

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions for July 11, 2021 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Evalyn Brower
By: *Barker family*

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† Sybil & Carl Luoma
By: *Catherine Hiles*

Wednesday, noon —

† deceased of Bartus family
By: *George & Thea Bratton*

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15 — The priest of Bethel banished Amos to the land of Judah, telling him to “earn your bread by prophesying” there instead of Bethel. Amos said it was *the Lord* who told him to prophesy to Israel.

Psalms 85:9-14 — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Ephesians 1:3-14 — God chose us to be holy and without blemish before him, blessing us with redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Mark 6:7-13 — Jesus sent the 12 apostles out, two by two, to preach, drive out unclean spirits and anoint with oil those who were sick. The apostles were to take nothing with them on the journey but a walking stick, wearing sandals but no extra tunic and staying in the homes of those who welcomed them. To those who would not listen to them, Jesus instructed the apostles to leave and “shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” The apostles preached repentance, drove out many demons and cured many who were sick.

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Psalm 85:9-14
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13



DRESSER OF SYCAMORES

The first classical prophet was not a professional preacher. Amos labored as a migrant farm worker traveling throughout Israel to find employment. Among his jobs was that of tending Sycamore trees — not the European or North American variety, but a type native to the Middle East. Sometimes called “the poor man’s fig tree,” they produce a small fruit encased in a husk. During the growing season, these husks must be pierced with a sharp stick for the fruit to ripen. The yield was of little value. Despite his low-paying occupation, Amos was rich in prophecy. He was the first prophet to write down his words.

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Weekly readings

Monday

Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Exodus 2:1-15a
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday

St. Bonaventure
Exodus 3:13-20
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday

Exodus 11:10—12:14
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday

Exodus 12:37-42
Matthew 12:14-21

**16th Sunday
of Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

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In-person Offertory

July 4, 2021

Regular, \$6,186.50
Development, \$300
F.C. Scholarship, \$74
Needy, \$20

June 27, 2021

Regular, \$3,458
Peter’s Pence, \$282
Needy, \$10

One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

In the Nicene Creed, we profess a belief in the “one, holy, catholic and apostolic” Church. These characteristics or *marks* identify the features and missions of the Church:

ONE because the Church acknowledges one Lord, confesses one faith, is born of one Baptism, forms only one Body, is given life by the one Spirit, for the sake of one hope.

HOLY because the Most Holy God is the Church’s author; Christ is her bridegroom who gave himself up to make her holy; (“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her” from Ephesians 5:25), and the Spirit of holiness gives her life. Baptism gives us a taste of divine life through the gift of sanctifying grace. (“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?...God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple” from 1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

CATHOLIC (which means “universal”) because the Church proclaims the fullness of the faith. She administers the totality of the means of salvation and is sent out to all peoples. (“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” from Matthew 28:19). In the Church there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission.

APOSTOLIC because Christ governs the Church through Peter and the other apostles who are present in their successors—the Pope and the college of bishops. The Pope is like a spiritual quarterback, unifying the community to make it easier for each to carry out the mission of Jesus. The Holy Spirit guides the Pope to speak in truth without error in declaring doctrines on faith and morals. (“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth” from John 16:13.) The apostles’ ministry continues Jesus’ mission; “he who receives you receives me.”

— From *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Saintly Wisdom

“Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you.”
— *St. Augustine* —

Parish Life

Take Me Out to the Ballgame — The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a baseball parish outing this weekend. They will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soft drinks beginning at 3 p.m.



Sunday in the pavilion behind the River Riders (formerly Twins) ballpark in Elizabethton. The game begins at 5:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend the free event. To help the Knights plan for food and tickets to the game, please sign up in the vestibule. Thank you to the 102 people who have signed up so far!

Happy Golden Anniversary! — Happy anniversary to new parishioners, Paul and Laura Gurdak, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this weekend (July 10).

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

Online Giving for St. Elizabeth — To give online to St. Elizabeth Church, please register at:

<http://stelizabethsparish.weshareonline.org/>

Your envelope number will be linked with your online giving information.

Mailings to Church — Any donations or other communication to be mailed to the church should be mailed to the post office box:

St. Elizabeth Church
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