St. Elizabeth Roman Gatholic Church

REV. FR. MARTIN NDYANABO, PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR REV. MR. FRED JARDINE, PERMANENT DEACON

St. Elizabeth Parish is a faith-filled community, built on the example of hospitality shown by St. Elizabeth herself. We welcome and celebrate people from all walks of life, and we strive to learn from Sacred Scripture, our Catholic tradition, the Sacraments, and one another.

We are committed to nurturing the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of all we encounter. Above all, we spread the joy and love of Christ's Gospel of life in our Parish, neighborhood, and to all nations.



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday including Children's Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Hungarian Mass: 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please call parish office at 613-725-2242.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 a.m.

Holy Rosary - 8:30 a.m.

First Fridays: Anointing of the Sick at Daily Mass

WEDDINGS

To be arranged 6 months in advance.

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Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24



Tuesday, September 1: Weekday

9:00 a.m., Healing for Baby Miles by Terry Normoyle Wednesday, September 2: Blessed André Grasset

9:00 a.m., Blessed Mother's Intentions by Sr. Alice Johnson

Thurs., September 3: Saint Gregory the Great

9:00 a.m., Birthday Blessings on Bob Artelle by Terry Normoyle

Friday, September 4: Blessed Dina Bélanger

9:00 a.m., Blessings on Friends & Benefactor's by Sr. Alice Johnson

Saturday, September 5: Saturday Vigil

4:30 p.m., Soul of Leo Rathier & Frank Cropper by Joe Rivet

Sunday, September 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m., Souls in Purgatory by Terry Normoyle
For All Parishioners
10:30 a.m., Soul of Celia Fernandez
by Lorie & Jun Fernandez
Blessings on Paul & Marlene Pignat

by Terry Normoyle

Tuesday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m., Birthday Blessings on Sr. Alice Johnson by Gladys & Glennys

Wednesday, September 9: Saint Peter Claver

9:00 a.m., Birthday Blessings on Sr. Olga Rakai by Gladys & Glennys

Thursday, September 10: Weekday

9:00 a.m., 95th Birthday Blessings on Sr. Alice Johnson by Terry Normoyle

Friday, September 11: Weekday

9:00 a.m., Soul of Julita Villena by Lourdes Villena

Saturday, September 12: Saturday Vigil

4:30 p.m., For All Parishioners

Sunday, September 13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m., Soul of Fr. Norm Dodge by David & Linda Darwin Birthday Blessings on Loretta De Luca by Sr. Alice Johnson

10:30 a.m., Blessings on Paw Lu Ku April family by Wim Nie

Sick in Our Parish

We pray for all those who have died, especially Cecilia Hastings former parishioner and wife of Charles Hastings, and all those who mourn them.

We pray for the sick of our Parish and for all those who care for them, especially for:

Tereza Adam, Elina Anker, Sarah Bowie,
Gerti Chapman, Emiliana Cabuga, Jeff Carroll.
Tony Dean, Rosa Delascio, Tristan Denis,
Lynn Dobson, Margaret Doherty, Elza Feher,
Eileen Frattini, Johanne Gagnon,
Jodi Graham, Raymond Joly Sr., Gordon Kane,
Allan Kelly, Norina Lachance, Rick Lachance,
Marlyn McAndrew, Baby Miles, Gerald Normoyle,
Stella Normoyle, Greg Patacairk, Myra Anne Powell,
Emily Rozsa, Pat Redmond, David Simpson,
Flo Sully, Bob Tait, Lamomba Tito,
Susan White, Sylvia Zito

St. Elizabeth Parish Altar Servers



4:30 p.m. Paul Obinna, Treasure Agazuma, Emmanuel Agazuma
9:00 a.m. Bridgid Oghenetano,
Claire Omamuzo, Odilia Ogbondu
10:30 a.m. Joseph Uwayezu,
Rodrigue Uwumukiza, Jyuan Almario,
Mary Chukwu, Imena Ame,
Emmanuella Chukwu,

Stephanie Chukwu

Canadian Tire Money Count: \$264.63

Thank you for supporting the work and ministry of St. Elizabeth Parish. PAP for September 1:\$4,359.00

Bequests and Wills

In your kindness, please remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will or added by codicil: "I give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$.... to St. Elizabeth Church, Ottawa, to be used in the administration of the pastoral activities of the parish."

In the Parish



Reflection from Fr. Martin:

Faced with an enemy or an unjust aggressor, an animal has basically three possible responses (3 F's): Flight, Fight and Freeze. Faced with an unpleasant situation we humans too have these options.

What do you do when we come across situations we don't like in the street, or even in our parish community? But we humans have a fourth option: dialogue. We can use our gift of reason to appeal to others' reason. We can appeal to the goodness of the heart of others. This presupposes a basic trust in the goodness of human nature itself, namely, that others are capable of reasoning and feeling just as I do.

In the gospel passage, Jesus tells us how we could be dealing with unchristian attitude and behaviour in our communities. It is interesting to note that, in the text of today (Mt 18:15), Jesus is not talking about a personal offence committed against you. This will follow as the next episode (in Mt 18:21-35): in the of personal offence Jesus is simply recommending forgiveness (see also Lk 17:3). In the section that we read today, Jesus says, "If your brother does something wrong..." in general (Mt 18:15). This teaching follows immediately after the analogy of the shepherd who goes in search of the lost sheep (Mt 18:12-14). So, Jesus is actually inviting us to be shepherds going in search of our lost brothers and sisters. How do we do this? Jesus suggests a three-step strategy:

Step 1: Deal with the individual one-on-one. Jesus suggests a private chat as the first step: "go and have it out with him/her alone, between your two selves" (Mt 18:15). This step presupposes a considered response to what we perceive to be wrong. It is not a reaction of flaring up in anger, but a cool dialogue. The run-up to this step could be painstaking, and often demands deep courage. I find this step particularly challenging in my own life. It is much easier to make generalised statements about wrongs that I see in the community, or to rise up as a cobra when my own little haven is disturbed. On the contrary, Jesus is inviting me to be fully human – to use my gift of rationality and my ability to empathise with the other. "If he listens to you, you have won

back your brother" (v.16). My experience is that most often this step really works. If this step does not work, then I can go on to the next step.

Step 2: Involve close associates. "If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you..." (Mt 18:16). Jesus here is quoting the Torah (Dt 19:15-16). But this step is necessary to clarify your own perception of the wrong: was it just an illusion; was it my own prejudice; or was I acting on a personal vendetta? The two others will help you clarify your own position, and if your position is sound and Christian, then they stand behind you to allure the wrong doer to return to the fold. It is easier to find the lost sheep when three shepherds search together than if one shepherd did it alone. In case this does not work, then we need a better strategy.

Step 3: Bring the issue before the community. This is the last resort. Here the procedure becomes public and judicial. Interestingly, Matthew talks about bringing the person before the community (or the church – ecclesia) rather than the leaders. At this point, if the individual chooses not to follow the direction of the community, then s/he can be considered not being part of the community anymore. Jesus' words to Peter in Mt 16:18, is here addressed to the whole community. The community is given the authority: "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Mt 18:18).

The steps that Jesus is laying out here in dealing with a wrongdoer are not merely part of a legal procedure. I see this as an invitation to me to prepare myself internally to deal in a humane manner with the person whom I perceive to be in the wrong. It is a personal inner process of growth towards wisdom, love and freedom.

Fr. Martin

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