

# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Sunday English 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
*Español 9:30 am 12:30 pm*  
 Tuesday English 12 noon  
 Wednesday English 12 noon  
 Thursday English 12 noon  
*Español 6:30 pm*  
 Friday English 12 noon  
 Saturday Children's 6 pm  
**Rosary/Rosario**  
 30 minutes before each Mass

## SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS CONFESIONES

Saturday /Sábado 4—5:30 p.m.  
 Also By Appointment  
 Thursday/Jueves 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
 Call the church office for appointments with Fr. Delfin for **Baptism, Quinceñeras and Matrimony at least 6 months before the proposed date of the celebration.**

## FAITH FORMATION FORMACION DE FE

RCIA:  
 CCD: Saturdays 5 pm to 6 pm  
**Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament: Jan. 5, 2024**  
**Holy Hour, Every Thursday from 7 to 8 pm**  
**Confessions available by appointment**

**December 24, 2023**

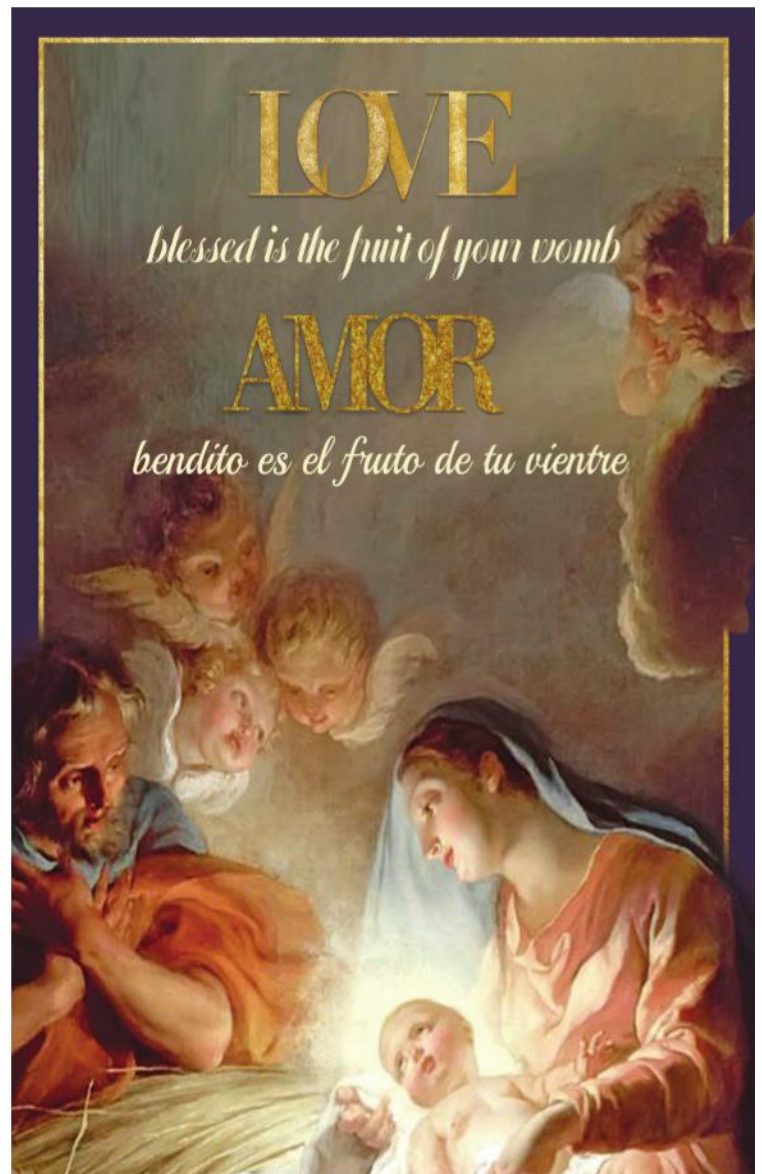
## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Scripture Readings

**Sunday of Advent** Fourth Sunday  
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38  
**Monday The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**  
*Vigil Mass:* Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25  
*Mass during the Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14  
**Tuesday** Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr  
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22  
**Wednesday** Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist  
 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8  
**Thursday** Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
 1 Jn 1:5-----2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18  
**Friday** Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr  
 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
**Saturday** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

### Lecturas de las Escrituras

**Domingo** Cuarto Domingo de Adviento  
 2 Sam 7, 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16; Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29; Rom 16, 25-27; Lc 1, 26-38  
**Lunes** La Natividad del Señor (Navidad)  
*Misa de la Vigilia:* Is 62, 1-5; Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27 y 29; Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25; Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25  
*Misa del Día:* Is 52, 7-10; Sal 97, 1. 2 -3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6; Hb 1, 1-6; Jn 1, 1-18 o Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14  
**Martes** Fiesta de San Esteban, Protomártir  
 Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-60; Sal 30, 3cd-4. 6 y 8ab. 16bc y 17; Mt 10, 17-22  
**Miércoles** Fiesta de San Juan, Apóstol y Evangelista  
 1 Jn 1, 1-4; Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12; Jn 20, 2-9  
**Jueves** Fiesta de los Santo Inocentes, Mártires  
 1 Jn 1, 5-----2, 2; Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8; Mt 2, 13-18  
**Viernes** Memoria de Santo Tomás Becket, Obispo y Mártir  
 1 Jn 2, 3-11; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6; Lc 2, 22-35  
**Sábado** 1 Jn 2, 12-17; Sal 95, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; Lc 2, 36-40



DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions/Intenciones de las Misas	Requested by
Dec. 23	6:00 pm	Mass intention is for the youth of St. Elizabeth	Parish
Dec. 24	8:00 am	Mass intention is for our parish, St. Elizabeth	Parish
	9:30 am	Mass intention is for the repose of the souls of Flora Perez & Sixto Cruz	J. Cruz
	11:30 am	Mass intention is for the repose of the souls of Maria Garcia, Julia Garcia, Jacqueline Luz	R. Cruz
	4:00 pm	Mass intention is for Peace in the World	Parish
	7:00 pm	Mass intention is for the souls in purgatory	Parish

**Ministries / Ministerios**

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist/  
Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucarestia**  
Carole Monte / Maria Ventura Benitez

**Lectors / Lectores**  
Denise Kapp/ Rosa Salazar

**Ushers / Ujieres**  
Juan Venegas

**Liturgical Linens / Articulos Liturgicos**  
Denise Kapp / Maria Ventura Benitez

**Altar Servers / Monaguillos**  
Jill O'Bryan Michelle Lillie  
Maria Venegas

Altar Server Classes by appointment, Please call Maria Venegas  
Clases para los servidores de altar: se garan con la Señora Maria Venegas

**Parish Meetings and Chairperson**

Finance Council	TBA
Pastoral Council,	TBA
*Ladies Guild, Marge Ross, Pres.	3rd Wednesday @ 4:30 p.m.
*K of C, Johnny Ortiz, Grand Knight	1st Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.
Renovación	Lunes@7:00 p.m.

\*Non parish based organization: inclusion on this list does not imply endorsement by St. Elizabeth Church or knowledge of the activities of this group.

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Pastoral Care	Carol Monte, Bob Ross
Social Ministry	Judy McMakin
RCIA	Stephen Ward, Eng.:Norma Gutierrez, Sp
DRE/CCD	Jill O'Bryan Maria

**PRAY FOR THE SICK/RECEN POR**

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|------------------|----------------------|
| Daniel Alanis    | Suzano Ortiz         |
| Bryan Bahr       |                      |
| Ameiul Crockett  | Lori Parrott         |
| Betty Culling    | Bob Ross             |
| Mike Farris      | Adam Shrum           |
| Susan Froeschl   | Kimberly Starrett    |
| John Hansen      | Becky Walker         |
| Tony Kovacs      | Dave & Sharon Watson |
| Manuel Maldonado | Jacqueline White     |
| Wayne Masterson  | Eric Witover         |
| Jody McCullough  | Mark Woodson         |
| Levi Murphy      | Raul Zuniga          |
| Tate Nichol森     |                      |
| Sue Noble        |                      |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Blake Bowser     | Tyler Satsberry |
| Lirio Jasmi Cruz |                 |
| Erin Kate Davis  |                 |
| Ben De Vries     |                 |
| Michael Johnson  |                 |
| Andrew King      |                 |
| Zachary Palmer   |                 |
| Caleb Perez      |                 |
| Kody Reichert    |                 |
| Tyler Ring       |                 |
| Luis Sanchez     |                 |

**Lectors (First & Second Reader)  
Lectura (1ra-2da lector)**

**Commentators  
Comentador**

**Eucharistic Minsters**

Dec. 24	8:00 am	M. Ferguson/A. Rodriguez	M. Ross	M. Schreiber
	9:30 am	C. Vega/E. Sanchez	F. Longoria	M. Benitez
	11:30 am			
	4:00 pm			
	7:00 pm			
Dec. 31	8:00 am	M. Ross/T. Rodriguez	D. Kapp	M. Schreiber
	9:30 am	M. Zuniga/F. Longoria	M. Resendiz	J. Cruz
	11:00 am	K. Guadiano/R. Lillie	C. Monte	M. Lillie
	12:30 pm	L. Cruz/R. Lopez	J. Fernandez	R. Sanchez

**Weekly Offerings and Attendance**

	1st Coll.	3% Bldg. Fund	Bldg. Fund
Dec. 17, 2023	2541.00	75.00	115.00
On-line	120.00		130.00
Attendance			

**Building Fund balance as of Nov. 30 \$ 522,859**

De conformidad con la sección 30.06, Código Penal (intrusión por el titular de la licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia bajo el subcapítulo H, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (Ley de licencias de armas de fuego), no puede entrar en esta propiedad con una pistola oculta. De conformidad con la sección 30.07, Código Penal (traspaso por el titular de la licencia con una pistola abierta-mente llevada), una persona con licencia bajo el subcapítulo H, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (Ley de licencias de armas de fuego), no puede entrar en esta propiedad con una pistola que se lleva abierta.

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## The Nativity of the Lord Great Expectations

Christmas can be disappointing. We remember the Christmases from our childhood, all the joy, the excitement, and the fun we had. When we grow up, we have to shop for gifts, write and mail the cards, put up the decorations, and do all the preparations that seem to stress us out. We may be sad that the day did not meet our expectations. Now that most of that is done, (unless you are reading this on a break from cleaning house before the grandkids arrive) we can reflect on how the first Christmas upset all expectations.

I'm sure Joseph never expected to have a child so soon. Or to have the baby born in a stable miles from their home in Nazareth. The shepherds never expected to be awakened by angels. And those Jews who looked forward to the coming of a Messiah never expected him to come as a baby. Yet God had reasons for coming in this way.

The nativity scene looks so peaceful and beautiful, but the reality was not so romantic. The messiah came not to the sound of war horns, but the cry of a helpless infant. He was born in a stable because no one had room for him. The first to see him were the shepherds, the migrant workers of the time. The political leaders (Herod and friends) wanted to kill him.

Jesus was born in this way to show that he came not for the important and wealthy, but for the poor and outcast. As an adult, he would continue to surprise: he ate with sinners and tax collectors; he challenged the religious leaders of Israel. He was executed as a criminal.

So today he continues to come to us in the homeless, the undocumented immigrant", the sick, those in prison, the unborn infant, that we might find him where we least expect. Can we learn to see him in the unexpected, in our trials and difficulties, our own weaknesses? When we do, we will celebrate what Christmas is truly about.

*May the Peace  
of the  
Holy Family  
be with you  
always.*



## La Natividad del Señor Grandes expectativas

La Navidad puede ser decepcionante. Nos acordamos de las Navidades de nuestra infancia, toda la alegría, la emoción y la diversión. Pero cuando ya seamos adultos, tenemos que comprar regalos, escribir y enviar las tarjetas, colocar las decoraciones y hacer todos los preparativos que parecen estresarnos. Quizás estemos tristes porque el día no cumplió con nuestras expectativas. Ahora que la mayor parte de esas cosas ya están hechas (a menos de que estés leyendo esto durante un descanso de la limpieza de la casa antes de que lleguen los nietos), podemos reflexionar sobre cómo la primera Navidad derrotó a todas las expectativas.

Estoy seguro de que José nunca esperaba tener un hijo tan pronto, o que el bebé naciera en un establo a muchos kilómetros de su casa en Nazaret. Los pastores nunca esperaron que los ángeles los despertaran. Y los judíos que esperaban con ansias la venida del Mesías nunca esperaron que viniera como un bebé. Sin embargo, Dios tenía sus razones para actuar de esta forma.

La natividad en nuestra casa parece tan tranquila y hermosa, pero la realidad no era tan romántica. El mesías no llegó con el sonido de las trompetas de guerra, sino con el llanto de un niño indefenso. Nació en un establo porque nadie tenía posada para él. Los primeros en verlo fueron los pastores, los trabajadores inmigrantes de esa época. Los líderes políticos (Herodes y sus amigos) querían matarlo.

Jesús nació de esta forma para mostrar que no vino para los importantes y los ricos, sino para los pobres y los marginados. De adulto seguiría sorprendiéndolos: comía con pecadores y recaudadores de impuestos, retaba a los líderes religiosos de Israel y fue ejecutado como un criminal.

Hoy en día sigue viniendo a nosotros en las personas sin hogar, los inmigrantes indocumentados, los enfermos, los encarcelados y los bebés no nacidos, para que podamos encontrarlo donde menos lo esperamos. ¿Podemos aprender a verlo en lo inesperado, en nuestras pruebas y dificultades, en nuestras propias debilidades? Cuando lo hagamos, celebraremos el verdadero significado de la Navidad.

### PARISH HAPPENINGS

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 26, 2023**

**NO CCD CLASSES DECEMBER 23 AND 30.  
CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 6, 2024.**

**ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CALENDARS FOR  
2024 WILL BE AVAILBLE DECEMBER 24, 2023.  
PLEASE TAKE ONLY ONE PER FAMILY.  
THANK YOU.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!! FELIZ NAVIDAD !!!**

### ACONTECIMIENTOS PARROQUIALES

**LA OFICINA ESTARÁ CERRADA EL MARTES  
26 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023**

**NO HAY CLASES DE CCD EL 23 Y 30 DE DIC-  
IEMBRE. LAS CLASES SE REANUDAN EL 6 DE  
ENERO DE 2024.**

**CALLE. LOS CALENDARIOS CATÓLICOS DE  
ELIZABETH PARA 2024 ESTARÁN DISPONI-  
BLES EL 24 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023. POR FA-  
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