

# Saint Elizabeth's Church

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

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## 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**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (January 1)**

The Church regards the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, so important that it is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. As we begin another year, let us draw inspiration from the selfless love of Mary, who never hesitated to do the will of God. And we trust in her prayers to God for us, that we might, as the years pass, become more like her.



*O Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!*

A Igreja ensina que solenidade de Santa Maria Mãe de Deus um dia Santo de Guarda. Neste dia recordamos o papel que Maria desempenhou na história da salvação. Ao iniciarmos o ano novo inspiramo-nos no exemplo de Maria Mãe de Deus que nunca hesitou no momento de cumprir a vontade de divina. E confiamos nas suas orações dirigidas a Deus por nós para que sejamos com o passar dos anos, mais semelhantes e Ela. *Santa Mãe de Deus, rogai por nós!*

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 2:16-21* The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

**Background on the Gospel Reading** - Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ. In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation. Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church. Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.

**Family Connection** - In today's Gospel, we learn that Mary honored her commitment to God by naming her child *Jesus*, the name given to him by the angel Gabriel. In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph is told to name the child *Jesus* because he will save the people. The name *Jesus* means "God saves." Even in his name, Jesus announces the mission he came to accomplish. Your family might use today's feast as an opportunity to talk about names. Reflect together on the name of each member of the family. What does each name mean? Why was each person so named?

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:16-21. Recall that the name *Jesus* means "God saves." Think about how Jesus fulfilled the mission that his name suggests. Pray as a family that each family member will fulfill their mission to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whom we find our salvation. Pray for Mary's help by praying together the Hail Mary.

~ From Loyola Press Sunday Connection

*How easy it is to follow directions when we know the outcome. It's much more difficult to follow directions when we're not so sure of what's going to happen. We honor Mary because she followed God's directions even though she was not sure why she was being asked to do so or what was going to happen next. She simply obeyed.*

**Welcome**

We welcome this newly Baptized child into the Church and our parish family:

*Santiago Luiz Viveiros*, son of Andrew and Lucy Viveiros

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (CCC 1213)



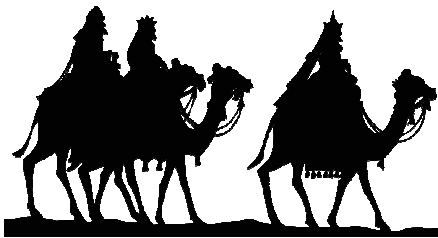
*"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his face and bring you peace" (Num 6.24-26)*

*"O Senhor te abençoe e te proteja. O Senhor faça brilhar sobre ti a sua face e te seja favorável. O Senhor volte para ti os seus olhos e te conceda a paz". (Num 6,24-26)*

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 2:1-12* The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

**Background on the Gospel Reading** - The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we

Wise Men  
Seek Him Still

believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

**Family Connection** - The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

~ From Loyola Press Sunday Connection

**First Friday / Primeira Sexta-feira**

Friday, January 7, is the first Friday of the month. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1-4PM. Confession will be from 1 – 2:30PM. At 3PM we will have an hour of prayers and will close with Benediction at 4PM.

Teremos Adoração do Santíssimo Sacramento no dia 7 de Janeiro, primeira sexta-feira do mês, das 13:00 até às 16h. Haverá confissões das 13 até às 14h30.



**Diocese of Providence Respect Life January Events**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Image** – Beginning on January 7 the Visitation Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be traveling around the state of Rhode Island. View the complete schedule at [dioceseofprovidence.org/life-and-family-respect-life](http://dioceseofprovidence.org/life-and-family-respect-life).



**The Annual Respect for Life Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday, January 15 at 9AM in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in Providence.

**Annual March for Life Bus Trip to DC** will leave Providence on Thursday, January 20 for the March for Life Mass/Rally on Friday, January 21. Registration deadline is January 14, 2022. For more information and to reserve a seat on the bus, contact the Respect for Life Office, 278-2518 or email: [LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org).

**2022 Catholic Appointment Calendars** – Donated in memory of the deceased of our parish by the George C. Lima Funeral Home. We ask you to take a calendar home with you when you leave the church this weekend.

January copies of "The Word Among Us" are in the sacristy. Please ask Father for one to take home.

**Reminder – There will not be Confession nor a 4:00PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 1**

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday – January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)**

**9:00AM (Portuguese) – Pro Populo**

**10:30AM (English) – Pro Populo**

**No Vigil Mass at 4PM Today**

**Sunday – January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)**

**7:30AM –** Maria M. Cardoso, Manuel Cardoso, Marta Carvalho, António & Maria Silveira, José & Filomena Avila, António Avila, Conceição Maria Botelho

**9:00AM -** Arthur Silvia, Lydía Sousa Borges, Jacinto Rosa, Maria Rosa, Luisa Rosa, Carlos Vieira, Jacinto & Maria Joana Melo

**10:30AM –** Jose & Maria C. Tavares, Virginio & Germina Almeida, Norberto & Maria Jose Cabral, David Walter Costa, Clemintina Costa, Maria Santa deMelo, Joao Carlos Melo Soares,

Maria dos Anjos Andrade

**5:00PM – Pro Populo**

**Monday – January 3 (Holy Name of Jesus)**

**7:30AM –** John Paul Rego, Donna Lee Geary, Henry Rogers

**Tuesday – January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)**

**7:30AM –** Jessie Perry, Mary Theresa Perry, Mary Joseph Fraga

**Wednesday – January 5 (St. John Neumann, Bishop)**

**7:30AM –** Elizabeth Alves

**Thursday – January 6 (St. Andre Bessette, religious)**

NO MASS - NÃO HÁ MISSA - NO MASS

**Friday – January 7 (St. Raymond of Penafort, priest)**

**7:30AM –** Tobias Rodrigues Ascencao

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

**Saturday – January 8**

**4:00PM -** Kenneth Medeiros, Nancy B. D'Wolf, Joseph & Virginia Brum, Manuel & Elvira Ferreira, Jose Luis & Guilhermina Cabral, Norberto Cabral, Lydia Sousa Borges, Vincent Lunney, Henry L. Birkenfield

**Sunday – January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)**

**7:30AM –** Evaristo Afonso, Jacinto & Rosa Oliveira, Rosa Silva, João Gaspar, Deolinda Teixeira

**9:00AM -** Natalie Cardoza, Helen Amaral, Manuel & Germina Tavares, Arthur & Maria Perry, Richard Rego, Luis Damasio, Lia Damasio, Alvano & Albina Castro, Carlos Pacheco

**10:30AM –** Roy DeMello, Virginio & Germina Almeida, John deSousa, Jr., Aristides "Steve" Cabral, Robert LePage

**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  
*Joseph & Virginia Brum*

**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)

**JANUARY 2, 2022**

During the Christmas season from December 24th until the Sunday after Epiphany, we reflect upon the mystery of love that is made visible in the birth and early childhood of Christ.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**



***Nasceau o Salvador!  
Christ, our Savior, is born!***

**Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure**

Weekly Budget, December 19 - \$5,407.75

E-Giving, December 19 - \$352.99

Thank you! Obrigado!

We have Electronic giving available at St. Elizabeth's. Please visit the church website, [www.saintelizabethchurch.net](http://www.saintelizabethchurch.net), and click on myEoffering. Or you could set us up on your electronic bill pay with your bank (ACH). Either way, we thank you for your continued support!

**Grateful for God's Providence**

Goal	\$ 340,278
Amount Pledged	172,370
% of Goal	51%
% of Registered Family participation	4%

Thank you to everyone who has participated in this Diocesan campaign. A reminder that we receive 40% of every dollar paid. To date we have received \$41,972 of our parish share.

**March for Life Bus Trip** - Join Servants of Christ on a charter bus to D.C. for the annual March for Life. Leave Thursday Jan. 20 & overnight in a Knights of Columbus hall in Maryland. Join the March on Friday morning, Jan. 21, and return home Friday night. Trip includes: Bus ride, dinner and breakfast provided by the Knights, overnight lodging, pro-life speaker, evening and morning Mass, and March for Life. Cost: \$125/pp. Contact: Tyler Rowley at 401-290-7201 or [t3rowley@gmail.com](mailto:t3rowley@gmail.com).

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