

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for Dec. 25, 2020 Christmas

Christmas Masses — Social distancing means restricted space at church this year, so Christmas Masses are limited to those who sign up. To check space availability and to sign up, call or text 202-6387.

Thursday, Christmas Eve, 5 p.m. —
† Frankie Carr
By: Mary Carr

10:30 p.m. (Music begins at 10.)
† Trent Policky
By: Leroy & Agnes Policky

Friday, Christmas, 9:30 a.m. —
† W.J. Carr
By: Mary Carr



Chris Barnett
Josh Barnett
Marion Barnett
Ethel & Brown Butler
Frankie Carr
W.J. Carr
Bob Carter
Debbie Cooper
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crawford
Ron Decio
Howard Duncan
Elizabeth Edmonds
Victor Edmonds
Eileen Estep
Rosemary Gamache

Christmas Flower Memorials

Kenneth Gehring
Joe, Joel, Oleta & John Gouge
Elizabeth Hathaway
John Hathaway
Richard A. Hiles
Louise & Joseph Huth
Matt Kowollik
Barbara Luoma
Sybil & Carl Luoma
Ethel Madigan
Shirlee & Mike Mamone
Deborah McCray
Bela & Anna Nagy
Mr. & Mrs. George Noble
Harry & Rachael Olson

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.



TRUE NOURISHMENT IN THE MANGER

(St.) Augustine drew out the meaning of the manger using an idea that at first seems almost shocking, but on closer examination contains a profound truth. The manger is the place where animals find their food. But now, lying in the manger, is he who called himself the true bread come down from heaven, the true nourishment that we need in order to be fully ourselves. This is the food that gives us true life, eternal life. Thus the manger becomes a reference to the table of God, to which we are invited so as to receive the bread of God. From the poverty of Jesus' birth emerges the miracle in which man's redemption is mysteriously accomplished.

Pope Benedict XVI from *Jesus of Nazareth Infancy*

Nathan Olson
Mary Seitzinger
Dot & Arnold Simerly
Alice & Les Straight
Jim & Kay Townsend
Ruth Williams

Deceased members of:
• Cirillo family
• Miller family
• Waechter family

In honor of

Deacon Richard Carner
Lynda Gamache
Fr. Dennis Kress

Christmas

Dec. 25, 2020

Reading 1 (Isaiah 9:1-6)
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion



*For unto you
is born this day
in the city of
David a Saviour
which is Christ
the Lord.*

rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13)
R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name. Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

Reading 2 (Titus 2:11-14)
Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and

devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Gospel (Luke 2:1-14)
In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

