

# Saint Elizabeth's Church

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Food Pantry Open Tuesdays 5:30–6:30pm weather permitting

Helpline (401) 253-8366

## Mass Schedule

### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday Vigil:

4:00pm Advent to Easter

5:00pm Easter to Advent

Sunday at 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

Português - Domingo às 7:30

**Weekday Mass at 7:30am (bilingual):**

**No Mass on Thursday**

**Holy Days of Obligation and Holidays:**

As listed in the Parish Bulletin

## Baptism

After the birth of the child, parents are invited to contact the rectory to schedule the Baptism.

## Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the parish office.

## Marriage

Upon engagement, couples should contact the parish office to schedule a wedding date and initiate the preparation process that ordinarily requires a period of six months – one year.

## Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:20pm – 3:50pm or by scheduling a time with the parish office

## Anointing of the Sick

Those in need, or a family member, are encouraged to contact the priest

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who believe they are being called to receive the Sacraments of Initiation should contact the parish office.

## Holy Orders – Vocations to the Priesthood

Discerning a vocation to the priesthood? Speak with the priest or contact Fr. Brian J. Morris, Director of Vocations, at (401) 331-1316 or [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com).

## **Rectory Hours:**

**Monday through Friday\***

**9:00AM to 4:00PM**

**\* Wednesday to 3PM**

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

**Background on the Gospel Reading** - Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

**Family Connection** - In today's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples against the fatigue that can emerge if one becomes consumed by the anxieties of daily life. Many families are too familiar with the kind of fatigue Jesus refers to here. We may be concerned about a family member's health, our job security, our children's education, or any number of other concerns. All these are important matters. Jesus does not promise an end to daily worries and fears, but he does teach his disciples that they will have the strength to withstand anxiety if they stay focused on him, remaining vigilant for his return and praying for strength to endure all tribulations. Through prayer, God helps us stay focused on that which is most important in our lives.

As you gather as a family, recall the tradition of making New Year's resolutions in preparation for the new calendar year. Observe that today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of the new Church year. During the season of Advent, our Gospel readings ask us to consider what is most important to us as we prepare for Jesus' coming, at his birth and at the end of time. Read today's Gospel, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36. Jesus describes signs that may disturb many people, but he says that these should not disturb his disciples. Why? (because these signs indicate that redemption is near) What does Jesus say that his disciples should do? (Be vigilant and pray for strength.) At this start of the new Church year, consider as a family what "Advent resolutions" your family might make to help you stay focused so that you will be prepared to receive the salvation we celebrate at Jesus' birth and anticipate at Jesus' second coming. Pray together for God's help in following through on these resolutions. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 25.

~ From Loyola Press Sunday Connection

*We don't need to be fearful about difficult things in our lives. We can bring these things to God in our prayer, and God will help us see things clearly and give us the strength to face everything and anything that might happen in our lives.*

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism

**Welcome**

We welcome this newly Baptized child into the Church and our parish family:  
*Savannah Natalia Castro*, daughter of Vasco Castro, IV and Shannen Marie Mota

**Change in Saturday Mass Time** - THIS weekend begins Advent and the Saturday Vigil Mass will change to 4:00PM until Easter

**Advent** - This weekend we begin the season of Advent. Advent (*ad-venio* in Latin or "to come to") is a time of waiting, expectation, and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ, the world's savior, on Christmas Day. Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year and is comprised of the four Sundays before Christmas culminating on Christmas Eve. Advent is also known as "little Lent" and is a time of penance and fasting in preparation for the coming of Christ. During Advent we are called to prepare for the birth of Christ into the world, His final coming at the end of the world, and His coming into our hearts today. **Beginning this Sunday, November 28 we will have Vespers at 6PM, every Sunday during Advent (December 5, 12 + 19)**



**Advento** - No próximo domingo começamos o Tempo do Advento. Advento (*ad-venio* em Latim ou seja "da vinda") é um tempo de espera, de expectativa e de preparação para o nascimento de Jesus Cristo, o Salvador do Mundo, no dia de Natal. O Advento marca o início do Ano Litúrgico e é composto pelos quatro domingos antes do Natal, e culmina na véspera de Natal. O Advento é também conhecido como "pequena quaresma" e é um tempo de penitência e jejum que prepara a vinda de Cristo. Durante o Advento somos chamados a preparar a vinda de Cristo ao mundo, a sua última vinda no final dos tempos e o seu encontro conosco no seio dos nossos corações hoje mesmo.

**A partir deste domingo, 28 de novembro teremos Vésperas às 18h, todos os domingos durante o Advento (5, 12 + 19 de dezembro)**



**First Friday** - Friday, December 3, is the first Friday of the month. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1-4PM. Confessions will be from 1:30-2:30. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3PM.

**Primeira Sexta-feira** - Vai haver Adoração do Santíssimo Sacramento no dia 3 de dezembro, que é a primeira sexta-feira do mês, da 1:00 hora da tarde até às 4:00 da tarde. O Terço da Divina Misericórdia vai ser rezado às 3:00 horas da tarde. Vai haver confissões das 1:30 até às 2:30 da tarde.

**Fundraiser Dinner & Bake Sale by United Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit & the Holy**

**Trinity Committee** - On Saturday, December 4 the United Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Committee will have a caçoila dinner in the parish hall. We will have Take-out from 4-7PM. Dine-in is also available by reservation ONLY. Tickets are \$25/person. There will be a variety of baked goods available for sale. To purchase tickets or make reservations please call Fernando Brum 401-864-0949.



**Levar embora Jantar de Caçoila Irmandade Unida do Espírito Santo & Santíssima Trindade.** No Sábado, dia 4 de dezembro os membros da Irmandade Unida do Espírito Santo & Santíssima Trindade realizarão um levar embora jantar no salão paroquial. Bilhetes: \$25.00 por adulto. Para comprar ingressos ou fazer reservas, ligue para o Sr. Fernando Brum, 401-864-0949.

**Friends of St. Elizabeth** - The Food Pantry will be closed Tuesday November 30. Christmas Food Baskets will be distributed from the Food Pantry every Tuesday in December until Christmas. No prior sign up required. Dates are December 7, 14 + 21, hours are 5:30-6:30PM.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** - Families in need of a helping hand for Christmas are encouraged to contact the rectory, (401) 253-8366, from now through December 10. Our annual Giving Tree will be in the church through Sunday, December 12. It is important to purchase exactly what is written on the tag. It is also essential that all ornament tags be attached to gifts to prevent mix-ups. For Gift Cards: please put gift card in an envelope, write Giving Tree on it, and place it in one of the slots in the door to the sacristy.

All gifts and gift cards are due back to St. Elizabeth's Church by December 12 so they can be distributed to our families the following week in time for Christmas.



**Celebrate the Season of Advent with Sr. Dorothy Schwartz, SSD** - ARE YOU READY FOR A SEARCH? To help celebrate the Season of Advent and prepare for Christmas, an innovative series of videos and discussions that tackle the deepest questions of every human heart is being offered by Sister Dorothy Schwarz, SSD, on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 -7:30PM, December 1, 8, & 15 at Mt. St. Joseph Convent, 13 Monkey Wrench Lane, in Bristol. All are welcome!

**Bristol County Chorus Christmas Concert** - The Bristol County Chorus will present their 40th annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 5 at St. Mary's Church in Bristol at 3:00 PM. This year's concert will be in honor of the chorus' founder, Joan Roth, whose inspiration has provided the East Bay Community with many hours of beautiful music. Audience requested to be masked for the event. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are available at George Hail Library, Warren, Paper Packaging & Panache, Bristol or online [bccwreathofcarols.brownpapertickets.com](http://bccwreathofcarols.brownpapertickets.com).

**Bristol 4th of July Macaroni Supper** - The Bristol 4th of July Committee will be holding a "drive-up" Macaroni and Meatball Supper on Thursday, December 9 from 5 - 7:30PM, at St. Mary's Parish Center in Bristol. Ticket price \$12.50 adult ~\$6 children. Order tickets online at [fourthofjulybristolri.com](http://fourthofjulybristolri.com) or with Nina, 401-575-6039.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday – November 27

**4:00PM** – Frank & Mary Phillips, Alfredo DaRosa, Joseph V. Sousa, Silvester & Manuel Sousa, John & Julia Sousa, Patricia Scalera, John Paul Rego, Alice & Albino Tavares

### Sunday – November 28 (1st Sunday in Advent)

**7:30AM** – Maria F. Moniz, Rosa Leal Furtado, Manuel & Fernanda Almeida, José A. Santos, Elisa Santos, Agostinho Paiva, Maria José Cabral, Estevão Borges, Maria Borges, Angelo & Irene Borges, Armanda Silveira, Fatima Leal, Leonardo Soares

**9:00AM** – Jose S. DeMelo, Francisco & Dionizia DeMelo, Manuel A. Brum, Rosa Couto, Jose Couto, Norberto Couto, Jose daSilva, Almerinda daSilva, Joao daSilva, George Braz, Maria Adelaide & Joseph Mello, Oliver Travassos, Joao Maria Rego

**10:30AM** – Zelia & Gil Amaral, John Carlos Amaral, Maria Julia Borges, Manuel & Germina Tavares, M. Cecilia Almeida, Nathan Correia, Manuel & Eduarda Faria, Rosa Leitao, John deSousa, Jr., Antonio Placido, Derek Galego, Gilberto Leste

**5:00PM – Pro Populo**

### Monday – November 29

**7:30AM** – Graca Salema, Conceicao Berola, Angelo Berola, Maria F. Rosa, Annibal & Jessie Estrella

### Tuesday – November 30 (St. Andrew, the Apostle)

**7:30AM** – Maria do Carmo Fonseca, Eduarda machado, Maria Ferreira, Daniel Ramos, Daniel Ramos, Jr.

### Wednesday – December 1

**7:30AM** – Anthony Rodrigues, John & Serafina Rodrigues

### Thursday – December 2

NO MASS - NÃO HÁ MISSA - NO MASS

### Friday – December 3 (St. Francis Xavier, Priest)

**7:30AM** – Daniel DeMatos, Antonio DaSilva, Clara Medeiros, Joao & Maria Melo

### 1:00-4:00PM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday – December 4

**4:00PM** – Manuel & Dporothy Botelho, Jose Luis & Guilhermina Cabral, Jane Marie Motta, Conceicao & Artur Placido, Carlos Placido, Antonio Placio, Conceicao Beirola, Manuel & Madalena Pimentel, Jose Pimentel

### Sunday – December 5 (2nd Sunday in Advent)

**7:30AM** – Maria M. Cardoso, Manuel Cardoso, Marta Carvalho, Evangelina & José Hilario, José Elisa Sousa, Fernando Raposo, Manuel J. Almeida, Jacinto Almeida, Floriberta Raposo, José Correia, Maria Alice Faria, Maria Catarina & Manuel Borges Pereira, Maria José & Norberto Cabral

**9:00AM** – Manuel Jaime Oliveira, Rita Garcia, John & Margaret Pacheco, Maria & Guilherme Milhomens, Maria R. Medeiros, Manuel M. Medeiros, Carlos R. Medeiros, John P. Medeiros, Carlos Vieira, Natalie Cardoza, Fr. Joseph Cardoza, Jose & Elvira Cardoza

**10:30AM** – Elizabeth A. Alves, Jose & Maria C. Tavares, Virginio & Germina Almeida, Maria Moitoso Silva, Joaquim Silva, Silvina Nunes, Sandra Brum, Olivia Tavares, Maria dos Anjos & Guilherme Calisto, Derek Galego, Eduardo Medeiros

**5:00PM – Pro Populo**

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### Sanctuary Lamp

This week the sanctuary lamp burns in memory of  
*Alfredo DaRosa*

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure**

Weekly Budget, November 14 - \$5,576.25

E-Giving, November 14 - \$ 378.50

Thank you! Obrigado!

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**2022 Mass Book is Open** - The Mass book for 2022 is open to record Mass intentions **TUESDAYS thru FRIDAYS (not on Mondays).**

**Livro de missa está aberto** - Você podem marcar Missas para 2022 pelas suas intenções das **terça-feira às sextas-feiras** (não Segundas)

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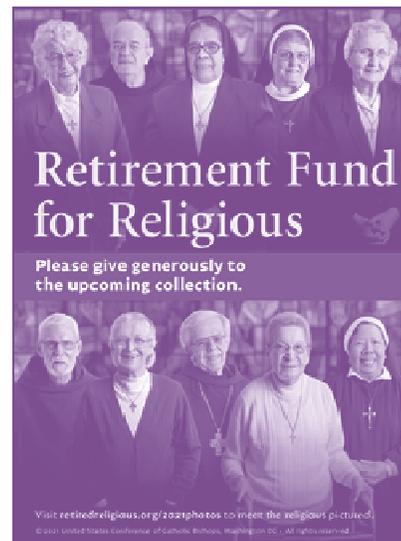
for you to take home and use during this season of preparation. This Advent, enjoy the beauty of the liturgy together with your daily meditations. Open your personal prayer each day with the Entrance Antiphon and prayers from Mass. Spend time praising God by using the Responsorial Psalm from each day's liturgy.

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