

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Aug. 23, 2020
21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Naomi Bartus

By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Elizabeth Hathaway

By: Carolyn Hathaway

9:30 a.m. —

Joann Palmieri

By: Lisa Palmieri

Wednesday, noon —

† Frances Caldwell

By: Fran & Rodney Robey

Parish Life

Emails with Parish News — An email system keeps interested parishioners informed about the deaths of parishioners and last-minute parish news. To be included in the email list or to change an old email address, please send an email to coleenschneider@gmail.com. Emails are sent to parishioners as a blind carbon copy, so addresses are protected.

Fundraiser — The Knights of Columbus fundraiser continues through October at Ultimate Shine Car Wash. Choose your wash, enter fundraiser code 2148, then pay and 30 percent of the sale automatically goes to the Knights. The code cannot be used with FastPass.



Bereavement — Parishioner Ron Decio died Wednesday. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Dispensation

Catholics living in the diocese are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged.



FROM PEBBLE TO ROCK

Jesus often showed his sense of humor with puns. One of his best known witticisms is in today's Gospel. The Old Testament referred to a mysterious figure called "One like a Son of Man" ("human-appearing"), who would bring help from God. Jesus asks his apostles about the figure's identity, and the disciples give the most common guesses. Only Simon blurts out that Jesus must be the mystery man, the Messiah. "Simon" means "pebble" in Hebrew. "Cephas" (or Peter) means "rock." Jesus makes a double pun. He says that the little pebble is going to be a big rock in his scheme of things.

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Weekly readings

Monday

St. Bartholomew
2 Thessalonians
1:1-5, 11-12
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday

2 Thessalonians
2:1-3a, 14-17
Matthew 22:23-26

Wednesday

2 Thessalonians
3:6-10, 16-18
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday

St. Monica
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday

St. Augustine
1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Mark 6:17-29

Saturday

Passion of St. John
the Baptist
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 25:14-30

22nd Sunday or Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Saintly Wisdom

"Wonder is
the desire
for knowledge."

St. Thomas Aquinas

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Reading 1

(Isaiah 22:19-23)

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut; when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8)

R. **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R. **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Reading 2

(Romans 11:33-36)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel

(Matthew 16:13-20)

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was



Silver Rose

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Silver Rose prayer service this weekend at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth. (All safety procedures will be followed at this service.) Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout Tennessee includes a rosary/prayer service that offers parishioners an opportunity to pray for respect for life and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is the patroness of the pro-life movement. The Silver Rose is on its journey to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Six roses are traveling simultaneously from Canada to Mexico on the western, central and eastern corridors of North America in a program that was begun in 1960.

Final destination for the roses will be at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12.

