

St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church

REV. FR. MARTIN NDYANABO, PASTOR

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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

Tuesday to Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary - 8:15 a.m.

First Fridays: Anointing of the Sick at Daily Mass

WEDDINGS

To be arranged 6 months in advance.

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*"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness.
'Make straight the way of the Lord'"*
John 1.6-8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 a.m., Blessings on Fr Martin and the Priests of the Archdioces of Ottawa by Terry Normoyle

Wednesday, December 13: St Lucy

9:00 a.m., Birthday Blessings on Tamra Tyler by Terry Normoyle

Thursday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross

9:00 a.m., Blessings on Gladys, Glennys & Karen by Terry Normoyle

Friday, December 15: Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m., For All Parishioners

Saturday, December 16: Solemnity

4:30 p.m., Soul of Stewart Manley by Beth Manley
Soul of Jean Murdock by Norma, Donna & Diane

Sunday, December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m., For All Parishioners

10:30 a.m., Soul of Marc Auger by Carol Auger

Soul of Stanley Jarath by the Family

Thanks to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Anniversary Blessing on Roland & Christine Albert by Christine & Roland Albert

Sick in Our Parish

We pray for all those who have died,
and those who mourn them,

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

Ashleen Anunobi, Tereza Adam, Elina Anker,

Gerti Chapman, Emiliana Cabuga,

Howard Campbell, Jeff Carroll, Rosa Delascio,

Tristan Denis, Lynn Dobson, Margaret Doherty,

Pat Dooley, Johanne Gagnon, Brian Galacio, Jane,

Raymond Joly Sr., Allan Kelly, Rick Lachance,

Marlyn McAndrew, Monique,

Gerald Normoyle, Greg Patacairk,

Pat Redmond, David Simpson, Bob Tait,

Lamomba Tito, Johanna Tobin, Susan White,

Jan Wright, Sylvia Zito

St. Elizabeth Parish Altar Servers



4:30 p.m. Paul Obinna,

Treasure Agazuma, Emmanuel Agazuma

9:00 a.m. Brigid Ogbondu,

Claire Ogbondu, Odilia Ogbondu

10:30 a.m. Joseph Uwayezu,

Rodrigue Uwumukiza, Jyuan Almaro,

Mary Chukwu, Imena Ame,

Emmanuella Chukwu, Stephanie Chukwu

Canadian Tire Money Count:\$7.20

Thank you for supporting St. Elizabeth Parish.
Sunday Reg. Collection, Nov. 26-Dec 3: \$ 2,251.70
Maintenance Fund: \$282.00
Poor Fund: \$110.00

Parish Events This Week

Thursday: Seniors Euchre Social, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer Shawl Ministry, 12:15 p.m.

Saturday: Cursillo Ultreya 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday: Live stream of mass at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday: Hungarian Bake Sale after Sunday masses

Sign Up For Pre-Authorized Debit: We are now able to offer our parishioners the chance to sign up for pre-authorized debit payments to donate during these difficult times for individual churches. If you would like to know more about this service please contact the parish office.

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."*

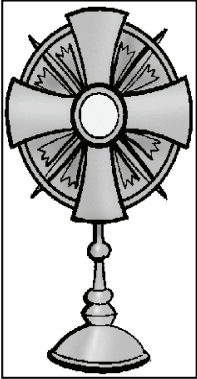


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In the Parish



***Be Still And Know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10***

Come and Accept the Lord's Invitation to Stay With Him For One Hour: Eucharistic Adoration available in the parish on **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. and on Friday's from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with Benediction - 5:50 p.m.**

The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Hamper Appeal:

The Ladies Auxiliary in cooperation with the Caldwell Family Centre are once again filling Christmas hampers. The Christmas Angel Tree is set up and parishioners are invited to take a tag off the tree to help fill the hampers. Donations can be dropped off under the tree and must be received by December 17th.



Christmas Season Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24: Regular Sunday Schedule

*** 4:30 p.m., Family Mass**

*** 10:00 p.m., Hungarian Community (Bilingual)**

Christmas Day Mass

***9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Family Mass**

*** 12:00 p.m., Hungarian Community (Bilingual)**

Dec. 26, Dec. 27, Dec. 28, Dec. 29 No Daily Mass

Dec. 30, 31, - Regular Sunday Schedule

New Year's Masses

Dec. 31 4:30 p.m., Eve of the Solemnity of Mary

Jan. 1, 2024: 10:30 a.m., Solemnity of Mary Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5, 2024 - No Daily Mass



Flowers for Christmas: There are envelopes available in the church pews for our Flower Fund. Your donation can be made in remembrance of deceased loved ones. The offerings collected will go to decorating the altar for Christmas masses.

Fr. Martin's Corner



Origins of Advent: The pagans used the word "advent" to mean the "coming" of their god. On a fixed day of the year they exposed its statue. They thought that in that way the god would become present among them and would bless them.

The word "advent" was also used for the visit of the king to a city or for his coronation.

Later on Christians applied all these various meanings to the "coming" of their God into the world, in Jesus Christ, and the word advent was used to identify specifically the period of time set aside to prepare for the visit at Christmas.

But hasn't Jesus already come? What is the point of Advent then? Why act as if he is on his way? Does it mean then, that Christmas is just a birthday and Advent is the time we spend preparing for it? No, this is how the pagans prepared for the "birth of the sun" or "Sol Invictus". Christians do rejoice on Christmas day but that is not the sole point of the Feast.

Why should we bother then? The readings during Advent will tell us that Jesus does not come only once. He keeps coming. He comes and is present at every event in our lives; he is present in everything that happens in the world and in the church. He is present in all those who spread new ideas, or who bring love, peace and reconciliation to those who strive to build a new world. Next week we shall develop more on this point of why we have to celebrate Advent every year.

Make Christmas special for someone in need:

Consider a donation to the Chalice Christmas fund. Many families living in poverty can't afford to celebrate Christmas. Your loving donation will allow children and families to experience the love and joy of celebrating the birth of Christ. See the bulletin board display for details on how to donate.



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