

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for the week
of Dec. 30, 2018**

**Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Saturday 5 p.m. —
† Joe O'Brien
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
People of the parish

Monday — No Mass

Mary, Holy Mother of God
Tuesday, 10 a.m. —

*St. Basil the Great,
St. Gregory Nazianzen*
Wednesday — No Mass

Thursday — No Mass

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Friday — No Mass

Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday 5 p.m. —
† Deceased of Joosten family
By: Jos & Thea Tummers

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
People of the parish

Dec. 30, 2018

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of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52

**I Prayed
For This
Child
And
The Lord
Answered
My Request**



HANNAH'S CHILD

The priest-prophet Samuel was a pivotal figure in the history of Israel, guiding the country from a loose confederation of tribes to a kingdom. He appointed the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David. Samuel's own life is miraculous. His mother, Hannah had been sterile. She came to the shrine where the Ark of the Covenant was kept and prayed for a child, promising that if she conceived she would dedicate her son to the Lord. In gratitude for the birth, she calls her son Samuel, which means "his name is God." Then she consecrates the boy to a nazirite vow, like that made for Samson. Samuel's hair will never be cut, and he will take no strong drink. Finally, she surrenders her son to be a servant at the shrine.

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Weekly readings

Monday

1 John 2:18-21
John 1:1-18

Tuesday

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Wednesday

1 John 2:22-28
John 1:19-28

Thursday

1 John 2:29—3:6
John 1:29-34

Friday

1 John 3:7-10
John 1:35-42

Saturday

1 John 3:11-21
John 1:43-51

Sunday

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

**Thanks
for your support
and generosity**

Offertory Collection for
Dec. 23, 2018

Regular, \$3,779.97
Food drive, \$600
Ret. Religious, \$688
Immigrant services,
\$605

Lay ministers for Jan. 5/6

Altar servers

Sat. —

Sun. — Helen Johnson, Natalie Schneider, Kevin Smith

Commentators/Readers

Sat. — J. Stapleton, G. Lemons, D. Alexander

Sun. — R. Barker, S. Batchelder, C. White

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. — J. Kilby, L. Duncan

Sun. — A. Policky, L. Muraski

Ushers

Sat. — M. Hupko

Sun. — J. Tolejko, L. Policky

Gift Bearers

Mock

Saintly Wisdom

"We think sometimes that poverty is
only being hungry, naked and homeless.

The poverty of being
unwanted, unloved and uncared for
is the greatest poverty.

We must start in our own homes
to remedy this kind of poverty."

— St. Teresa of Calcutta —

Parish Life

Holy Day Schedule — Tuesday is a holy day,
honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of
God. St. Elizabeth Church will celebrate Mass
at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

No Daily Masses This Week — No Mass will
be offered Monday, Wednesday or Thursday
this week. Fr. Dennis is taking a few days off. In
case of an emergency, please call St. Mary
Church at 282-6368 or St. Dominic Church at
288-8101.

Thank you! — Thank you to all who made the
Christmas celebrations at St. Elizabeth special
this week — the lay ministers, the musicians and
choral members, those who participated in and
helped with the Christmas play and those who
cleaned and decorated the church. Your
contributions to the church have been a
blessing.

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of
Columbus will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday,
Jan. 9, 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.

Flu Season Reminders — During the flu
season this winter, all are reminded to ...stay
home from Mass if you experience any flu-like
symptoms, ...refrain from holding hands during
the Our Father for the time if you are not feeling
well and ...respect each other's preferences
during the Sign of Peace.

Education and Formation

PSR Classes Canceled — Classes for the
Parish School of Religion will not meet this
weekend. Classes will resume next Sunday
after Mass.

Tax Reminders

Charity Donation Deadline for 2018 —
Donations to St. Elizabeth Church must be
received (or postmarked) no later than Monday,
Dec. 31, if you wish to deduct them on your 2018
tax return.

Mailings to Church — Any donations or other
communication to be mailed to the church
should be mailed to the post office box:

St. Elizabeth Church
P.O. Box 7
Elizabethton, TN 37644

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.