

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

May 24, 2020

Mass Information

Sunday Mass Starts Next Weekend —

- One Mass will be at 5 p.m. Saturdays.
- The 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is for those with last names beginning with A-L.
- The 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is for those with last names beginning with M-Z. (Arrive no earlier than 9:15 a.m. please, to allow earlier Mass participants to exit.)
- Dispensation (from an obligation to attend Sunday Mass) continues to be extended to Catholics living in the diocese until further notice.
- NO daily Masses will be celebrated yet.

What to Expect Next Weekend —

- Wear a mask (required).
- Enter through the education building, near the office (east door by rectory).
- Seating will be on a first come/first serve basis. With social distancing, the church can seat only 46 people. Doors will be locked when capacity is met. (The cry room and balcony will be closed.)
- We will have no rosary before Mass, no singing (so as not to spread germs) and no homily (to keep Mass short Sundays).
- Exit through the church front doors.

Steps to Receive Communion — Please follow these steps (in this order) to receive communion.

- At sanitizing table, remove mask.
- Sanitize hands.
- Receive communion (in hands only).
- Replace mask and return to your seat.

Church Closed During the Week — The church will NOT be open in the afternoons in order to keep it clean and sanitized for the weekend Masses.

Parish Life

Remember the Dead — On this Memorial Day weekend, please remember in your prayers all who have died in the service of protecting our country to preserve peace and justice.

Online Giving for St. Elizabeth — St. Elizabeth now has its own online giving website. To give online to our parish, please register at:

<http://stelizabethsparish.weshareonline.org/>



Jesus did not want the apostles to remain dependent upon his physical presence. They would have to make their own way in the world. They had a destiny to fulfill as missionaries, spreading the faith to the world. As he had said to Mary Magdalene on Easter, "do not cling to me, but go and tell my brothers..." Now it was the apostles' turn to let go. But Jesus did not abandon them. He promised to send another "Paraclete" — a legal word implying a defender. This would be the Holy Spirit who would come a little over a week later on Pentecost. Jesus gave ample warning of his departure, but the reality of this farewell did not sink in until he finally ascended into heaven.

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Weekly readings

Monday

Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30;
23:6-11
John 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21
John 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20,
30-31
John 21:20-25

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24,
29-31, 34
1 Corinthians
12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1

(Acts 1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered



them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted

up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9)

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is terrible, a great king over all the earth. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the

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king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Reading 2

(Ephesians 1:17-23)

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Gospel

(Matthew 28:16-20)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

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