

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Diocese of Knoxville

May 3, 2020

Parish Life

Church Open For Certain Hours — St. Elizabeth Church is open between noon and 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. It will be closed on Mondays. Please continue social distancing when you visit the church.

Bereavement — Peggy Abell, a former parishioner, died recently. Please keep her family in your prayers.

World Day of Prayers for Vocations — This Sunday is designated as World Day of Prayers for Vocations. Please pray that more people will consider joining the priesthood and the religious life.

To View Mass — For a recorded Mass, go to dioknox.org and click on the cathedral tab. Sunday Mass can also be viewed on TV on channel EWTN (for those who subscribe to it) at 8 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. Sunday.

Act of Spiritual Communion — My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at the moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Saintly Wisdom

“No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance.”
— *St. Leo the Great* —



Jesus often used examples from daily life to explain his teachings. Shepherds would have been common sights in his day. They literally gave up large portions of their lives for their flocks. Sheep are near-sighted and eat constantly. The shepherd has to live out in the wild, following them and protecting them from harm and from predators. At night he herded them into stone enclosures that were open only on one side. Since these pens usually had no gate, the shepherd lay his body across the entrance. He became the barrier against harm, putting his life on the line for the sheep.

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Weekly readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18
John 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26
John 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
John 15:9-17

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25
John 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33
John 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52
John 14:7-14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 (Acts 2:14a, 36-41)
Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: “Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call.” He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.



Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23:1-6)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.



Reading 2 (1 Peter 2:20b-25)

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God.

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For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.* When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel (John 10:1-10)

Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

