

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Nov. 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† deceased of Tummers family
By: *Jos & Thea Tummers*

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

People of the parish

9:30 a.m. —

† Debbie Cooper
By: *Mary Carr*

Wednesday, noon —

People of the parish

Parish Life

Deacon Formation Collection — Next weekend a second collection will be taken up for diocesan deacon formation. It will assist the development of 74 deacons and the instruction of 25 deacon candidates.

Holy Hour — The Knights of Columbus are conducting an Advent holy hour beginning at 3 p.m. next Sunday, Dec. 6. The hour will include the rosary, benediction, scripture and quiet reflection



Food and Baby Item Drive — The Knights of Columbus are conducting an Advent drive — food for ARM (Assistance and Resources Ministry) in Elizabethton and baby items for the Pregnancy Help Center/Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. Nonperishable food (no glass, please) as well as diapers and pullups, new bottles and pacifiers, baby blankets, towels, baby wash and lotion may be placed in the collection box near the entrance that is used during the pandemic.

Dispensation

Catholics living in the diocese are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged.



WATCH!

The word "Advent" means "coming" and starts with a message similar to the theme of last week's Mass. Be ready and watch for the coming of Jesus. This can be understood in three ways. First, we anticipate Christ's advent on Christmas when God enters human existence in a totally personal way. Second, we look forward to Jesus' arrival in our lives through the blossoming of our faith. Finally, we speculate on the end of this universe at the conclusion of time. The universe is not self-sustaining. Eventually it will terminate in some sort of extinction. Then the real universe will begin in God.

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Weekly readings

Monday

St. Andrew
Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday

Isaiah 11:1-10
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday

St. Francis Xavier
Isaiah 26:1-6
Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ephesians 1:3-6,
11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Matthew 9:35—
10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

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of Advent*
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
Psalm 85:9-14
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Saintly Wisdom

"When you have free moments, go faithfully to prayer. The good God is waiting for you there."
- St. Julie Billiart -

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Reading 1 (Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7)
You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.



Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 80:2-3,15-16, 18-19)
R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us. Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong. May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

Reading 2 (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)
Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I

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give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel

(Mark 13:33-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"



Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself. Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.



Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with actions. Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

Rev. Richard Bott, moderator
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