

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Alice Barker
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Wednesday, noon —
† Pat Constantine
By: David & Mary Bush

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Arlene Hecht
By: Dede & Jerry Noyes

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† James & Charlotte Leffler
By: Mark & Vikki Sitter

Saintly Wisdom

“Dismiss all anger
and look into yourself a little.
Remember that he
of whom you are speaking
is your brother,
and as he is in the way of salvation,
God can make him a saint,
in spite of his present weakness.”
— *St. Thomas of Villanova* —

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for your support and generosity

In-person Offertory
March 20, 2022

Regular, \$4,045.55
Easter flowers, \$580
Needy of the area, \$30
Development, \$25



THE PRODIGAL, THE VINDICTIVE AND THE PROVIDENT

Today's Gospel is usually called the parable of the Prodigal Son, but a more fitting title might be the Prodigal and Vindictive Sons. Prodigal means “wastefully extravagant.” It aptly fits the younger son who wants his father's legacy before the father dies, then acts foolishly and shows no regard for his family. The older brother has worked for his father all along, but his words suggest that his motives are not exactly pure either. His vindictiveness against his younger brother indicates his base character. The real hero of the story? The provident father. He loves both of his sons, despite their flaws. In the sons, we see the extremes of human failure. In the father, we see God.

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Weekly readings

**Fourth Sunday
of Lent**
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm 34:2-7
2 Corinthians
5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday
Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54

Tuesday
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-16

Wednesday
Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

Thursday
Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47

Friday
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10,
25-30

Saturday
Jeremiah 11:18-20
John 7:40-53

**Fifth Sunday
of Lent**
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126:1-6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Lay ministers for April 2/3

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Joshua Gouge, Issac Bienaime

Commentators/Readers

Sat. — S. Hummel
Sun. — T. Manning, G. Johnson, N. Schicker

Ushers

Sat. — G. Bratton, M. Hupko
Sun. — J. Tolejko, G. Bratton

Parish Life

Holy Hour on Sunday — The Knights of Columbus will have their Lenten Holy Hour at 3 p.m. this Sunday, March 27. All are invited.



Congratulations

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Congratulations to Madeleine Grubb, who received her first communion on Wednesday (March 23). Her parents are Matt and Kathleen Grubb.

Happy Anniversary! — Happy anniversary to parishioners George and Thea Bratton who will celebrate their 35th anniversary this Monday (March 28).

Stations of the Cross (and Soup Supper) — Come pray the Way of the Cross at 6 p.m. Fridays during Lent in the church. Also, join in the free soup supper at 5 p.m. Fridays (preceding the Stations of the Cross) in the parish hall. If possible, please sign up for the supper in the vestibule to help with the head count.



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.

New Parishioners — Are you a new parishioner? If you are, we welcome you and ask that you fill out a registration form, which can be found in the vestibule. Forms can be returned in the weekend collection. Thank you!

Parish & Diocesan Websites — Websites for St. Elizabeth and the Diocese of Knoxville can be accessed at the following sites:

- St. Elizabeth — stelizabethsparish.org
- Diocese of Knoxville — dioknox.org
- *East Tennessee Catholic*, the diocesan newspaper — etcatholic.org

The parish also has an online presence through the MyParish App and Facebook. Thank you to parishioner Cathy Champon for keeping the parish sites up to date.

Social Action

40 Cans for Lent — The Knights of Columbus invite all families to join them in donating one can of food a day during Lent in their “40 Cans of Food for Lent” program. (Please, no items in glass containers and no items past their expiration date.) Cash donations may be given to any Knight. All donations will be given to ARM (Assistance and Resources Ministries) in Elizabethton.



Aluminum Can Bin — The Knights of Columbus remind parishioners to deposit aluminum cans in the bin behind the rectory garage. Money raised from the can collection benefits the seminarian the Knights are sponsoring.



Humor

From the Internet — Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good morning, Lord,” and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good Lord, it's morning.”