



St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Two Churches-One Parish



Parish Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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PROGRAMS & PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Religious Education	Rachel Bradley	850-968-6189
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Parish Youth Group	Mary Holley-Lewis	850-346-2797
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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.*

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	5:00 pm Mass
Friday	8:30 am Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday	8:30 am Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)
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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 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."

Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

September 13, 2026

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Mass Intentions

St Jude Saturday 4:00 pm Mass: In Memory of Reginald and Naureen Lockridge requested by Cheryl Pilling.

St Elizabeth Sunday 8:30 am Mass: In Memory of Mike Shuttleworth requested by Claudia Shuttleworth.

St Jude Sunday 10:30 am Mass: In Honor of Gwen Smith and Harold Terrance requested by Deacon Mac & Gwen Smith.

Tuesday, 8:30 am Mass: For the intentions of St Jude & St Elizabeth Parishioners.

Wednesday, 5:00 pm Mass: For a successful surgery and healing for Gianna Marie Beigel

Friday, 8:30 am Mass: In Memory of Martha Lewis Neumann, George Cunney, and Mickey Moran

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Monday, September 14th @ 7:00 PM:** Online Weekly Rosary: To pray with us, go to www.zoom.com. Click on the word JOIN in the top right corner. Enter our Meeting ID: 294 218 1244 Then click on Launch Meeting and then enter the passcode: 063391

***Tuesday, September 15th @ 6:00 AM:** Men of St Joseph

***Wednesday, September 16th @ 5:30 PM:** OCIA & CCD

***Saturday, September 19th @ 9:00 AM:** Liturgical Ministers Retreat at St. Mary

MASS SCHEDULE

- ⇒ Tuesday, September 15 @ 8:30 AM Mass at St Jude *also online
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 16 @ 5:00 PM Mass at St Jude *also online
- ⇒ Friday, September 18 @ 8:30 AM Mass at St Jude *also online
- ⇒ Saturday, September 19 @ 4:00 PM: Mass at St Jude *also online
- ⇒ Sunday, September 20 @ 8:30 AM: Mass St Elizabeth
- ⇒ Sunday, September 20 @ 10:30 AM: Mass at St Jude *also online

*Online Masses will be held on ZOOM.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2942181244?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2942181244?pwd=d3hSUnlXY1JlTzZlZm4TjJNYWp3QT09)
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Meeting ID: 294 218 1244 Password: 063391

Offertory Report 09-06-2026

The Offertory Report includes the Vanco totals

	Offertory	Contingency	Other
St Jude	\$ 5462.46	\$ 892.97	\$ 50.28
St Elizabeth	\$ 2295.00	\$ 197.00	\$ 0.00
St. Jude & St. Elizabeth Capital Campaign:	\$ 51.38		
St. Jude & St. Elizabeth Building Fund:	\$ 145.69		

2026 Liturgical Ministers Retreat

The Office of Liturgy is hosting a day of reflection, in each of our four deaneries, for all liturgical ministers: sacristans, ushers, greeters, altar servers, readers, music ministry, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We will spend the day reflecting on the Eucharistic liturgy and Sacraments, as well as the dignity of our ministries in service to all encountering Jesus. Updates will be provided for new guidelines for communion ministry. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. Light breakfast and lunch included.

Sept 19: St. Mary, Pensacola

October 10: St. Louis, Tallahassee

October 17: Holy Name of Jesus, Niceville

TBD: Panama City

All sessions will be held 9am-1pm local time

Registration required. Scan the QR code
or visit <https://ptdiocese.org/liturgy>



For more information, contact Dr. Christopher Gawel
(850) 304-7580 or gawelc@ptdiocese.org

Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion



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CSA 2026 Goals

St Jude: \$18,740.00

St Elizabeth: 4,131.00

CSA Pledges

39

15

Given to CSA

\$ 16,983.52

\$ 3,638.03

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge for the Catholic Sharing Appeal.



St. Jude & St. Elizabeth Prayer List

Healing for Johnnie Ransom, Ryan Barge,
Melba Burroughs, Vangie Waheed, Jerry Smith,
Mark & Chris O'Hara, Gianna Beigel

PARISH NEWS MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Registration OCIA has begun but it is not too late to join! Forms are now available in the back of the Church. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or would like to become Catholic, please fill out a registration form and return it to the parish office. As a church community, let us pray for those who are beginning their faith journey.



Save the Date For...
Saturday, October 3rd @ St Elizabeth

There will be a "Working Party" to clear the grounds at St. Elizabeth as we prepare for our upcoming Octoberfest. Please join us September 26th from 8-noon to help—All are welcome!

Happy Grandparents Day!



Celebrating all Grandparents today! We are thankful for the blessing you are to our church and families!

Thank You!



Thank you to Lynn and Joe Sonderman for the beautiful Pieta replica! Our prayers and best wishes to you as you return back home. Thank you to Chuck Strahota who built a beautiful stand for the statue. This has been placed on the wall by the Baptismal Font.

Thank you!

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Thank you to John & Rose Veverka for sponsoring our CCD & OCIA dinner this week!

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The Seton Fund Collection
(Society for the Propagation of the Faith) will take place September 19/20

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We joyfully congratulate Ashton, Bellamy & Carrie Holeyton on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on September 6, 2026 at St. Elizabeth. May you always walk in His love and grace!



The Bulletin Board

1. St Jude Altar Flowers are provided by Deacon Mac & Gwen Smith in Memory of Gertrude and McBurnett Smith, Sr.
2. St Elizabeth Altar Flowers are provided by Pam Perry in Memory of Bob and Gladys Cain
3. The Second Collection next weekend is for the Propagation of the Faith (Seton Fund Collection)
4. This weekend is Burse Club weekend.

Asking for Prayers...



Please keep Gianna Marie Beigel, great-granddaughter of Donna and Billy Randell in your prayers. Gianna is 6 months old and will be having open-heart surgery Thursday, September 17th at Sacred Heart Hospital in Orlando, FL. Please pray for her, her doctors and nurses and a successful surgery.

**MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS LEO XIV
FOR THE SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promises that he will never forget any of us. He assures us that he has engraved our faces on the palms of his hands (cf. *Is* 49:16) and that his love is greater than a mother's love for her child (cf. *Is* 49:15). The prophet gives us a glimpse of an intimate and intense dialogue in which God addresses, in familiar terms, each person individually and the people as a whole. Even today, we can read these words as referring to each of us, and everyone can hear that "I will never forget you" spoken directly to them.

These are words that fill us with comfort and hope. They are the answer to an agonizing feeling that troubles the heart: "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me" (*Is* 49:14). How often in Sacred Scripture, especially in the Psalms, does prayer spring from the despair of those who feel that their lives are of no interest to anyone and are being neglected! The painful feeling of being forgotten is, unfortunately, shared by many people, and among them are quite a few elderly people.

God's love, which forgets no one, offers itself as an act of justice and a response to the anonymity in which human life all too often ends up lost. The lives of many elderly people, in particular, seem to be covered by a veil that blurs the features of their faces and shrouds them in oblivion. This is what happens in homes where loneliness reigns and also in those care facilities where each person's uniqueness risks being reduced to a bed number or an illness.

The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, "But I will never forget you," take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. "In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness" (Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, 239).

The Church understands the suffering of her elderly members; she knows full well that they are all too often viewed through the lens of stereotypes and considered a burden; she is aware that a profit-driven economy weakens family ties; she knows that many elderly people are left behind by children who are forced to migrate or, in some cases, to fight in wars. For each of these reasons, she joyfully proclaims the Lord's promise: "But I will never forget you!"

It is a joy, at any age, but especially when we are no longer young, to discover, as John Paul I said, that we are the recipients "of undying love on the part of God. We know: he has always

his eyes open on us, even when it seems to be dark. He is our father; even more he is our mother" (*Angelus*, 10 September 1978). Even if it does not come naturally to think this way, the truth is that even in old age we do not cease to be sons and daughters; therefore, the invitation to return to the arms of God — whose love is both paternal and maternal — remains worthwhile at any age.

For many, the discovery of God's tenderness takes place over the course of their lives, sometimes even in its final stages. Indeed, unlike in the past, it is increasingly common to reach old age without having had a genuine experience of faith. In such cases, old age — beginning with the questions that arise with greater urgency during this season of life — can become the right time to begin or resume a spiritual life. On this new journey, one can recognize that God, as Saint Augustine says, "is a mother because he cherishes, because he nourishes, because he nurses, because he protects" (*Commentary on Psalm 27*, II, 18). It is an awareness that helps us not to feel ashamed of the fragility that emerges and also to understand that we are always in need of one another and in need of attention and care. To God, who draws near to us and whom we learn to recognize in his tenderness, we can now turn with filial trust in prayer. It is never too late to begin turning to him. It can be a great gift for everyone.

Dear elderly men and women, Pope Francis spoke of you as a "new people" (*Catechesis*, 23 February 2022), since the number of older adults has never been so large in human history. It is, therefore, more important than ever to reflect with you, this "new people," on what our vocation might be when fragility — the human person's companion from birth — seems to take over. I would like to say to you: do not be afraid of fragility! It is precisely this weakness that holds within itself a new potential that also illuminates the other stages of life. Indeed, when "we acknowledge our fragility, our hearts become open to supporting one another and to invoking the One who can grant what no human power can ensure: the profound reconciliation of hearts and, with it, true peace" (*Meeting with the Algerian community*, Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, Algiers, 13 April 2026).

This is how we can live out our old age as Christians: "fragile" yet at the same time "called." A man and a woman can, in fact, be born anew in old age (cf. *Jn* 3:4-6) and exclaim, with the prophet: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength" (*Is* 30:15). This strength can become an invitation not to resort to the ways of arrogance and power to ensure human coexistence, but to the ways of reconciliation and true peace. In this time, so harshly marked by the violence of war and social unrest, many wonder what the world in which their grandchildren will grow up will be like. I urge you, dear friends, to join me in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the whole world.

Dear elderly brothers and sisters, I thank you for supporting me every day with your prayers, especially when you recite the Holy Rosary. I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart and leave you with this prayer: may the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love — He who never forgets us!

From the Vatican, 15 June 2026

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/grandparents/documents/20260615-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

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