

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for the week
of Jan. 13, 2019**

Baptism of Our Lord

Saturday 5 p.m. —
People of the parish

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
Fr. Dennis Kress
By: *Kent & Coleen Schneider*

Monday, 10 a.m. —
Reparation

Tuesday — No Mass

Wednesday, 5 p.m. —

Thursday, 10 a.m. —

Friday — No Mass

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

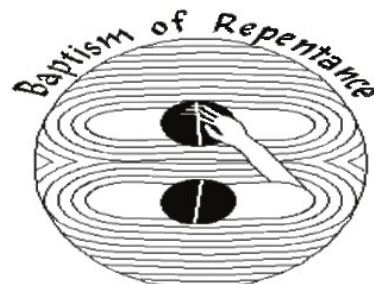
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Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



**WHY DID JESUS ASK TO
BE BAPTIZED?**

Baptism had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent of Confession. It was common for Jewish people to make a spiritual cleansing in a special pool called a MIKVEH (literally a "collection of water") to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men did this weekly and women, monthly. Converts were also expected to do it. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continual ritual into the single, definitive act by which we begin our faith. In effect he fused his divine essence with the water and the ceremony.

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Weekly readings

Monday

Hebrews 1:1-6
Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday

Hebrews 2:5-12
Mark 1:21b-28

Wednesday

Hebrews 2:14-18
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday

Hebrews 3:7-14
Mark 1:40-45

Friday

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday

Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 2:13-17

Sunday

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

**Thanks
for your support
and generosity**

Offertory Collection for
12-30-18 & 1-6-19

Regular (12-30), \$2,686
Regular (1-1), \$1,096.71
Regular (1-6), \$3,828
Backpack Buddies, \$112.30
Religious retirement, \$52
Carr Scholarship, \$85
Discretionary fund,
\$2,000

Lay ministers for Jan. 19/20

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Daniel Grubb, Haile Sexton, Allison Jordan

Commentators/Readers

Sat. — J. Stapleton, J. Kilby, G. Lemons
Sun. — J. Tolejko, S. Mock, L. Shell

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. — B. Gamache, M. Strickling
Sun. — K. Rock, L. Muraski

Ushers

Sat. — M. Hupko
Sun. — J. Townsend, R. Barker

Gift Bearers

Bratton

Saintly Wisdom

"As soon as I believed there was a God,
I understood I could do nothing else
but live for him,
my religious vocation dates
from the same moment as my faith:
God is so great.
There is such a difference
between God and everything that is not."
— *Blessed Charles de Foucauld* —

Parish Life

Happy Birthday, Fr. Dennis!

— Fr. Dennis is celebrating his 68th birthday this weekend (Sunday, Jan. 13). Wish him well and, as always, keep him in your prayers.



Thank You! — A special thank you to the Candido and Maria Mendez family for providing delicious homemade tamales after the Christmas Eve family Mass. Thank you!

Flu Season Reminders — During the flu season this winter, all are reminded to ...stay home from Mass if you experience any flu-like symptoms... refrain from holding hands during the Our Father for the time being if you are not feeling well and...respect each other's preferences during the Sign of Peace.

Inclement Weather — If the Elizabethton school system cancels classes, then daily Mass will not be celebrated that day. Parishioners are encouraged to stay home when road conditions or temperatures make traveling dangerous.



Parish Phone Directories — The 2018 parish telephone directories are available in the vestibule. One per family, please.

Tax Reminders

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.

Social Action

Aluminum Can Bin — The Knights of Columbus remind parishioners to deposit aluminum cans in the bin behind the rectory garage. Money raised from the can collection benefits the seminarian the Knights are sponsoring, Zachary Griffin from St. Mary Church in Johnson City.



Special Intentions

For Christian Unity — Friday (Jan. 18) begins a week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please remember to pray that Christians unify in their love of Jesus and of each other.

Did You Know...?

The season of Christmas in the church's liturgical year begins on Christmas day, Dec. 25, and ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. This year the Lord's Baptism is celebrated on Jan. 13, which is this weekend.