

Mother Elizabeth L. Black, 76, formerly known as Sr. M. Bernadette, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026, (Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ). Mother Elizabeth was a Consecrated Virgin of the Association of Christ the King, who celebrated fifty years of Religious Life. Mother Elizabeth was born in Santa Anna, TX on December 21, 1949 to Dr. Axel Johannes Black and Elizabeth May Zelley.

Mother Elizabeth received her B.A. from Eastern New Mexico University of Portales, and M. ED from Texas Tech University. She was a teacher and principal at St. John's School, Borger, and St. Anthony's School, Dalhart. Mother was the Regional Superior of the School Sisters of St. Francis, in Panhandle from 1992-2004 and, since its establishment in 2019, was the Moderator of the Assn. of Christ the King, Amarillo.

Mother Elizabeth was known for her deep spirituality, love for creation, compassion for the elderly, and her brilliant mind. Her soft-spoken ways won the hearts of all who knew her. A talented artist, Mother used her gift to paint beautiful scenery for school plays, portraits, and more recently, to paint materials used by the children in the atrium at St. Mary's Cathedral School. Those close to her knew she had a great sense of humor. She lives in the memory of her students of long ago and was surprised with a gift of a guitar.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, John and Tommy Black.

Mother Elizabeth is survived by her brother, Nick Black, his wife, Jatón, and their son, Thomas Black of Amarillo; Karen Black and her sons, Chris Black and Chad Black; nephews Lance and Vance Tucker, and numerous other relatives.

Mother Elizabeth is also survived by the members of the Association of Christ the King, Mother Florence J. Jones, Mother Angela Marie Ricigliano, and Mother Rita Ann L'Esperance.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to St. Mary's Cathedral School, Amarillo.

Celebrating The Life Of



Mother Elizabeth Lucretia Black

December 21, 1949 ~ June 7, 2026

~Safely Home~

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

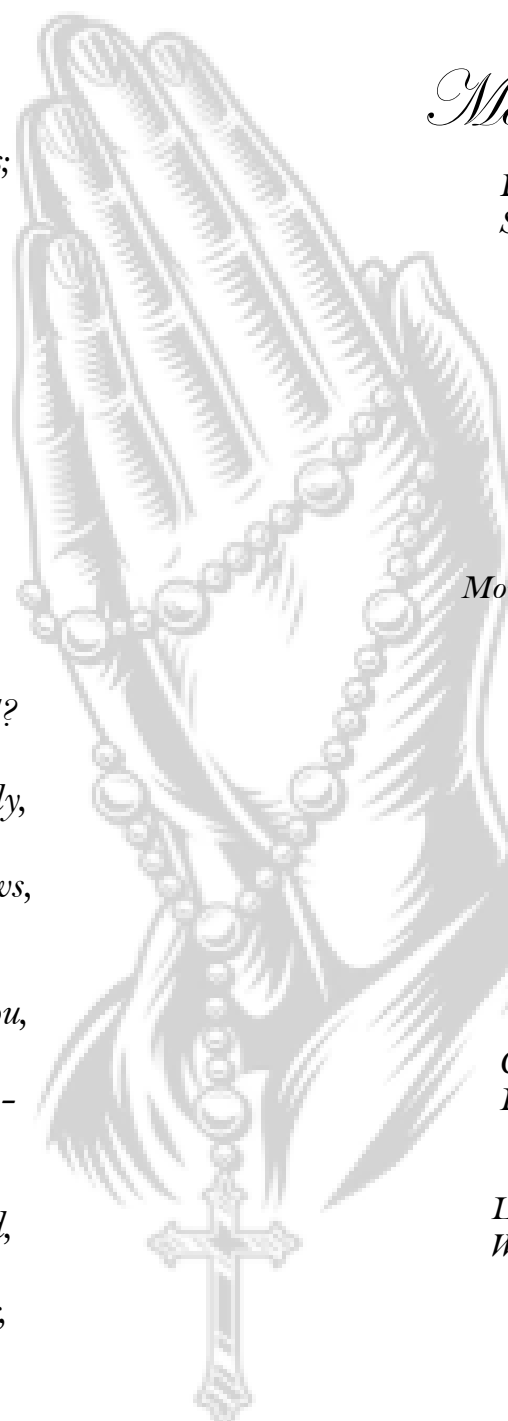
*All the pain and grief is over;
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth--
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*



In Loving Memory Of

Mother Elizabeth Lucretia Black

*December 21, 1949
Santa Anna, Texas*

*June 7, 2026
Amarillo, Texas*

FUNERAL MASS

*Thursday, June 11, 2026 2:00 PM
St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral*

CELEBRANT

Reverend Lawrence John

MAIN CON-CELEBRANTS

Monsignor Joe Bixenman Reverend Richard Zanetti

CON-CELEBRANTS

*Msgr. Michael Colwell Rev. John Valdez
Rev. Avitus Siwa*

MUSICIAN

Dr. Greg Onofrio

CANTOR

Michelle Correa

PALLBEARERS

*Chris Black Chad Black Thomas Black
Lance Garcia Danny Wassom Toby Vincent*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Lance Tucker Vance Tucker Max Stubblefield
Wayne Elliston Dick Robinson Brody Black*

INTERMENT

*Llano Cemetery East
Garden of Resurrection*