

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Jan. 3, 2021
Epiphany of the Lord**

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

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —
People of the parish

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

Wednesday, noon —
Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

Parish Life

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.

Bereavement — A parishioner and family of three other parishioners died recently:

- Bill J. Hart, father of Matt Hart, died on Nov. 27 at the age of 94.
- Parishioner Jim Kevin died Dec. 27 at the age of 82.
- Helene Collins, aunt of Carolyn Hathaway, died Dec. 29.
- Emma Jean Lowry, former parishioner and sister-in-law of Maria Bingham, died Dec. 30 in Virginia.

Please keep the families in your prayers.

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday downstairs in the church hall.

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.



A ROYAL EPIPHANY

Initially most ancient kingdoms included only a few towns or cities. As they expanded it became necessary for the rulers to remind their subjects of their authority. Sovereigns would make annual official visits and literally hold court in each city. They would judge cases, pass laws and generally make their weight felt. The Greek name for this public appearance or demonstration is the word "Epiphany." God made his demonstration (Epiphany) at Bethlehem. Representatives from the Middle East came to see him. He still makes Epiphanies in our lives through miracles.

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Weekly readings

Monday
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 John 3:22—4:6
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday
St. John Neumann
1 John 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday
1 John 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday
1 John 4:19—5:4
Luke 4:14-22a

Friday
1 John 5:5-13
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday
1 John 5:14-21
John 3:22-30

Sunday
Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-6
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

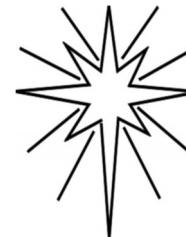
Saintly Wisdom

"The closer one approaches to God, the simpler one becomes."

St. Teresa of Avila

Epiphany of the Lord

Reading 1 (Isaiah 60:1-6)
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.



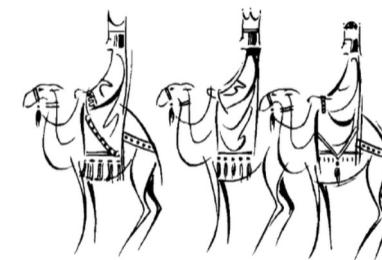
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13)
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

Reading 2 (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6)
Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and

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prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising



preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.