

## ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Mass intentions  
for Dec. 5, 2021  
2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**

† deceased of Bartus family  
By: George & Thea Bratton

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**

† Brenda Van Cleef Egan  
By: Gwen Egan

**Tuesday, 6 p.m. —**

(Immaculate Conception vigil)  
People of the parish

**Wednesday, noon —**

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**Baruch 5:1-9** — Rise up, Jerusalem! God will bring your children back to you, “borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones...for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory.”

**Psalms 126:1-6** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11** — “This is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.”

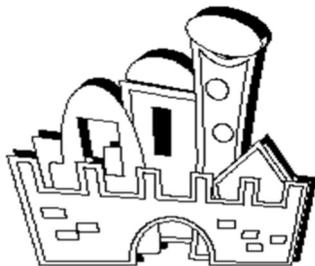
**Luke 3:1-6** — John went throughout the region of Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths...  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

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Psalm 126:1-6  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6



**Jerusalem  
Stand Upon  
The Heights**

**EVERY MOUNTAIN MADE LOW**

Baruch had one of the more unusual backgrounds of all the prophets. He was a private secretary to another prophet, Jeremiah. He lived during the Jewish exile in Babylon (Iraq). Following Jeremiah's lead, he preached that the exile would end. He said that the people of Israel would return home in triumph. Baruch pictures mountains being leveled to facilitate this homecoming. The "mountains" are the political obstacles to be hurdled before it could happen. The Church cites this passage to suggest a cosmic preparation for the coming of the Son of God.

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**Weekly readings**

**Monday**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday**

St. Ambrose  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday**

Immaculate  
Conception of  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

**Thursday**

Isaiah 41:13-20  
Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday**

Isaiah 48:17-19  
Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday**

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Matthew 17:9a,10-13

**Third Sunday  
of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

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Nov. 28, 2021

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## Second Week of Advent

Light two purple candles this weekend in your Advent wreath:

•Candle of hope (purple “Prophecy Candle”) reminds us the prophets foretold Christ’s birth.

•Candle of love or “Bethlehem Candle” (purple) represents the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus, who God sent to earth to save us because he loves us.

### Advent wreath prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God, ruler of the universe and giver of true peace! We gather here to remember your great love as we try to make a straight path for your Son, Prince of Peace. Help us to reform our priorities and smooth out the rough ways we treat each other. With the help of the Holy Spirit, teach us to seek justice and peace. Light up our lives. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.



### Meal prayer

Blessed are you, O Father, source of all growth and joy beyond our expectations. We long for your Son’s coming. Help us see your gifts to us in each other. Give us patience. Pull us together in your love. Amen.

### Thoughts for Advent

Dedicate time each day to silence. We need silence to grow in the spiritual life. If we stay too busy during Advent, we may be too overwhelmed and stressed out by the time Christmas arrives to be able to enter deeply into the gift of the Christ-child.

Consider spending time praying before an Advent wreath with candles lit, getting up a few minutes early and sitting in silence with the Christmas tree lights on, turning off all electronic devices and the TV and sitting in silence at night before getting ready for bed or eating lunch in silence.

### Saintly Wisdom

“Have patience with all things,  
but chiefly have patience with yourself.  
Do not lose courage  
in considering your own imperfections,  
but instantly set about remedying them;  
every day begin the task anew.”  
— St. Francis de Sales —

### Parish Life

**Holy Day Masses** — Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 6 p.m. Tuesday and at noon Wednesday.

### Advent and Christmas

**Angel Tree** — This weekend is the deadline for bringing in Angel tree gifts. Questions? Call or text parishioner Donna Townsend at 342-7254. Gifts will benefit underprivileged children at Harold McCormick School.

**Advent Food Drive** — The Knights of Columbus’ annual Advent Food Drive continues through Christmas. The Knights are collecting nonperishable food (no glass, please) as well as money that will be given to ARM (Assistance and Resources Ministry) in Elizabethton.



**Christmas Flowers** — Sunday, Dec. 19, is the deadline for turning in Christmas flower envelopes for those people who would like to remember a loved one with Christmas flowers at church. Please be sure to note if a name is a memorial or an “in honor of” request. Thank you.

**Christmas Mass Schedule** — St. Elizabeth’s Christmas Masses will be at these times:

- 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 (children’s Mass)
- 10:30 p.m. Dec. 24 (music starts at 10 p.m.)
- 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25

The Sunday vigil Mass will be cancelled on Saturday, Dec. 25, because it is Christmas day.