

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for Sept. 5, 2021
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Nanci Vasilko
By: Kent & Coleen Schneider

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Elizabeth Hathaway
By: Carolyn Hathaway

Wednesday, noon —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

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Isaiah 35:4-7a — The Lord says to those with frightened hearts: Be strong, fear not! God comes to save you—opening the eyes of the blind, clearing the ears of the deaf, loosing the tongues of the deaf and freeing those who are lame.

Psalms 146:6-10 — Praise the Lord, my soul!



James 2:1-5 — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith, for giving preference to the rich over the poor makes one a judge with evil designs. “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?”

Mark 7:31-37 — The people brought to Jesus a deaf man with a speech impediment and asked for healing. Jesus took the man aside and did as he was asked. He then ordered them not to tell anyone. In their astonishment, however, they exclaimed, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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Psalm 146:6-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37



SPITTING, TOUCHED HIS
TONGUE

To give his apostles a break from their missionary work, Jesus has taken them to Lebanon. Now he returns, stopping at a Roman city called Scitapolis. Some people bring him a deaf-mute and ask for a healing. Jesus does a strange thing. He sticks his fingers in the man's ears and rubs saliva on his tongue. We might wonder why he did these unusual acts. Basically, he is using sign language, probably the only words that the man can understand. Instead of a casual "be cured," Jesus gives the man the dignity and personal care that he deserves: away from the crowd.

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Weekly readings

Monday
Colossians 1:24—
2:3
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday
Nativity of Blessed
Virgin Mary
Micah 5:1-4a
Matthew 1:1-16,
18-23

Thursday
St. Peter Claver
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 6:27-38

Friday
1 Timothy 1:1-2,
12-14
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 6:43-49

24th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
Isaiah 50:4c-9a
Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

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In-person Offertory
Aug. 29, 2021

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Threefold Promise to Abraham

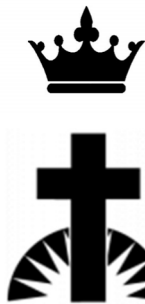
God made three promises to Abram (later called Abraham) because of his steadfast faithfulness to God. These promises God fulfilled in later covenants with Abraham's descendants.

Land promise — In Genesis 15, God tells Abram, a childless old man with an established life in his homeland: “Go forth to a land I will show you....I will make of you a great nation.” Abraham believed and left his homeland. God gave him many descendants, who eventually became known as the Israelites. God later fulfilled this promise (of land) to Abraham in a covenant with Moses, who led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to a land of milk and honey.

Kingdom promise — God promised Abram a “great name” or kingdom in Genesis 17. When Abram was 99 (25 years after God first called him) and his wife Sarai was 90, God renewed the promise of descendants and renamed him Abraham (“father of a vast multitude”) and Sarai as Sarah (“queen mother”). God fulfilled this promise in a later covenant with David: “Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever...”

Worldwide blessing promise — In Genesis 22, God promised Abraham: “I will bless you abundantly...and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing.” When Abraham was willing to obey God and sacrifice his son Isaac, God sent an angel to tell Abraham: “Do not lay your hand on the lad...for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your...only son from me.” God fulfilled this promise (worldwide blessing) in the New Covenant of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God. “Christ redeemed us...that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles [those not descended from Abraham] that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” (Gal. 3:14)

—From Scott Hahn's *A Father Who Keeps His Promises*



Saintly Wisdom
“If you cannot find Christ
in the beggar at the Church door,
you will not find him in the Chalice.”
—St. John Chrysostom—

Parish Life

Parish Picnic — The annual parish picnic has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Riverside Pavilion in the park behind the Elizabethton River Riders ballpark. J's Corner will cater the picnic (starting at 5:30). Sign up in the vestibule (for head count).



Parish School of Religion — Classes for the Parish School of Religion will begin Sunday, Sept. 12, for the youth and children of the parish. Classes will meet for an hour after the 9 a.m. Mass, ending at 11 a.m.

New Parishioners — Are you a new parishioner? If you are, we welcome you and ask that you fill out a registration form, which can be found in the vestibule. Forms can be returned in the weekend collection. Thank you!

Social Action

Backpack Buddies — Thank you to all who have “adopted” needy students in the Backpack Buddies program for this year. Donations may be put in the collection any weekend, with “Backpack Buddies” noted in the memo line. The Backpack Buddies program supplies needy school children with backpacks full of kid-friendly foods for them to eat at home on the weekends. The cost is \$93 a year (or \$9.30 a month for 10 months) per student.

Aluminum Can Bin — The Knights of Columbus remind parishioners to deposit aluminum cans in the bin behind the rectory garage. Money raised from the can collection benefits the seminarian the Knights are sponsoring.

