

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for the week
of Feb. 23, 2020**

**Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Mary King
By: Jim & Pat Dobes

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Barbara Luoma
By: Catherine Hiles

Monday — No Mass

Tuesday — No Mass

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday —
Noon —

7:30 p.m. —

Thursday, 10 a.m. —

Friday, 10 a.m. —

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Beatrice Dobes
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Sam Barker
By: Barker family

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Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm 103:1-4, 8,
10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

We can almost hear St. Peter and the disciples saying, "Ah, Jesus, we are still having trouble with that 'Love your neighbor!' thing." Jesus was compassionate and forgiving. And he expected the same from all who wanted to be his disciples. Jesus revealed to us by his life and teaching that we must do *more*. We must try to be *better* by loving our enemies. We must seek to be the *best* by praying for those who persecute us. A good teacher or a good coach challenges us to be the best that we can be — not the best to ever study a subject or play a sport — but the *best* that we can be. Such teachers and coaches push us to be *better* than we want to be. Jesus is a Great Teacher and a Great Coach.

Commentary from Deacon Jerry Martinez, director of stewardship in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Weekly readings

Monday
James 3:13-18
Matthew 9:14-29

Tuesday
James 4:1-10
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25

Friday
Isaiah 58:1-9a
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

**Thanks
for your support
and generosity**

Offertory Collection for
Feb. 16, 2020

Regular, \$3,918.54
Development, \$16
Backpack Buddies,
\$94.40

Lay ministers for Feb. 29/March 1

Altar servers

Sat. — Daniel Grubb, Timothy Grubb, Leo Grubb
Sun. — Luke Guimond, Alexis Culler, Elisha Hoyt

Commentators/Readers

Sat. — G. Lemons, S. Hummel, G. Lemons
Sun. — T. Manning, I. Whitehead J. Potter

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. —
Sun. —

Ushers

Sat. — B. Peoples
Sun. — R. Barker, J. Townsend

Saintly Wisdom

"You learn to speak by speaking,
to study by studying,
to run by running,
to work by working,
and just so, you learn to love by loving.
All those who think to learn
in any other way
deceive themselves."
— St. Francis de Sales —

Season of Lent



Ash Wednesday — Mass times at St. Elizabeth for Ash Wednesday will be at noon and at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday.

Lent Books — Free Black Lenten reflection books are in the vestibule. The books are also available in Spanish (shiny black covers). Purple Lenten reflection books are for children. Please take one.

Stations of the Cross (and Soup Supper) — Come pray the Way of the Cross at 6:45 p.m. Fridays during Lent in the church, starting this Friday. Also, come join in the free soup supper at 6 p.m. on Fridays (preceding the Stations of the Cross). If possible, please sign up for the supper in the vestibule to help with head count.



**FAST AND
ABSTINENCE**

Lenten Regulations — Fast and abstinence rules apply for Catholics during Lent under the following situations:

- **Abstinence** from meat is expected for those age 14 and up on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.
- **Fasting** is expected for those ages 18-59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. That means no more than one full meal and two smaller meals and also no snacking.

Parish Life

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, after the rosary at 5 and the Mass for vocations at 5:30. Refreshments will follow. All members are welcome and invited to attend.



Prayers for Archbishop Kurtz — Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz (formerly bishop of our Diocese of Knoxville) is undergoing treatment at Duke University Cancer Institute for an aggressive cancer. Please pray for him.

Social Action

40 Cans for Lent — The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual "40 Cans of Food for Lent" canned food drive, beginning next weekend. Families are invited to donate at least one item of non-perishable food per day during Lent through Easter Sunday, which is April 12. The food will be used to support Assistance and Resources Ministry (ARM) in Elizabethton.

