

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for Nov. 21, 2021
*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Mary Seitzinger
By: Stapleton family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Brenda Joy Vumbaco
By: Fran & Rodney Robey

Wednesday, noon —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

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Daniel 7:13-14 — Daniel's visions continued to show "one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven" who was presented before "the Ancient One." He then received dominion, glory and kingship over all peoples and nations, "an everlasting dominion" that will not be destroyed.



Psalm 93:1-2, 5 — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Revelation 1:5-8 — Jesus is ruler of the kings of the earth and has made us into a kingdom of priests for his Father. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

John 18:33b-37 — Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. You say I am a king. For this I was born, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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Daniel 7:13-14
Psalm 93:1-2, 5
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37



THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

The book of Revelation has many parallels to the book of Daniel. Today's second reading (Revelation) seems to be a continuation of the first (from Daniel). The figure on the clouds is clearly identified as Jesus. One additional element is the reference to "Alpha" — the first letter of the Greek alphabet — and Omega — the last letter (equivalent to our long O). In English Jesus might say, "I am the A and the Z." The text implies that all creation began with Christ and will end with him. Our past origins and our future salvation are only to be understood in and through him.

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Weekly readings

Monday
St. Cecilia
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday
Daniel 2:31-45
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday
*St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc
& companions*
Daniel 5:1-6,
13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday
Sirach 50:22-24
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Luke 17:11-19

Friday
Daniel 7:2-14
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday
Daniel 7:15-27
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
1 Thessalonians
3:12—4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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Liturgical Seasons

The liturgical year ends with the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which we celebrate this weekend. The new liturgical year begins next weekend with the first Sunday of Advent.

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas as a time of preparation and expectation (for both the birth of Jesus and the second coming of Jesus). The liturgical color for Advent is purple — the color of preparation, expectation and purification.

We celebrate **Christmas** for more than just the day that we recall the birth of Jesus. It is a season that begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and continues through the Sunday after Jan. 6 (Epiphany). The color for Christmas is white, which signifies joy, birth, holiness, purity and innocence.

Lent begins Ash Wednesday and continues until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Signifying sorrow and penitence, purple is the liturgical color for Lent.

The **Easter Triduum** is the "feast of feasts" in the liturgical year. It begins with the Holy Thursday Mass and continues with the Passion of Christ service on Good Friday, the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday and Masses on Easter Sunday. (Good Friday is the only day of the liturgical year that Mass is not celebrated.) Red, the color of sacrifice and blood, is worn on Good Friday. White is the liturgical color for Holy Thursday and Easter.

The **Easter season** begins with Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days (until Pentecost). During Easter, we recall Christ's Resurrection, which signifies the death of sin and the life of grace.

Ordinary Time refers to the days between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent as well as those days after Pentecost (through the summer and fall). Green is the liturgical color for Ordinary Time. It represents hope, growth, life and faithfulness.

—From *The Catholic Source Book*

Saintly Wisdom

"When once men recognize,
both in private and in public life,
that Christ is King,
society will at last receive the great blessings
of real liberty, well-ordered discipline,
peace and harmony."
— *Pope Pius XI* —

Parish Life

Bereavement — Two parishioners died this week — Roxanne Haskill and Mary Locy. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Music for 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass — Anyone who would like to participate in the music for the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass may contact Jeanie Walker at 502-4226. Rehearsals will begin after Thanksgiving.

Social Action

Angel Tree — "Angels" are available this weekend for the annual Angel Tree, which benefits underprivileged children at Harold McCormick School. Gifts will be distributed through the Elizabethton school system before the Christmas holidays, so the deadline for bringing in gifts is Sunday, Dec. 5. Keep in mind that this may be all that some children receive in the way of Christmas gifts. They are in need of clothes to wear to school like adjustable waistband pants, simple shirts and tennis shoes. Cash donations may also be made. Questions? Call (after 4 p.m.) or text parishioner Donna Townsend at 342-7254.



Advent Food Drive — The annual Advent Food Drive of the Knights of Columbus will begin next weekend and run through Christmas weekend. Items to be collected will include nonperishable food (no glass, please) as well as money. They will be given to ARM (Assistance Resources Ministry) in Elizabethton.

