

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions
for July 19, 2020
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Sam Barker
By: Barker family

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Anna Marchioni
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

9:30 a.m. —

† Dylan Wade Snyder
By: Leonard & Irene Whitehead

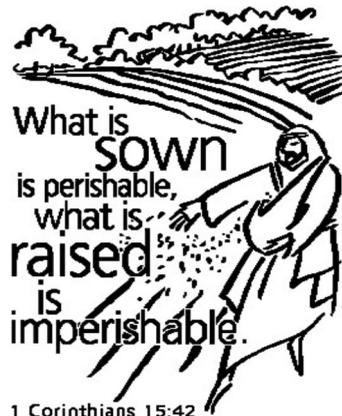
Parish Life

Fundraiser — The Knights of Columbus fundraiser continues through October at Ultimate Shine Car Wash. Choose your wash, enter fundraiser code 2148, then pay and 30 percent of the sale automatically goes to the Knights. The code can be used at 11 area location including Elizabethton but cannot be used with FastPass.



Knights Meet — The Knights of Columbus are set to meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Kiwanis Park pavilion on West G Street (next to the fire station) to install officers. The meeting will include a hot dog picnic.

Dispensation from Sunday Mass — Dispensation (from an obligation to attend Sunday Mass) continues to be extended to Catholics living in the diocese until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged.



1 Corinthians 15:42

FREE WILL TO CHOOSE

Jesus knew his followers would live in a world full of temptations to take the easy way out, to take advantage of others. He knew we would be challenged to abandon our efforts to know and imitate Him. Jesus also knew that one of God's greatest gifts to us is free will — the ability to choose between good and evil, to choose between being generous and being selfish. But Jesus taught us by words and deeds that being his follower — a Christian — is not about feeling good, it is about doing good. It is not about how much we acquire for ourselves. It is about how much we share with others. God left us in this world with all of its temptations, so we could demonstrate our love for him by choosing to discern His will and to do His will.

Commentary from Deacon Jerry Martinez, director of stewardship in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Weekly readings

Monday

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday

Micah 7:14-15,
18-20
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday

Song of Songs
3:1-4b
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8,
12-13
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday

Jeremiah 3:14-17
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

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1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72,
76-77, 127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Saintly Wisdom

"For those who
live well
in the world,
death
is not frightening
but sweet
and precious."

St. Rose
of Viterbo

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Reading 1

(Wisdom 12:13, 16-19)

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16)

Lord, you are good and forgiving. You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading. All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

Reading 2

(Romans 8:26-27)

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Gospel

(Matthew 13:24-43)

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder

came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."' He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person



took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat

flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.* Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."