in your prayers.



PARISH NEWS MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



Did you know that the **Concession Stand Catholics** have raised **\$10,815.00 for the Building Fund** in only 10 events??? During the month of March we are focusing on **Stewardship, the giving of our time, talent, and treasure.** Please consider joining this exciting group of volunteers by volunteering at a few of these events. We work the concession stand at the Pensacola Bay Center and/or the Saenger Theatre. The giving of your time will go a long way in helping us reach our goal toward building a new Parish Life Center. If interested, or if you have questions, please contact Rachel Bradley at 850-777-7244.

March: The Month of Stewardship

During the month of March we will be focusing on **Stewardship, the giving of our time, talent and treasure in the service of God and our neighbor.** Please take some time this week to read the insert from the U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Stewardship from 2020, which talks about what it means to be a Christian Steward.

The Bulletin Board

1. No Altar Flowers during Lent.
2. Friday's during Lent: there will be no 8:30 AM Mass. Mass will be at 5:30 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at St Jude.
3. Beginning in April, the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry, Caring Coach, will be at St. Jude's on the THIRD Thursday of each month.
4. Until our regular offertory envelopes arrive, please use the blank envelopes located at the back of the church. Please write your name & envelope number on envelope
5. Please see the back of the bulletin for information about purchasing a yearly ad
6. This weekend's second collection is for the Contingency Fund.



ST JUDE'S LADIES SOCIETY

The St. Jude Ladies Society is now taking contributions for Easter Lilies for the Altar, and food baskets for the poor.

Envelopes are available in the pews; checks should be made payable to St. Jude Ladies Society. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or given to Flo Maxwell no later than April 2, 2023.

If you have any questions, contact Flo at 850 937-1090 or email Flomax@panhandle.rr.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and

God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 21-23 July 2023 in Jacksonville, FL, or 3-5 November 2023 in Titusville, FL. For more information visit our website at wwme.org or e-mail:

Applications@FLCN-wwme.org Or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com if you have any questions

Collecting Books for Open Books Bookstore

If you would like to donate any books to the Open Books Bookstore, please drop them off in the box at the back of St. Jude's church by **March 19.** Open Books Bookstore is a non-profit bookstore located in downtown Pensacola. All of their book sales benefit their Prison Book Project, which has been mailing free books to Florida prison inmates since 2000. They are open Monday thru Sunday from 12 pm until 5 pm. Address: 1040 N. Guillemard St. Pensacola 32501



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Bishop Wack who is celebrating our Confirmation Mass with us at St. Jude this Sunday! Welcome Bishop Wack!



Congratulations to Kaven Powell on receiving your Confirmation! May the Holy Spirit dwell among you today and always!

To Be a Christian Steward **A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"
(1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Disciples as Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives
- and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Creation

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.

The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.

At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

A Steward's Way

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way. Stewardship is a part of that journey.
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