

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for Aug. 29, 2021
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Trent Policky
By: Leroy & Agnes Policky

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Stephen York
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni
† Richard Hiles
By: Catherine Hiles

Wednesday, noon —
Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

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Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 — Moses told the people to observe the statutes and decrees from the Lord “that you may live” and take possession of the land the Lord gives to you. Observe them carefully, he said, and they will “give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations.”

Psalm 15:2-5 — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

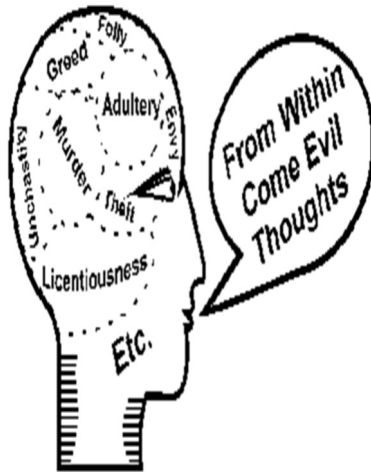
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 — “Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only.”

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 — When the Pharisees questioned why the disciples did not always ritually wash their hands before eating, Jesus recalled the Isaiah prophesy about hypocrites: “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” He added, “Nothing that enters from outside can defile that person, but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

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EVILS FROM WITHIN

Biblical laws demanded ceremonial washing of all food before eating. This ritual wasn't done for hygiene. It was thought to remove “spiritual impurity” or “sin” from the foodstuffs. The law also taught that dairy and meat products must be prepared and served in different containers. Jesus scoffed at the idea. He taught that sin is an internal thing — based upon a personal decision.

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Weekly readings

Monday

1 Thessalonians
4:13-18
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,
9-11
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday

Colossians 1:1-8
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday

Colossians 1:9-14
Luke 5:1-11

Friday

St. Gregory the Great
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday

Colossians 1:21-23
Luke 6:1-5

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Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146:6-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

**Thanks
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and generosity**

In-person Offertory
Aug. 22, 2021

Regular, \$1,663.40
Backpack Buddies,
\$2,453
Needy, \$25
Catholic schools, \$8

Covenants in Salvation History

God made six covenants with man, making new covenants when man broke his relationship with God through grievous sin.

Each covenant has a mediator with a particular role and a visual sign.

One couple — God's first covenant was the marital bond between Adam (mediator) and Eve, through which God fathered the universe. The covenant sign was the Sabbath, the day that God created so his children could rest in God's blessing and holiness for all eternity.

One family — God's next covenant was with Noah and his family (wife and married children). The rainbow served as its sign, a sign that God would never again destroy all life on earth with a flood. Noah was the mediator.

One tribe — The third covenant God made was with Abraham. Because of Abraham's faithfulness, God promised him land, a kingdom and worldwide blessing. Circumcision was the physical mark of this covenant:

One nation — God made a covenant with Moses for land (fulfilling his covenant with Abraham for land), to become “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” The sign for this covenant was the 10 commandments, which are meant to keep us in God's presence.

One kingdom — God was establishing an earthly model of the heavenly kingdom through David as well as fulfilling his covenant with Abraham for a kingdom. The Ark of the Covenant was the sign of this covenant.

One holy, catholic, apostolic Church — The promise to Abraham of a worldwide blessing was fulfilled with the coming of Jesus, who is the New Covenant, the firstborn son. He is the Lamb of God (think: Abraham's sacrifice on Moriah), the Word of God (think: Ten Commandments and all Scripture), the King of Kings (think: David). The sign of the Church is the seven sacraments that Jesus gave the Church for receiving God's grace.

—From Scott Hahn's *A Father Who Keeps His Promises*

Saintly Wisdom

“Keep your soul at peace,
in order to be able
to be attentive and very faithful
to the inner movement
of the Holy Spirit.”
—St. Peter Julian Eymard—

Parish Life

Thank You! — Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who, under the direction of Knight Steve McKinney, refurbished the outside of the church front doors. (Weather had damaged the finish on the doors.)



Parish Picnic — The annual parish picnic has been scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Riverside Pavilion in the park behind the Elizabethton River Riders ballpark. J's Corner will cater the picnic. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

Parish School of Religion — Classes for the Parish School of Religion will begin Sunday, Sept. 12, for the youth and children of the parish. Classes will meet for an hour after the 9 a.m. Mass, ending at 11 a.m.

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Social Action

Backpack Buddies — Thank you to all who have “adopted” students from Harold McCormick School in the Backpack Buddies program for this year (37 students so far). Donations may be put in the collection any weekend, with “Backpack Buddies” noted in the memo line. The Backpack Buddies program supplies needy school children with backpacks full of kid-friendly foods for them to eat at home on the weekends. The cost is \$93 a year (or \$9.30 a month for 10 months) per student. Last year, parishioners sponsored all the students identified for the program at Harold McCormick School as well as additional students from Eastside, Westside and T.A. Dugger schools.