

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Aug. 16, 2020
20th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† deceased of Joosten family
By: Jos & Thea Tummers

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Trula Buckles
By: Fran & Rodney Robey

9:30 a.m. —

† Victor Marchioni
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

Wednesday, noon —

† Ruth Kress
By: Kent & Coleen Schneider

Parish Life

Fundraiser — The Knights of Columbus fundraiser continues through October at Ultimate Shine Car Wash. Choose your wash, enter fundraiser code 2148, then pay and 30 percent of the sale automatically goes to the Knights. The code cannot be used with FastPass.

Wednesday Rosary — The rosary will be prayed at the church before the Wednesday noon Mass, beginning at 11:25 a.m.

Mailings to Church — Any donations or other communication to be mailed to the church should be mailed to the post office box:

St. Elizabeth Church
P.O. Box 7
Elizabethton, TN 37644

Music videos — Dave Olson has weekly music videos on the parish website. Thank you, Dave, for keeping our spirits up.

Dispensation

Catholics living in the diocese are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged.



WAS JESUS RUDE?

Personal privacy can disappear for celebrities. This happened to Jesus and his apostles so much that he finally had to get away to Lebanon. His popularity preceded him, though, and a local woman begged for help for her sick daughter. Jesus' reaction seems rude and even cruel, but his words are as much for his disciples as for the woman. Bitter antagonisms existed among the people of the different countries, with each side — even the apostles of Jesus — using derogatory words for their neighbors, such as "dog." Jesus throws this epithet back in the faces of his apostles, and the woman obviously recognizes it as a harmless joke.

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Weekly readings

Monday

Ezekiel 24:15-23
Matthew 19:16-23

Tuesday

Ezekiel 28:1-10
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday

Ezekiel 34:1-11
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday

St. Bernard
Ezekiel 36:23-28
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday

St. Pius X
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday

Queenship of
Blessed Virgin Mary
Ezekiel 43:1-7ab
Matthew 23:1-12

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Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Saintly Wisdom

"A word or a smile
is often enough
to put fresh life
in a despondent
soul."

St. Thérèse
of Lisieux

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Reading 1

(Isaiah 56:1, 6-7)

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants — all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8)

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reading 2

(Romans 11:13-15, 29-32)

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

Gospel

(Matthew 15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.



Silver Rose

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Silver Rose prayer service at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at St. Elizabeth. (All safety procedures will be followed at this service.) Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout Tennessee includes a rosary/prayer service that offers parishioners an opportunity to pray for respect for life and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is the patroness of the pro-life movement. The Silver Rose is on its journey to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Six roses are traveling simultaneously from Canada to Mexico on the western, central and eastern corridors of North America in a program that was begun in 1960. Final destination for the roses will be at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12.

