

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for the week
of Dec. 16, 2018**

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5 p.m. —

† Irene Cruz

By: *Jim & Mary Stapleton*

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† James Mulhern

By: *Mary Carr*

Monday, 10 a.m. —

† Mike Baud & Hoyle Bingham

By: *Maria Bingham*

Tuesday — No Mass

Wednesday, 5 p.m. —

Thursday, 10 a.m. —

Reparation of sins

Friday — No Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5 p.m. —

† Sam Barker

By: *Barker family*

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† W.J. Carr

By: *Mary Carr*

Dec. 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18



REJOICE ALWAYS

Today's readings are a reminder that true religion should be joyful. In the New American Bible the single word "joy" appears 219 times; while the words "sad," "sadden," "saddens," "sadly" and "sadness" occur only a total of 24 times. The Catholic Church celebrates two "Joy" Sundays: the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete, Latin for "Rejoice") and the fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare, another Latin word for "Rejoice.") We are supposed to be somewhat sad during Advent, but we cannot help but be filled with joy because we know how the story ends, with the Nativity.

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Weekly readings

Monday

Genesis 49:2, 8-10

Matthew 1:1-17

Tuesday

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Matthew 1:18-25

Wednesday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a

Luke 1:5-25

Thursday

Isaiah 7:10-14

Luke 1:26-38

Friday

Song of Songs 2:8-14

Luke 1:39-45

Saturday

1 Samuel 1:24-28

Luke 1:46-56

Sunday

Micah 5:1-4a

Psalms 80:2-3,

15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

**Thanks
for your support
and generosity**

Offertory Collection for
Dec. 9, 2018

Regular, TBA
Backpack Buddies,
TBA

Lay ministers for Dec. 22/23

Altar servers

Sat. —

Sun. — Marisa Seherer, Joshua Gouge, Benjamin O'Daniel

Commentators/Readers

Sat. — J. Stapleton, G. Lemons, B. Gamache

Sun. — J. Tolejko, E. Messmer, C. Champon

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. — P. Dobes, M. Strickling

Sun. — K. Rock, M. Carter

Ushers

Sat. — B. Peoples

Sun. — J. Townsend, L. Policky

Gift Bearers

Policky

Saintly Wisdom

"Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray."

—*St. Louis de Montfort*—

Parish Life

Christmas Flowers — Next weekend is the deadline for turning in Christmas flower envelopes for those people who would like to remember a loved one. Please be sure to note for each name if it is a memorial or an "in honor of" request. Thank you.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass Practice Next Sunday

— Children who plan to be in the play at the Christmas Eve children's Mass are to meet after Mass next Sunday for a short practice. For more information, contact Coleen Schneider at coleenschneider@gmail.com or 926-6306.

Thank You — Our Church Family never ceases to amaze us at their willingness to be a living example of God's love. Thank you for helping us through our hospital stay and recovery! With your help - it was a smashing success! ~ Jimmy and Rebecca Johnson and family

Christmas Mass Schedule — St. Elizabeth's Christmas Masses will be at these times:

- 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24 (children's Mass)
- 10:30 p.m. Dec. 24 (music starts at 10 p.m.)
- 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25

'Keep Christ in Christmas' Magnets



— The Knights of Columbus are selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets after the weekend Masses. The funds raised will be used for charity programs. The cost of each magnet is \$5.

myParish App — To install the myParish app on a smart phone, text App to 88202 or download it from the App Store or Google Play. After the program has been opened, select *St. Elizabeth*.

Social Action

Food Drive through Next Weekend

— The Knights of Columbus food drive continues through next weekend. Nonperishable food (no glass, please) may be placed in the collection box in the vestibule. The food collected will be given to ARM (Assistance and Resource Ministries).



Tax Reminders

Charity Donation Deadline for 2018

— Donations to St. Elizabeth Church must be received (or postmarked) no later than Monday, Dec. 31, if you wish to deduct them on your 2018 tax return.

Charity Donation Letter

— If you would like a letter summarizing your donations to St. Elizabeth for 2018 (as support for your tax return), please drop a note in the weekend collection with your name and the words "tax letter" on it.