

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for June 28, 2020
13th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Naomi Bartus

By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Matt Kowolik

By: Ric & Norma Martin

9:30 a.m. —

† Valerie Millenbach

By: Knights of Columbus

Parish Life

Bereavement — Carmen Correa, sister of parishioner Maria Bingham, died recently in Peru. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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.

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
P.O. Box 7
Elizabethton, TN 37644

Address Changes — If you have moved or changed your phone number or email address, please let the church know. Send changes to coleenschneider@gmail.com or call or text 202-6387. Thank you!

Saintly Wisdom

“Contradictions, sickness, scruples, spiritual aridity, and all the inner and outward torments are the chisel with which God carves His statues for paradise.”

— St. Alphonsus Liguori —



GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE

Paul encourages us in our labors by reminding us even our sins are a source of an opportunity for grace. We are baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ. It raised us to a new life. Our symbolic death and resurrection have freed us from the mesh of sin. Our sins, setbacks, temporary lapses have no power over us. We have difficulty remembering this sometimes, especially at times of darkness. As Christians we can look for encouragement at the countless men and women and also children who have lived life in the light of faith in a God who is true to his Word.

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

Weekly readings

Monday

Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8,
17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday

Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12
Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday

Amos 5:14-15,
21-24
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday

Amos 7:10-17
Matthew 9:1-8

Friday

Ephesians 2:19-22
John 20:24-29

Saturday

Amos 9:11-15
Matthew 9:14-17

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Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 145:1-2,
8-11, 13-14
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

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Reading 1

(2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a)

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, “I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there.” Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, “Can something be done for her?” His servant Gehazi answered, “Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years.” Elisha said, “Call her.” When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.”



Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 89:2-3, 16-19)

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, “My kindness is established forever;” in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted. You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and the Holy One of Israel, our king.

Reading 2

(Romans 6:3-4, 8-11)

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ,

raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

(Matthew 10:37-42)

Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”



St. Peter and St. Paul

Monday is the celebration of the solemnity of two pivotal apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul. Jesus says to us as he said, in effect, to Peter: “It is not you who have chosen me, but I who have chosen you. Peter, it is not human wisdom that makes it possible for you to believe, but my Father’s revelation. I, not you, build my Church.” Paul’s experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made him one of the most zealous, dynamic and courageous ambassadors of Christ that the Church has ever had. But persecution, humiliation and weakness became his day-by-day carrying of the cross, material for further transformation. The dying Christ was in him; the living Christ was his life.

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