

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Jan. 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
People of the parish

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —
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9:30 a.m. —
† Helene Collins
By: Carolyn Hathaway

Wednesday — No Mass

Parish Life

Religious Education — Parish School of Religion classes will begin meeting again starting next Sunday (Jan. 17) after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

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 or email your request to coleenschneider@gmail.com

Donated Food Delivered — The Knights of Columbus have delivered 500 lbs. of food and a check for \$510 to ARM (Assistance and Resources Ministry) from the parish Advent food drive. Thank you to all who contributed!

Honors for December — The Knights of Columbus have named the following honorees for December:

- Family of the month — Jimmy, Lisa and Donna Townsend
- Knight of the month — Steve McKinney

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.



WHY DID JESUS ASK TO BE BAPTIZED?

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as 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 — literally a "collection of water." This was said to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men did this weekly on the eve of the Sabbath. Women did it monthly. 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
Hebrews 1:1-6
Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday
Hebrews 2:5-12
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday
Hebrews 2:14-18
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday
Hebrews 3:7-14
Mark 1:40-45

Friday
Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 2:13-17

Sunday
*Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

Saintly Wisdom

"In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God Himself is hidden within."

-St. Bonaventure-

Baptism of the Lord

Reading 1 (Isaiah 55:1-11)
Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm (Isaiah 12:2-6)
R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation. God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

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Reading 2 (1 John 5:1-9)
Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Gospel (Mark 1:7-11)
This is what John the Baptist 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." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens



being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."