

April 27 2025

*2nd Sunday
of Easter*

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
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PARISH CENTER

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am
Tuesday 8:30am
Thursday 8:30am
Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of
month-12noon at PC)
Saturday 4pm at PC

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OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

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If someone in our community is at home or in the hospital, and in need of Sacramental Care, or to be placed on our prayer list, please let us know at the Parish Office.

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St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church in a small building. It is generally open five days a week (March - Nov.) and weekends through the Holiday season. We carry a large selection of medals, holy cards, rosaries, crucifixes, statuary and religious art. Come on back and check us out!

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Third Sunday of Easter 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5;
Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20;
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,
11-12, 13 (2a); Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or
21:1-14

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Mary Abell - 4/27, Paula Perry - 4/27,
David Hager - 4/28, Tracy Netherton - 4/29

May you have many more!

SAVE UP

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

-Anonymous



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, MAY 3

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 29

For the Safe Birth of the 4th Child of Susan Padgett

Thursday, May 1

For the Repose of the Soul of Joe Schneese

Friday, May 2

For the Repose of the Soul of Don Mischo

Saturday, May 3

For the Repose of the Soul of Carl Harte

Sunday, May 4

For the Intentions of the Parishioners



OUR PARISHIONERS -

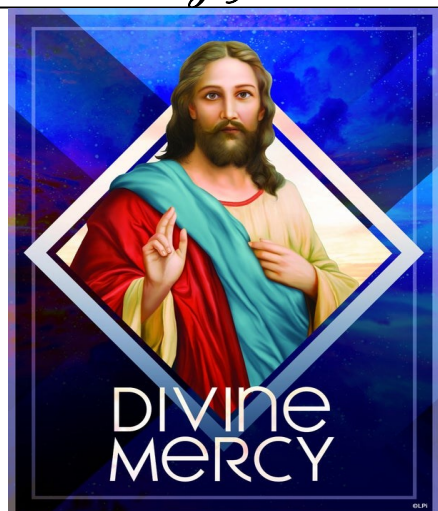
Connie Blazek, Sally Fernandez, Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Larry Handley, Mary Szafranski, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Mary Ann Dobrobnolny, Carol Dvorah, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Michael Ricciardi, Leslie Scroggins, David Sisc, Shari Soukup, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Letha Thiel



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for the month of
April, 2025*

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on our seminarians, go to

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STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning. The Sunday Collection for April 12 & 13 was **\$3,798**.



GIFT SHOP

April Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 4/27	9:30-4:00	Boardman
Mon., 4/28	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 4/29	10:00-1:00	P. McGuire
	1:00-4:00	R. McGuire
Thurs., 5/1	10:00-1:00	Elworth
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardi
Friday, 5/2	10:00-1:00	Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat., 5/3	10:00-1:00	Szafranski
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sun., 5/4	9:39-4:00	Stamps

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION

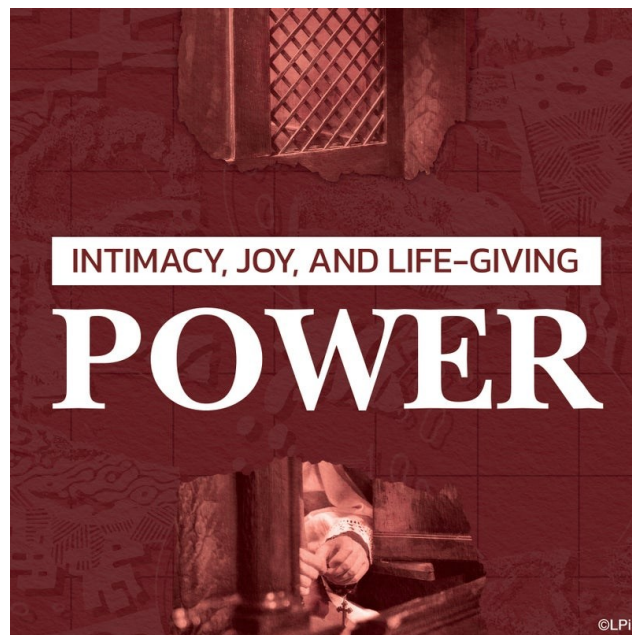
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, **"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23)**, the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy and life-giving power of God's external forgiveness.

-Father John Muir



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof - but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, recalls the new life we receive in the waters of our baptism.

Though most common during the Easter season, this rite can take place on any Sunday and is used in place of the penitential act.

PRAYER OF DIVINE MERCY

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us! O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us! O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you.

Wonder, Don't Wander

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It *does* sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?

Answer:

We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's work, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final — the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" - Jn 20:27-28

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection, the Apostles performed "many signs and wonders," healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. Is there something in your life that needs healing?

Second Reading:

John is initially frightened at the strange vision of Jesus, but Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid." How does Jesus calm your fears?

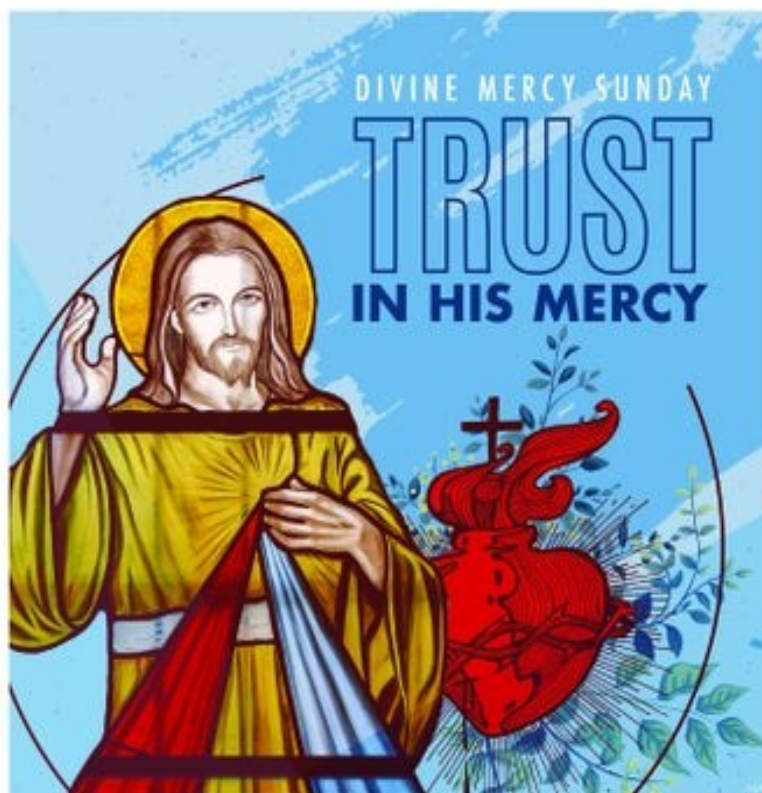
Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus' first words to his disciples are "Peace be with you." How could you be a peacemaker this week with a family member or neighbor?

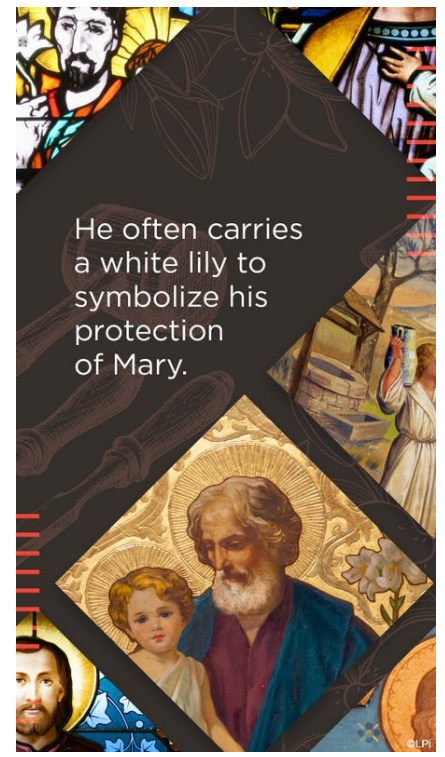
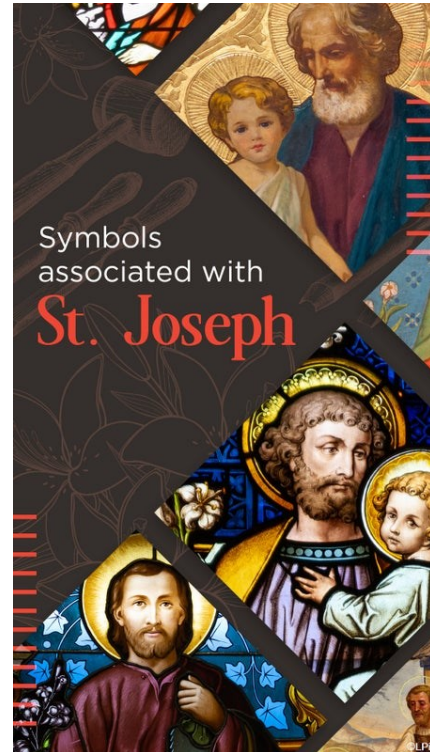
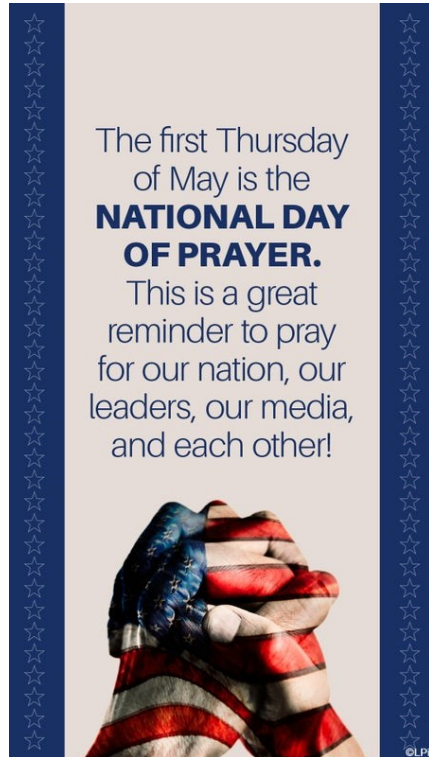


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The Lord
is good,
His love is
everlasting!

PSALM 118

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