

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Jan. 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

Lynda Gamache
By: Bob Gamache

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Joseph Phillips
By: Kent & Coleen Schneider

9:30 a.m. —

† W.J. Carr
By: Mary Carr

Wednesday, noon —

Parish Life

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, downstairs in the church hall. All members are welcome and invited to attend.

Thank You — Vikki and Mark Sitter thank parishioners for the cards, flowers and messages of love and support expressed at the loss of Vikki's mom, Charlotte Lefler.

And Thank You — Juanita Olson would like to thank parishioners for the prayers and cards she received as she recovered from her recent broken leg.

Address Changes — If you have a new address, phone number or email address, please give updates to Coleen Schneider at coleenschneider@gmail.com or 202-6387.

New Parishioners — If you are a new parishioner, please fill out a registration form from the vestibule and return in the collection basket. Thank you!

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.



**LET US NOT HEAR THE
VOICE OF GOD AGAIN**

WITH AUTHORITY

Jesus preaches his first sermon in Capernaum where he is admired for speaking "with authority." In contrast, the scribes were afraid to be pinned down on specifics. When asked a question, they would merely quote the opinions of others or answer one question with another. Jesus gives specifics, standing on his own authority to teach. This impresses his audience even more when he works a miraculous healing. Christ is probably reluctant to work a miracle because it will throw focus on his healing power rather than his teachings. In a sense he is entering his first battle with Satan. The devil wants to distract people away from Jesus' message. The powers of evil win the first battle but will lose the war.

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Weekly readings

Monday

Hebrews 11:32-40
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday

Presentation of Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday

Hebrews 12:18-19,
21-24
Mark 6:7-13

Friday

St. Agatha
Hebrews 13:1-8
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday

*St. Paul Miki &
companions*
Hebrews 13:15-17,
20-21
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday

5th in Ordinary Time
Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 147:1-6
1 Corinthians
9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

Saintly Wisdom

"He lacks
everything
who thinks
he lacks nothing."
— St. Bernard —

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Reading 1

(Deuteronomy 18:15-20)
Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9)



R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading 2

(1 Corinthians 7:32-35)
Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Gospel

(Mark 1:21-28)

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

