

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for June 14, 2020 *Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† deceased of Joosten family
By: Jos & Thea Tummers

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Dorothy Simerly
By: Carolyn Hathaway

9:30 a.m. —

† Barbara Luoma
By: Catherine Hiles

Parish Life

Happy Ordination Anniversary — Our pastor, Fr. Dennis Kress, celebrated his 21st anniversary of ordination as a priest on Friday (June 12). Please keep him in your prayers.

Congratulations! — Congratulations to Marisa Sehrer, who graduated high school this spring and has earned her CNA (certified nursing assistant).

Happy Anniversary! — Happy anniversary to Mark and Vikki Sitter who celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Monday (June 15).

Email for Fr. Dennis — To reach Fr. Dennis in a non-emergency, please feel free to email him at stelizabeth@charternet.net. Only Fr. Dennis has access to this pastoral email address.

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.

Saintly Wisdom

"At every celebration of the Eucharist, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper, and to what followed it."
— St. John Paul II —



THE BREAD I GIVE
IS MY FLESH

These disturbing words produced grotesque images for the Jews, who asked, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Today, many Jews, non-Catholic Christians, and non-Christians no longer question our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They appreciate the privilege we have of receiving Christ in His Body and in His Blood, so that we may be strengthened to be His Body and Blood for others in our world. Do we truly appreciate that privilege, and are we good stewards of the Body and Blood of Jesus that we receive?

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

Weekly readings

Monday

2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday

2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

2 Corinthians 11:1-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday

Deuteronomy 7:6-11
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday

Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66, 80

**12th Sunday
of Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 69:8-10, 17,
33-35
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

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Reading 1

(Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a)
Moses said to the people: "Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD. "Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20)

R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word! R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them. R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

Reading 2

(1 Corinthians 10:16-17)
Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.



Gospel

(John 6:51-58)

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The



Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Why we believe...

At Mass, the bread and wine still look, taste and smell the same and have the same shape. But we do not receive "bread" and "wine" at communion. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The outward appearance of communion does not change. The characteristics do not change, but the reality, the "substance," does change. We call this change in substance "transubstantiation," a term used at the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215. St. Justin Martyr notes that just as Jesus became flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the bread and wine become the flesh and blood of Jesus by the power of his words, as contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

