

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Parish

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Parish Office:

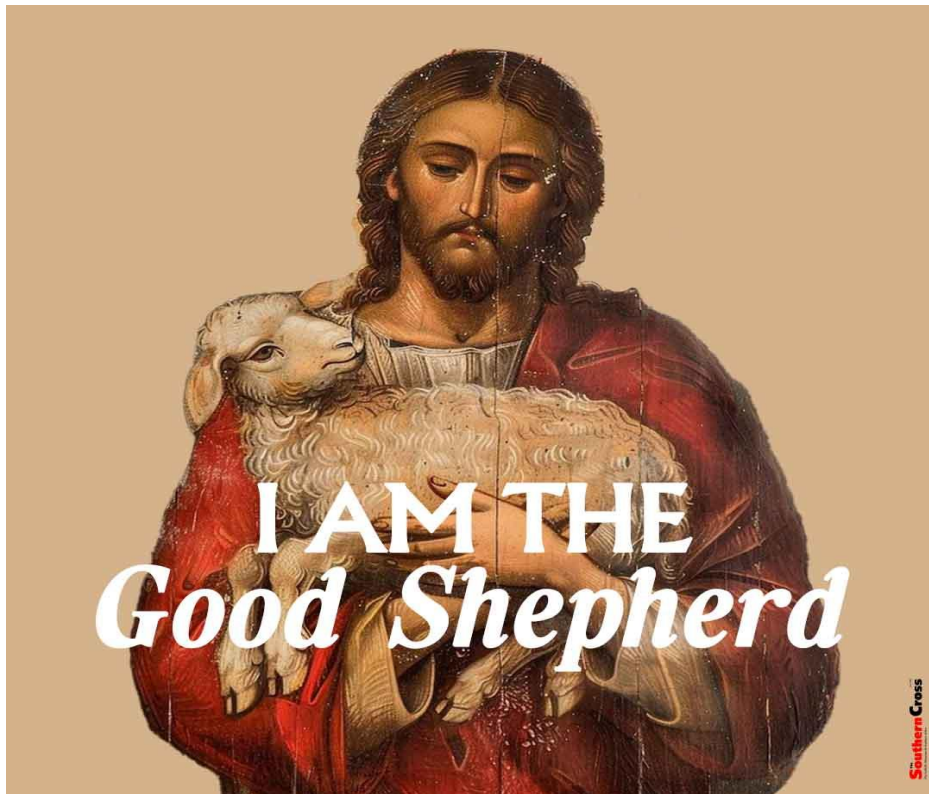
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HISTORY

St. Elizabeth of Portugal Parish was established by Bishop Thomas Grace in 1909 as a Portuguese National Parish and named in honor of St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal. The church was dedicated in 1913.

Succession of Pastors

Rev. Msgr. Joao V. Azevedo 1909 – 1955	Rev. Msgr. Valdemiro M. Fagundes 1955 – 1985
Rev. Jose F. Ribeiro, SJ 1985 – 1991	Rev. Eduino T. Silveira 1991 – 2005
Rev. Giancarlo Mitterpergher, CSS 2005 – 2013	Rev. Jacobo Caceres 2013 – 2014
Rev. Efren F. Garcia-Flores 2014 - 2015	Rev. Francisco Velasquez 2015 – 2016
Rev. Mark R. Richards 2016 – 2022	Rev. Michael O'Reilly 2022 - 2024

Mass Schedule

Penance & Reconciliation: 4:30 p.m. Saturday & 9:30 a.m. on Sunday or by appointment
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. (English) **Sunday Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. (Portuguese/English)
Weekday Mass: 7:00 a.m. – Monday-Friday (English)
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. (English) 12:00 p.m. (English/Portuguese)

Baptism, Matrimony, Catechesis for Adults and Children

(Confirmation & First Communion)

Please Contact the Parish Office (Be advised that weddings required a minimum of six months advance notice)

Reflection of the Gospel on the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today we experience Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He invites us to hear His voice so that we “might have life and have it in abundance.”

Our Good Shepherd gathers us all around Himself to keep us always under His protection. He tenderly nourishes us with His love. So loving is God’s hand as it handles our heart, bringing it strength without depriving us of freedom. Those who hear well His voice never lack holy inspirations in order to live life in abundance and to fulfill in a holy way their responsibilities. To hear well we must listen. To hear the word of God, we must first be attentive to it by having an open heart. To listen to God’s word we must learn it well and carry out what we are taught. When manna fell from Heaven, the Hebrews rose each morning to collect it before sunrise. They ate and swallowed it so as to be nourished and strengthened. We too must digest well God’s word to make it part of our own being. Thus, each day nourish yourself with a little spiritual reading that affirms God’s word and sends you on your way to your everlasting welfare. Let the word of God that you hear, speak to you throughout the day. Put that into practice and leave the rest to Our Savior, who nurtures your true needs. If we are to have life in abundance eternally, we must hear the voice of Our Shepherd, who guides us if only we let Him. Since we easily mismanage ourselves, Our Shepherd wants to teach us how to have life in abundance through loving His voice rather than the voice of strangers, who easily lead us astray. True love is when we live in light of Our Savior’s love, rather than the selfish loves that the culture stresses. How happy we will be if we remain in the Shepherd’s presence, faithfully listening to and living His voice!

St. Elizabeth of Portugal Church May Calendar!



- **Sunday, May 3rd** – St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of the Rosary Dual Parish Council Mtg. – 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall (**Sodality Mtg. has been moved to Sunday, June 7th**)
- **Sunday, May 10th** – Mother’s Day Bake Sale after 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Church hall
- **Sunday, May 17th** – Faith Formation after Mass in the Church Hall

Join us for Coffee, Tea, Sweets & Fellowship Sundays in the Rectory after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

If you would like to donate or volunteer to bring treats for Sunday Coffee Hour, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church Hall.

Sunday, April 26, 2026 – OPEN
Sunday, May 3, 2026 – OPEN
Sunday, May 10, 2026 – OPEN



Thank you for making the St. Elizabeth Festival a HUGE SUCCESS!

THANKS to all who participated and worked in the festival in honor of our patron Saint Elizabeth; thanks to the St. Elizabeth Church Sodality and all who helped in the kitchen, the hall, the auction, the decorations of the hall or in any way contributed to the success of the event. God grant that it may help us to grow in faith and love as a Parish. The following is the festival’s financial report:

Auction:	\$ 2,802.00
Bar:	\$ 250.00
Cash Donations:	\$ 3,840.00
Lunch Tickets:	\$ 2,890.00
Meat/Bread Sold:	\$ 150.00
Raffle:	\$ 540.00

Expenses: Everything was Donated

TOTAL PROFIT: \$ 10,472.00

Mother’s Day Bake Sale



Sunday, May 10th

After the 10:00 a.m. Mass