

# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions  
for the week  
of Jan. 12, 2020**

## **Baptism of the Lord**

**Saturday, 5 p.m.** —  
† Betty Jo Barker  
By: *Jos & Thea Tummers*

**Sunday, 9 a.m.** —  
† Betty Jo Barker  
By: *Knights of Columbus  
Assembly 1840*

**Monday** — No Mass

**Tuesday** — No Mass

**Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.** —  
† Betty Jo Barker  
By: *Anne Alves*

**Thursday, 10 a.m.** —  
† Dr. Gene Westlake  
By: *Fran & Rodney Robey*

**Friday, 10 a.m.** —

## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, 5 p.m.** —  
† Betty Jo Barker  
By: *Cathelyn family*

**Sunday, 9 a.m.** —  
† Naomi Bartus  
By: *George & Thea Bratton*

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## **Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10  
Acts 10:34-38  
Matthew 3:13-17



## **WHY DID JESUS ASK TO BE BAPTIZED?**

For centuries, baptism among the Jews was a ritual equivalent of confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 72 A.D. it was common for Jewish people to make a spiritual cleansing in a special pool called a MIKVEH ("collection of water") to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men did this weekly on the eve of the Sabbath. Women did it monthly. Converts were also expected to do it before entering Judaism. Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was necessary to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Jesus transformed this continual ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our faith. In effect he fused his divine essence with the water and the ceremony.

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## **Weekly readings**

### **Monday**

1 Samuel 1:1-8  
Mark 1:14-20

### **Tuesday**

1 Samuel 1:9-20  
Mark 1:21-28

### **Wednesday**

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20  
Mark 1:29-39

### **Thursday**

1 Samuel 4:1-11  
Mark 1:40-45

### **Friday**

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a  
Mark 2:1-12

### **Saturday**

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19;  
10:1a  
Mark 2:13-17

### **Sunday**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34

## **Thanks for your support and generosity**

Offertory Collection for  
Jan. 5, 2020

Regular, 12-29, \$3,782  
Regular, 1-5, \$4,556  
Development, \$2,000  
Backpack Buddies, \$77.20  
Carr scholarship, \$167  
Holy day (Mary), \$569

## **Lay ministers for Jan. 18/19**

### **Altar servers**

Sat. — Daniel Grubb, Timothy Grubb, Leo Grubb  
Sun. — Marisa Seherer, Natalie Schneider, Joshua Gouge

### **Commentators/Readers**

Sat. — B. Gamache, M. Klapp, J. Kilby  
Sun. — J. Tolejko, C. Champon, C. Smith

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Sat. — T. Bratton, M. Strickling  
Sun. — A. Policky, J. Mace

### **Ushers**

Sat. — G. Bratton  
Sun. — R. Barker, L. Policky

### **Saintly Wisdom**

"The Lord was Baptized,  
not to be cleansed Himself,  
but to cleanse the waters,  
so that those waters,  
cleansed by the flesh of Christ  
which knew no sin,  
might have the power of Baptism."  
— *St. Ambrose of Milan* —

## **Parish Life**

**Happy Birthday, Fr. Dennis!** — Fr. Dennis is celebrating his 69th birthday on Monday (Jan. 13). Wish him well and, as always, keep him in your prayers.



**Flu Season Reminders** — During the flu season, we are reminded to ...stay home from Mass if you experience any flu-like symptoms, and respect each other's preferences during the Sign of Peace.

**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.

**Happy Anniversary!** — Happy anniversary to Jim and Pat Dobes who celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary this weekend (Jan. 11).

**Altar Server Training** — The Knights of Columbus will be training new altar servers for about five weeks, beginning next Sunday. Training begins after the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass and will last for 15 to 20 minutes. Students who have received their First Communion are eligible to become altar servers.



**Monday Bible Study** — The Monday morning bible study is on hiatus until further notice. Organizers Joy Strickland and Dede Noyes thank all who have joined through the years in the journey from Genesis to Revelation. Because going to Mass before bible study has been important to the group, the bible study will resume on a day when morning Mass is offered.

## **Education and Formation**

**Parish School of Religion** — Classes for the Parish School of Religion resume this weekend after the Sunday morning Mass. **PSR**

## **Tax Reminder**

**Charity Donation Letter** — If you would like a letter summarizing your donations to St. Elizabeth for 2019 (as support for your tax return), please drop a note in the weekend collection with your name and the words "tax letter" on it.

## **Did You Know That...?**

Today, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season in the Catholic Church. Tomorrow is the beginning of Ordinary Time for this liturgical year. Ordinary time will continue through Tuesday, Feb. 25, which is the day before Ash Wednesday. (Easter is April 12 this year.) Ordinary time will pick up again after Lent and the Easter season, beginning on Monday, June 1, which is the day after Pentecost.

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