

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for the week
of March 1, 2020**

First Sunday of Lent

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

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

Monday — No Mass

Tuesday — No Mass

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. —
Vocations
By: *Knights of Columbus*

Thursday, 10 a.m. —
† Carlito Quiambao
By: *Kent & Coleen Schneider*

Friday, 10 a.m. —

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Thomas Hummel
By: *Knights of Columbus
Council 10743*

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Frankie Carr
By: *Mary Carr*

March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

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



**Command these
Stones**

COMMAND THESE STONES

This demand for proof is a constantly recurring theme in Jesus' life. And we make the same demand on God and Christ and his Church. "If you exist God," we say, "then you will just have to show yourself." Jesus left to us the responsibility to preach his message and to carry on his mission. St. Francis of Assisi challenges us to preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words. Are we like the devil who tempts Jesus by demanding a sign? Or, are we a living sign that Jesus is our Redeemer?

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

Weekly readings

Monday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday

Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday

Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

**Thanks
for your support
and generosity**

Offertory Collection for
Feb. 23, 2020

Regular, \$3,329.73
Backpack Buddies,
\$132.30

Lay ministers for March 8/9

Altar servers

Sat. — Daniel Grubb, Timothy Grubb, Leo Grubb
Sun. — Kevin Smith, Jennifer Sexton, Ben Nagy

Commentators/Readers

Sat. — G. Lemons, M. Klapp, D. Alexander
Sun. — J. Tolejko, S. Batchelder, J. Potter

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. —
Sun. —

Ushers

Sat. — G. Bratton
Sun. — L. Policky, R. Barker

Gift Bearers

Bratton
Bienaime

Saintly Wisdom

"Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation,
for there is no conflict without an enemy,
no victory without strife."
— *St. Leo the Great* —

Parish Life

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

Bereavement — A parishioner and family of three other parishioners died recently:

- Homebound parishioner Bertha Dison died Feb. 22 in Elizabethton.
- Nicholas Cosenza III, son of Elaine Richards, died Feb. 16 in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Carlito Quiambao, brother of Mina Hoyt, died Feb. 22 in the Philippines.
- Trula Buckles, mother of Hugh Buckles, died Feb. 24 in Elizabethton.

Please keep the families in your prayers.

Thanks from Archbishop Kurtz — Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz (formerly bishop of our Diocese of Knoxville) says he is cancer-free following eight rounds of chemo and multiple surgeries and is now home. "I'm especially glad for the prayers and support I received," he said.

Season of Lent

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. 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.



Early Stations of the Cross — For those who prefer an earlier time, Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays, before the 10 a.m. Mass, on a trial basis.

Penance Service Thursday — St. Elizabeth's penance service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Changes with Lent — St. Elizabeth has made several changes for Lent. Purple (as in Father's vestments) is the liturgical color signifying sorrow, penitence and preparation. Also the Gloria and "Alleluia" are omitted because they are expressions of joy, and the readings follow the themes of baptismal renewal and penance.

Pillars of Lent — The three pillars of Lent help us observe the penitential nature of this liturgical season of renewal. The pillars are:

1. **Prayer**—nurturing your relationship with God
2. **Fasting**—giving something up to be closer to God
3. **Almsgiving**—sharing with those in need

Social Action

40 Cans for Lent — The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual "40 Cans of Food for Lent" canned food drive. 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.

