

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for the week
of Jan. 6, 2019**

Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday 5 p.m. —

† Deceased of Joosten family
By: Jos & Thea Tummers

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

People of the parish

Monday, 10 a.m. —

Reparation

Tuesday — No Mass

Wednesday, 5 p.m. —

Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

Thursday, 10 a.m. —

Friday — No Mass

Baptism of Our Lord

Saturday 5 p.m. —

People of the parish

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

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Jan. 6, 2019

Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



THE MAGI OR WISEMEN

In ancient Iran — also called Persia — a priest was called a "magus" with the plural being "magi." Magi were experts in astronomy, which was useful in determining the calendar and the end of winter and the spring planting season. They believed that stars and other celestial objects actually influenced, rather than merely coincided with, earthly events. One, or possibly a series of omens, led them to believe a royal prince had been born in Israel. They were sent as ambassadors to provide tribute. The bible does not say how many Magi visited, though it is assumed there were three because of the number of gifts.

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Weekly readings

Monday

1 John 3:22—4:6
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 John 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 John 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday

1 John 4:19—5:4
Luke 4:14-22a

Friday

1 John 5:5-13
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday

1 John 5:14-21
John 3:22-30

Sunday

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

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and generosity**

Offertory Collection for
Dec. 30, 2018

Regular, TBA
Christmas, \$2,255

Lay ministers for Jan. 12/13

Altar servers

Sat. —

Sun. — Katy Sehrer, Kevin Smith, Lexi Culler

Commentators/Readers

Sat. — B. Gamache, D. Alexander, J. Stapleton

Sun. — T. Manning, C. Champon, I. Whitehead

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. — J. Kilby, L. Duncan

Sun. — J. Mace, J. Tolejko

Ushers

Sat. — M. King

Sun. — R. Barker, J. Tolejko

Gift Bearers

Bratton

Saintly Wisdom

"Though many kings of the Jews had been born and died, none of them did the Magi seek to adore. And so they who came from a distant foreign land to a kingdom that was entirely strange to them... But they had learnt that such a King was born that by adoring Him they might be sure of obtaining from Him the salvation which is of God."
—*Saint Augustine*—

Parish Life

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 5:30 p.m. this Wednesday following the rosary at 4:25 and the Mass for Vocations at 5. A social hour/dinner will follow the meeting at 6:30 p.m.. All members are welcome, invited, and encouraged to attend.

Calendars — Remember to pick up a 2019 calendar in the vestibule — one per family please.

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.

Education and Formation

PSR Classes Canceled — Classes for the Parish School of Religion will resume this Sunday after Mass.

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.

Did You Know...?

The gifts of the magi — gold, frankincense and myrrh — communicate symbolic meanings to us today, particularly in two spiritual senses. St. Irenaeus has given us interpretations in the allegorical or christological sense, as in how the gifts relate to Christ, specifically the mystery of the Incarnate Word (God who has become man). Pope St. Gregory the Great outlines the moral sense of each gift, as in how the items represent gifts that we are to present to God in our daily lives.

Gold

- (Allegorical sense)—symbol of royalty,, which represents the kingship of Jesus
- (Moral sense)—symbol of Christ's wisdom, which is to shine in our lives

Frankincense

- (Allegorical sense)—used in worship, it points to the divinity of Christ
- (Moral sense)—represents the prayer and adoration we are to give Jesus (Rev. 8:3-4)

Myrrh

- (Allegorical sense)—symbolizes the humanity of Jesus, particularly in his passion and death. (Myrrh was used to anoint Jesus' body after his death. It symbolized pain, death and the afterlife.)
- (Moral sense)—represents our daily self sacrifices to the Lord (Matt. 39; Rom. 12:1)