

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for the week
of Feb. 9, 2020**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Betty Jo Barker
By: *Knights of Columbus
Assembly 1840*

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Barbara Luoma
By: *Catherine Hiles*

St. Scholastica
Monday — No Mass

Tuesday — No Mass

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. —

Thursday, 10 a.m. —
† Frankie Carr
By: *Mary Carr*

St. Cyril & St. Methodius
Friday, 10 a.m. —

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Barbara Luoma
By: *Catherine Hiles*

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Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16



SALT OF THE EARTH

Salt was literally worth its weight in gold in ancient times. It was vital for preserving food before the invention of refrigeration. Also, people cooked food very quickly to preserve fuel. It did not acquire the taste that slow roasting would bring. Salt thus helped bring out the flavor of the meal. It was also used in the Kosher process, whereby excess blood was absorbed from meat. Once the salt had completely soaked up this fluid it was useless for anything except for drying icy or muddy roads. Jesus may have had several of these aspects in mind when he spoke of his followers as having to be "salt for the world."

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Weekly readings

Monday
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday
1 Kings 10:1-10
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday
1 Kings 11:4-13
Mark 7:24-30

Friday
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19
Mark 7:31-36

Saturday
1 Kings 12:26-32;
13:33-34
Mark 8:1-10

Sunday
Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5,
17-18, 33-34
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

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and generosity**

Offertory Collection for
Feb. 2, 2020

Regular, \$3,182.35
Needy, \$943
Backpack Buddies, \$20
Development, \$5

Lay ministers for Feb. 15/16

Altar servers

Sat. — Daniel Grubb, Timothy Grubb, Leo Grubb
Sun. — Marisa Seher, Natalie Schneider, Haile Sexton

Commentators/Readers

Sat. — B. Gamache, S. Hummel, D. Alexander
Sun. — T. Manning, S. Batchelder, M. Carter

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. —
Sun. —

Ushers

Sat. — B. Peoples
Sun. — R. Barker, L. Policky

Saintly Wisdom

"All the darkness in the world
cannot extinguish the light
of a single candle."
— *St. Francis* —

Parish Life

Altar Server Training — The Knights of Columbus are training new altar servers after the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. Training lasts for 15 to 20 minutes and will continue through mid-February. Students who have received their First Communion are eligible to become altar servers.

Bereavement — Brian Scott Pedigo Sr., son of parishioner Dora Kinzer, died Jan. 15 after a nine-month battle with cancer. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Prayers for Archbishop Kurtz — Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz (formerly bishop of our Diocese of Knoxville) is undergoing treatment at Duke University Cancer Institute for an aggressive cancer. Please pray for him.

Needs for Sunday Mass — The parish is in need of gift bearers for the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays. If you are able to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Gina Lemons at 571-2663.

Lay Ministers — Anyone interested in volunteering as a lay minister, particularly for the Saturday evening Mass, may contact Gina Lemons at 571-2663 to be put on the next three-month schedule. A new schedule will be printed at the end of this month.

Flu Season Reminders — During the flu season, we 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 being and ...respect each other's preferences during the Sign of Peace.

Parish & Diocesan Websites — Websites for St. Elizabeth and the Diocese of Knoxville can be accessed at the following sites:

- St. Elizabeth — stelizabethsparish.org
- Diocese of Knoxville — dioknox.org
- *East Tennessee Catholic*, the diocesan newspaper — etcatholic.org

Email for Fr. Dennis — To reach Fr. Dennis in a non-emergency, please feel free to email him at stelizabeth@chartertn.net. Only Fr. Dennis has access to this pastoral email address.

Thank You — Thank you to Richard and Martha Meares Sharpin, owners of Felty-Rowland Florists in Elizabethton for graciously providing the weekly flower arrangements for the church.

Special Intentions

World Marriage Day — This Sunday (Feb. 9) is World Marriage Day. Please remember in your prayers all whose vocation is the married life.

World Day of the Sick — Tuesday is World Day of the Sick, a day Pope John Paul II designated as "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieving the salvation of humankind."