

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for Sept. 27, 2020 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Charlene Reardon
By: Ed & Linda Yarwood

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Maryann Marchioni
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

9:30 a.m. —

† Arnold Simerly
By: Carolyn Hathaway

Wednesday, noon —

† Nellie Jo Pate
By: Fran & Rodney Robey

Parish Life

Rosary Rally — A rosary will be prayed for America at noon Saturday, Oct. 10, at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Elizabethton, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. All are invited. For more information, please contact Judy Kilby at 926-9371.



Seminarian Education Collection — The diocesan collection for seminarian education will be on the next two weekends (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.

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

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.



EQUALITY WITH GOD

Jesus of Nazareth is divine. He was born into this world over 2000 years ago, but he has always existed. He is immortal and infinitely powerful. He entered into time and space through the womb of Mary. He surrendered the unlimited power, knowledge and glory that is his by divine right, but he did not put on a "human suit" and pretend to be one of us. Paul tells us Jesus did not greedily clutch his divine attributes. He was truly "one like us in all things but sin." Jesus wasn't slumming. He showed that it is possible to reach heaven the same way that he did: with the love of the Father. He clung to equality with us.

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Weekly readings

Monday

Deuteronomy 7:9-10,
13-14
John 1:47-51

Tuesday

Sts. Michael,
Gabriel & Raphael
Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday

St. Jerome
Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday

St. Thérèse
of the Child Jesus
Job 19:21-27
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Friday

Holy Guardian
Angels
Job 38:1, 12-21:
40:3-5
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Luke 10:17-24

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Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:9, 12-16,
19-20
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Saintly Wisdom

"Patience is
the companion
of wisdom."
—St. Augustine—

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Reading 1

(Ezekiel 18:25-28)
Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 25:4-9)
R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Reading 2

(Philippians 2:1-11)
Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the

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name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

(Matthew 21:28-32)
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Knights of Columbus

Monthly Meeting — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, after the rosary at 5:30. Both will take place downstairs in the church hall. All members are welcome and invited to attend.

Fundraiser — The Knights of Columbus fundraiser continues through October at Ultimate Shine Car Wash. Choose your wash, enter fundraiser code 2148, then pay and 30 percent of the sale automatically goes to the Knights.

August Honors — The Knights of Columbus have announced the following honors for August:

- **Family of the month** — Tom and Wanda Manning
- **Knight of the month** — Bob Gamache