

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions for Sept. 12, 2021 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† David J. Yarwood
By: Carol Faniola

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Barbara Luoma
By: Catherine Hiles

Wednesday — No Mass

24thrd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4c-9a — The Lord opens my ear that I may hear, and I have not rebelled. The Lord is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; who will prove me wrong?

Psalms 116:1-6, 8-9 — I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

James 2:14-18 — What good is it if someone says he has faith but does not have works. "Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."

Mark 8:27-35 — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They answered: "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." When Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ." With that, Jesus taught them that he must suffer greatly and be killed, rising after three days. Peter rebuked Jesus, but Jesus told him: "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Later Jesus told the crowd and his disciples: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

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Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35



**KEEP WARM
& EAT WELL**

St. James was a strong believer in social justice. He illustrates this with a reverse view of Jesus' sermon on the Last Judgment. Christ had taught that our salvation would depend on whether we fed the poor, gave drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, etc. James builds on this by teaching that, if we ignore those in need, our faith is dead. For example, if someone came to us looking for food and we offered simply to pray for them, we would flunk our test. Do you just wish "good luck" to those in need, or do you make a real difference in the war against poverty?

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Weekly readings

Monday
St. John Chrysostom
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday
*Exaltation
of the Holy Cross*
Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Wednesday
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Timothy 3:14-16
John 19:25-27

Thursday
*St. Cornelius
& St. Cyprian*
1 Timothy 4:12-16
Luke 7:36-50

Friday
1 Timothy 6:2c-12
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday
1 Timothy 6:13-16
Luke 8:4-15

**25th Sunday
of Ordinary Time**
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8
James 3:16—4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Saintly Wisdom

"The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest."
—St. Thomas More—

Faith and Works

St. Paul and St. James both write about faith and works, but they seem to refute each other:

- "For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the law." (Romans 3:28)
- "You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone." (James 2:24)

While James and Paul address different situations in the early church, they both share a common belief in both faith and works.

Faith

Since everyone sins, we all need to be "justified by his [God's] grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus," Paul states. He is speaking of that free gift of grace that transforms us inwardly at the time of conversion. This faith moves us toward God and Baptism. It infuses us with God's Spirit and life.

James looks at those who already "hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ," those who are already Christians. For him, the question is: how do you live that faith in your daily life?

Works

Paul objects to the Jews who boast of their relationship with God based on how well they follow the Mosaic Law. Paul notes that no one can earn or merit the free gift of grace simply by obeying the moral and ritual laws in the Torah (the first five books of the bible).

James suggests that to live the gospel means to perform works of mercy in practical and charitable ways. These works are signs of Christian obedience that respond to the grace of Christ. James simply corrects "those who took Paul out of context and minimized the importance of works as a proper and necessary expression of faith in the Christian life," notes the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible.

As St. Augustine once said: "Walking by faith, let us do good works. Let us then do what we can for others."

—From *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, New Testament*

Parish Life

Parish Picnic — The annual parish picnic has been scheduled for 5 p.m. this Sunday at the Riverside Pavilion in the park behind the Elizabethton River Riders ballpark. J's Corner will cater the picnic (starting at 5:30).

Religious Education — Classes begin this Sunday after Mass for the youth and children. To enroll, contact Coleen Schneider at 202-6387.

Happy Anniversary! — Happy anniversary to Mel and Deanna Irick who celebrated their 30th anniversary this week (Sept. 7).

Respect Life Month — The Knights of Columbus are observing Respect Life Month through October by collecting items for the Pregnancy



Help Center of Catholic Charities. Boxes will be at the entrances of the church throughout October to collect baby items such as diapers, pull-ups, new bottles/pacifiers, baby blankets, towels, baby wash and lotion. Money donations can be made to

St. Elizabeth with "Pregnancy Help Center" in the memo line.

Holy Hour — The Knights of Columbus will kick off Respect Life Month with a Holy Hour for all parishioners beginning at 3 p.m. on Oct. 3, Respect Life Sunday. Holy Hour will include scripture reading, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and praying the rosary.

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In-person Offertory
Aug. 29, 2021

Regular, \$3,175
Haiti/Afghanistan, \$2,472
Backpack Buddies,
\$1,081.30

In-person Offertory
Sept 5, 2021

Regular, \$3,761.26
Backpack Buddies, \$485
Development, \$20

WeShare (online) August, \$3,245