

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for Dec. 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† deceased of Tummers family
By: Jos & Thea Tummers

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

People of the parish

9:30 a.m. —

† Debbie Cooper
By: Mary Carr

Tuesday, noon — (Immaculate Conception)

People of the parish

Wednesday, noon —

People of the parish

Parish Life

Deacon Formation Collection — A second collection is being taken up this weekend for diocesan deacon formation.

Holy Hour — The Knights of Columbus are conducting an Advent holy hour beginning at 3 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 6. It will include the rosary, benediction and quiet reflection.

Of-the-Month Honors — November honors from the Knights of Columbus include Knight of the month (Richard Barker) and family of the month (Bob and Judy Kilby).

Food and Baby Item Drive — The Knights of Columbus are conducting an Advent drive — food for ARM (Assistance and Resources Ministry) in Elizabethton and baby items for the Pregnancy Help Center/Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. Please place items in the collection box near the entrance.

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.



JOHN THE PRIEST

John the Baptist appears in the Judean desert quoting Isaiah: "A voice in the wilderness...." Apparently he sees himself as some sort of fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. John's parents both descended from priestly families, so he shares in the hereditary office. In the 1st century, a group of Jews rejected the corrupt line of priests that served the Temple. John seems to have joined this movement, known as the Essenes. If true, this means that John was a rebel who had turned from his father's faith. His doom's day message and the baptism of penance he preached fit the Essene theology.

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Weekly readings

Monday

St. Ambrose
Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday

Immaculate Conception of Mary
Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Psalm 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday

Isaiah 40:25-31
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Revelation 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
Luke 1:39-47

Sunday

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Saintly Wisdom

"She is more Mother than Queen."

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1

(Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11)
Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry



out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 85:9-14)
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

Reading 2

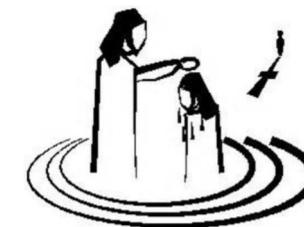
(2 Peter 3:8-14)
Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a

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thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Gospel

(Mark 1:1-8)
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was



*I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming*

clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."