

**ST. ELIZABETH  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Diocese of Knoxville*

**Mass intentions  
for June 21, 2020  
12th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**

† Sam & Betty Barker  
By: Leroy & Agnes Policky

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —**

† Sam & Betty Barker  
By: Barker family

**9:30 a.m. —**

† deceased of Joosten family  
By: Jos & Thea Tummers

**Parish Life**

**Happy Father's Day** — Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and foster fathers who model their lives after St. Joseph, patron saint of families.

**Knights of Columbus** — The monthly meeting for the Knights of Columbus will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday in church basement. Temperatures will be required to be taken of all attendees, in order to gain entry to church and the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, all members are invited to dinner at Dino's in downtown Elizabethton.



**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**

"Never be in a hurry;  
do everything quietly and in a calm spirit.  
Do not lose your inner peace  
for anything whatsoever,  
even if your whole world seems upset."  
— St. Francis de Sales —



**SPEAK IN THE LIGHT**

Jesus says that what he has spoken in the dark we are to proclaim in the light. It is not a message for a select few but for all who need comfort. It belongs to all people as the grace of God is for all. As we are challenged sometimes to acknowledge our friends when they are not socially acceptable, so too will our friendship with God be under strain if we try to keep it a secret. Jeremiah struggled with this too. He says, "The Word of the Lord has brought me derision...I say to myself, I won't mention him...But then it comes like a fire burning in my heart...and I can't bear it." Let the fire of God's love strengthen us to bring comfort to our suffering world.

By Patricia Stevenson, RSJ,  
Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

**Weekly readings**

**Monday**

2 Kings 17:5-8,  
13-15a, 18  
Matthew 7:1-5

**Tuesday**

2 Kings 19:9b-11,  
14-21, 31-35a, 36  
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

2 Kings 24:8-17  
Matthew 7:21-29

**Friday**

2 Kings 25:1-12  
Matthew 8:1-4

**Saturday**

Lamentations 2:2,  
10-14, 18-19  
Matthew 8:5-17

**13th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

2 Kings 4:8-11,  
14-16a  
Psalm 89:2-3, 16-19  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42

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**Reading 1**

(Jeremiah 20:10-13)  
Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

*The LORD  
is with me*

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 69:8-10, 17, 33-35)

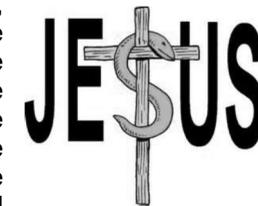
**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my mother's children, because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me. I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me. "See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!"

**Reading 2**

(Romans 5:12-15)  
Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there

is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.



**Gospel**

(Matthew 10:26-33)  
Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."



**Bishop's Appeal**

**Bishop's Appeal Update** — Our parish community is actively participating in the 2020 Bishop's Appeal, *A Joyful Witness*. Thank you for your support. Our parish's totals as of May 31 are listed below.

- *Parish goal: \$16,800*
- *Total committed: \$29,521*
- *Collections to date: \$20,593*