

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for Oct. 25, 2020 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Bilar Tenoir
By: Mally Cruz

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Marion Barnett
By: Knights of Columbus
Assembly 1840

9:30 a.m. —

† Jim Townsend
By: Donna, Jimmy & Lisa Townsend

Wednesday, noon —

Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

Parish Life

Congratulations! — Congratulations to George Gehring, who received the sacraments of initiation last Saturday. Welcome into the Church!

Retirement Webinar — The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a free webinar for all parishioners at 8 p.m. Thursday on retirement planning. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/hegna1029>

Fundraiser Ends Oct. 31 — The Knights of Columbus fundraiser ends Halloween at Ultimate Shine Car Wash. Use fundraiser code 2148.

COVID-19 Assistance — East Tennessee COVID-19 assistance is available for those impacted by the pandemic since March 1, 2020. Help is available for mortgage, rent and utilities bills. Apply by Nov. 10 at covidrelief@ccetn.org or call 865-963-4730.

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.



WHY DOES GOD COMMAND US TO LOVE HIM?

Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to love God totally. If you stop and think about it, this seems a strange demand. Is God such an egotist that he has to order us to love him? Or is it rather that love is essential to our salvation? Humans are born without knowing how to love. We have to learn this from others: parents, friends, relatives, etc. One of the results of love is that we link with others in a personal relationship. Heaven is achieved by bonding with God. It's nothing that we can earn or achieve. It can only come when we intimately know God on a personal level. Love is necessary for our future survival. God commands us to love him for our benefit, not his.

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Weekly readings

Monday

Ephesians 4:32—
5:8
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday

Ephesians 5:21-33
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday

St. Simon
& St. Jude
Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-16

Thursday

Ephesians 6:10-20
Luke 13:31-35

Friday

Philippians 1:1-11
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday

Philippians
1:18b-26
Luke 14:1, 7-11

All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4,
9-14
Psalm 24:1-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Saintly Wisdom

"Let us love God,
but
with the strength
of our arms,
in the sweat
of our brow."
St. Vincent de Paul

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Reading 1

(Exodus 22:20-26)

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. "If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength. I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies. The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

Reading 2

(1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10)

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Gospel

(Matthew 22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Bishop's Appeal

Bishop's Appeal Update — Our parish community is actively participating in the 2020 Bishop's Appeal, *A Joyful Witness*. Thank you for your support. Our parish's totals as of Sept. 30 are listed below.

- Parish goal: \$16,800
- Total committed: \$29,561
- Collections to date: \$25,522

Special Collections

Collection for MR Foundation — The Knights of Columbus will be collecting money next weekend for the MR Foundation. The foundation provides assistance to special education classes in local schools. The collection is in celebration of the beatification of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Catholic School Tuition Collection — The diocesan collection for Catholic school tuition will be on the weekends of Nov. 7-8 and Nov. 14-15. The bishop asks that the collection be taken up over *two* consecutive weekends given the lower Mass attendance parishes are still experiencing and because our Catholic schools have experienced an increase in requests for tuition assistance.