

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions for Oct. 31, 2021 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Betty Jo Barker
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

Joe Gonzales
By: People of the parish

Monday, noon — All Saints Day

Wednesday, noon —

Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 — Moses told the people to keep the commandments of the Lord because “the Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51 — I love you, Lord, my strength.

Hebrews 7:23-28 — Jesus has a priesthood that does not pass away. He has no need to offer sacrifice day after day because he did it once for all when he offered himself.

Mark 12:28b-34 — A scribe asked Jesus, “Which is the first of all commandments?” Jesus answered “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Then he said the second of the commandments is “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

**Greatest
Commandment**

Oct. 31, 2021

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28b-34



HEAR, O ISRAEL!

In Judaism, one of the closest things to a creed is the "Shema." Its name comes from the Hebrew word for "Hear." The statement "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone" means that Israel will serve only one God. Orthodox Jews wear the Shema in boxes or phylacteries on their arms and foreheads. They are also placed in containers, called "Mezuzahs" at front doors of their homes. Jesus places an emphasis on the second part of the Shema, "You shall love the Lord..." He teaches the value of a personal bond with his Father and the Holy Spirit. To this injunction Jesus adds a verse from Leviticus 19:18 "You shall love your neighbor..."

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Weekly readings

Monday

All Saints Day
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Tuesday

All Souls' Day
Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 5:5-11
John 6:37-40

Wednesday

Romans 13:8-10
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday

St. Charles Borromeo
Romans 14:7-12
Luke 15:1-10

Friday

Romans 15:14-21
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday

Romans 16:3-9,
16, 22-27
Luke 16:9-15

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:10-16
Psalm 146:7-10
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

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In-person Offertory
Oct. 24, 2021

Regular \$1,636
Missions, \$132
Deacon formation, \$80

Communion of Saints

“Communion of Saints” is the spiritual union that exists among the people on earth, the souls of the dead who are being purified in purgatory and the saints in heaven, all together forming one Church, notes *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. These three levels are called the three dimensions of the Communion of Saints:

- **On earth**—The pilgrim church on earth is also called the Church militant. “To St. Paul, as to all the Catholic Church, all Christians are ‘saints’ by virtue of their baptism. We are holy because we are temples of the Holy Spirit...” states Scott Hahn in his book, *Signs of Life*.
- **In purgatory**—The Church suffering includes those who are destined for heaven after purification in purgatory. From the very earliest days of the Christian religion, the Church has honored with great respect the memory of the dead. Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.
- **In heaven**—Heaven is the Church triumphant. “The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. Their intercession is their most exalted service to God’s plan,” according to the catechism.

The Church is Christ’s Body, but Christ has only one Body, not one on earth and one in heaven. “Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ,” notes paragraph 957 in the catechism.

—From *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Saintly Wisdom

“God’s invitation to become saints is for all, not just a few.

Sanctity therefore must be accessible to all.

In what does it consist? In a lot of activity? No.

In doing extraordinary things? No.

This could not be for everybody and at all times.

Sanctity consists in doing good, in whatever condition and place

God has placed us.

Nothing more, nothing outside of this.”

— *Blessed Louis Tezza* —

Parish Life

All Saints Day —Mass for All Saints Day will be at noon on Monday. Because Nov. 1 falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation.

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, downstairs in the church hall. All members are welcome and invited to attend.

Email for Fr. Dennis — To reach Fr. Dennis in a non-emergency, please feel free to email him at stelizabeth@chartertn.net. Only Fr. Dennis has access to this pastoral email address.

Parish & Diocesan Websites — Websites for St. Elizabeth and the Diocese of Knoxville can be accessed at the following sites:

- St. Elizabeth — stelizabethsparish.org
- Diocese of Knoxville — dioknox.org
- *East Tennessee Catholic* (the diocesan newspaper) — etcatholic.org.

The parish also has an online presence through the MyParish App and Facebook. Thank you to parishioner Cathy Champon for keeping the parish sites up to date.

Church Library — Thanks to Wanda Manning for cataloging and shelving donated books in the church library on the first floor of the education building. Donations of religious books and audio-visual materials may be put in the “donations” bag on the bottom shelf.