

# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions  
for Sept. 13, 2020  
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**

† Naomi Bartus

By: George & Thea Bratton

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —**

† Stephen York

By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

**9:30 a.m. —**

† W.J. Carr

By: Mary Carr

**Wednesday, noon —**

† Marsha Hupko

By: Mike Hupko

## Parish Life

**Ladies' Guild to Sell Face Masks** — The Ladies' Guild will sell face masks and kitchen towels this weekend after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses.

**Bereavement** — Longtime parishioner Paul McAllister died this week. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

**Seminarian Education Collection** — The diocesan collection for seminarian education will be on the weekends of Oct. 3-4 and Oct. 10-11. The bishop asks that the collection be taken up over *two* consecutive weekends given the lower Mass attendance parishes are still experiencing. Normally the collection is on Easter Sunday, but parishes were closed this year because of COVID-19.

**Knights' Fundraiser** — The Knights of Columbus fundraiser continues at Ultimate Shine Car Wash, using the code 2148.

## 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.



## THE VENGEFUL

Revenge could be extreme in biblical times. A mere slight or insult might bring maiming and even death. God tried to limit this in the Old Testament by limiting vengeance to "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a life for a life." (Ex 21:24) This statement may seem uncharitable by Christian teaching, but people had to be brought along slowly. Toward the end of the Old Testament time period, an elderly religion teacher named Sirach taught that revenge in any form was contrary to the law of God. It would heap God's wrath upon those who resorted to anger in any form.

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## Weekly readings

### Monday

*Exaltation of the Cross*

Numbers 21:4b-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

### Tuesday

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

1 Corinthians

12:12-14, 27-31a

John 19:25-27

### Wednesday

*St. Cornelius*

& *St. Cyprian*

1 Corinthians

12:31—13:13

Luke 7:31-35

### Thursday

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 7:36-50

### Friday

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 8:1-3

### Saturday

1 Corinthians

15:35-37, 42-49

Luke 8:4-15

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Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9,  
17-18

Philippians

1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

### Saintly Wisdom

"No act  
is charitable  
if it is not just."

— *St. Bruno* —

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### Reading 1

(Sirach 27:30—28:7)

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

### Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12)

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

### Reading 2

(Romans 14:7-9)

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live

for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

### Gospel

(Matthew 18:21-35)

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of



his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."