

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Feb. 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Rosemary & Robert Gamache
By: *Bob Gamache*

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Emma Jean Lowry
By: *Joyce Potter
& Margaret Ann Berry*

9:30 a.m. —

People of the parish

Wednesday, noon—

† End to abortion
By: *Lisa Palmieri*

Parish Life

Stations of the Cross — Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6 p.m. Fridays during Lent in the church.

Bereavement — Family of two parishioners died recently. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Jorge Mitra, brother of Mally Cruz.
- Zenaida Gragasin, aunt of Norma Martin.

Thank You — Thea and George Bratton thank their parish family for all the cards, messages, love and support given to both of them during Thea's emergency surgery last month.

Lent Books — Free Lenten reflection books are in the vestibule. Please take one.

Lenten Food Drive — The Knights of Columbus are conducting the 40 Cans for Lent food drive. Please, no glass containers and no items past their expiration date.

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.



SIGN OF THE COVENANT

The story of the great Flood ends with God making the first Covenant or solemn commitment with humanity through Noah. Human beings are to refrain from killing and from eating meat with blood in it. God's side of the deal is that there will never again be a world-wide deluge. God offers a sign of this pledge in the form of a rainbow. Ancient peoples worshipped such natural phenomena as examples of divine intervention. Since it usually appears after storms are moving on, it is a natural indication of ensuing calm.

Materials for Sunday bulletins. They may be freely reproduced in any non-profit publication. © 2003 by Father Richard Lonsdale

Weekly readings

Monday

Chair of St. Peter
1 Peter 5:1-4
Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday

Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday

Esther C:12, 14-16,
23-25
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday

Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday

Deuteronomy
26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18
Psalm 116:10, 15-19
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

Saintly Wisdom

“To be tempted is a sign that the soul is very pleasing to the Lord.”

*St. Padre Pio
of Pietrelcina*

First Sunday of Lent

Reading 1

(Genesis 9:8-15)
God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for

I set my bow
in the clouds
to serve as a sign
of the covenant
between me
and the earth.

— God

beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 25:4-9)

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Feb. 21, 2021

Reading 2

(1 Peter 3:18-22)

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.



Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who

had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.



Gospel

(Mark 1:12-15)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

