

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for Sept. 26, 2021
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Betty Jo Barker
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† Victor T. Marchioni
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

† Arnold Simerly
By: Carolyn Hathaway

Wednesday, noon —

† Barbara Luoma
By: Catherine Hiles

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Wisdom 11:25-29 — The Lord bestowed his spirit on the 70 elders, including two who were not present, and they prophesied. Joshua complained to Moses about the two not present but still able to prophesy, and Moses said "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!"

Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14 — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.



James 5:1-6 — James warns the rich that the cries of the harvesters, whose wages the rich have withheld, "have reached the ears of the Lord."

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 — Jesus tells John that "no one who performs a mighty deed in my name can at the same time speak ill of me, for whoever is not against us is for us." Jesus adds that death would be better for anyone who "causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin."

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Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



DO NOT PREVENT HIM

In an almost identical situation to Joshua and Moses, John complains to Jesus about an outsider who is working miracles in Christ's name. Our Lord is not mad. He points out that anyone who is not against him is really with him. This is a lesson in tolerance that we should apply to anyone who doesn't think or believe the same that we do.

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Weekly readings

Monday

St. Vincent de Paul
Zechariah 8:1-8
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday

Zechariah 8:20-23
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday

St. Michael &
St. Raphael
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
John 1:47-51

Thursday

St. Jerome
Nehemiah 8:1-4a,
5-6, 7b-12
Luke 10:1-12

Friday

St. Thérèse
of the Child Jesus
Baruch 1:15-22
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday

Guardian Angels
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

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Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 128:1-6
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

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In-person Offertory
Sept. 19, 2021

Regular, \$2,268
Backpack Buddies,
\$9.30

Plagues and Animal Sacrifices

As slaves in Egypt, God's people began worshiping Egyptian idols. God called Moses to ask the Pharaoh to allow the Israelites to offer sacrifices to God in the wilderness. When Pharaoh refused, God sent 10 plagues attacking the very things the Egyptians worshiped.

1. **Nile River turned to blood**—The Nile was identified with the god Hapi and was seen as the bloodstream for Osiris, the god of life.
2. **Frogs**—The goddess Heket, represented with a frog head, was tied to fertility in Egypt.
3. **Lice from the "dust of the land"**—Desert sand represented the Egyptian god Seth (the god of deserts and chaos).
4. **Flies**—Kheper, represented by the beetle or fly, was the Egyptian god of creation.
5. **Pestilence among the livestock**—The cow goddess Hathor, bull god Apis and ram god Khnun represented strength, courage and virility to the Egyptians.
6. **Boils**—Egyptian priests could not stand before Pharaoh if they were ritually unclean (as with boils), so they depended on Imhotep, the god of medicine and healing.
7. **Hail**—Egyptians considered the goddess Nut as protector of the weather and skies.
8. **Locusts**—These were seen as an attack of Egyptian gods of Sobek (of insects) and Anubis (of the fields).
9. **Darkness**—Re (Ra) was the Egyptian god of the light and the sun.
10. **Death of firstborn**—The Egyptians worshiped Pharaoh as a god, with his firstborn son to take his place at his death.

When the Israelites left Egypt and then created a golden calf in the wilderness (still clinging to the Egyptian "gods"), God required for the first time animal sacrifices. They could not slaughter and eat the animals the Egyptians sacrificed to their gods (now considered unclean), only the animals the Egyptians venerated (clean).

—From Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavin's *Our Father's Plan*

Saintly Wisdom

"God has no need of your money, but the poor have.
You give it to the poor, and God receives it."
— St. Augustine —

Parish Life

Holy Hour Next Sunday —The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a holy hour for all parishioners at 3 p.m. next Sunday, Oct. 3 (Respect Life Sunday). Holy Hour will include scripture reading, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and praying the rosary.



Christmas Craft Sale on Oct. 9 —The St. Elizabeth Ladies Guild's annual Christmas Craft Sale will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct 9. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a bake sale will not be a part of the craft sale this year. Masks are required. See you there!

Respect Life Donations —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.

Online Giving for St. Elizabeth — To give online to St. Elizabeth Church, please register at:

<http://stelizabethsparish.weshareonline.org/>

Your envelope number will be linked with your online giving information.

Special Intentions

Priesthood Sunday — Priesthood Sunday is celebrated this weekend. It is a day to honor priesthood in the U.S. and reflect on the central role of the priesthood in the Church. Please pray for all priests who have touched your life, especially our pastor, Fr. Dennis.