

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Jan. 1, 2023**

**Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Sam & Betty Jo Barker
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Ray Siegrist
By: Fran & Rodney Robey

Wednesday, noon —
Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Daniel Paul
By: Knights of Columbus

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† John Carner
By: Deacon Rich's class

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for your support
and generosity**

In-person Offertory
Dec. 25, 2022

Regular, \$8,383.65
Catholic Charities
immigration
services, \$5
Development, \$5



**MAY THE LORD
BLESS YOU**

We often hear the words “bless” or “blessing” in religion. What technically is a blessing? One major dictionary explains it as “something promoting or contributing to happiness, well-being or prosperity.” In the religious sense, it is a prayer that God will confer this happiness, etc. on someone. Moses gave this right (or rite) to his brother, Aaron and his priestly descendants. Certainly it is appropriate to seek God's blessing at the dawn of a new year. But its use in today's Mass has a special meaning. Mary was called “blessed... among all women” by the angel. The manner of this blessing was that she gained an intimacy with God held by no other.

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Weekly readings

**Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God**
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Monday
*St. Basil the Great &
St. Gregory Nazianzen*
1 John 2:22-28
John 1:19-28

Tuesday
1 John 2:29—3:6
John 1:29-34

Wednesday
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 John 3:7-10
John 1:35-42

Thursday
St. John Neumann
1 John 3:11-21
John 1:43-51

Friday
1 John 5:5-13
Mark 1:7-11

Saturday
1 John 5:14-21
John 2:1-11

Sunday
Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Lay ministers for Jan. 7/8

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Issac Bienaime, Carl Johnson

Commentators

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — Richard Barker

Readers

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — Richard Barker, Shirley Batchelder

Ushers

Sat. — Mike Hupko, J.J. Regan
Sun. — Tim Eilers, Tom Manning

Saintly Wisdom

“In trial or difficulty
I have recourse to Mother Mary,
whose glance alone is enough
to dissipate every fear.”
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux—

Parish Life

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday. All members are welcome and invited to attend.

Bereavement Help Needed — If you can help with food preparations or any other assistance when the parish has a grieving family, please email Mary Putnam at putnam3737@gmail.com. Thanks!

Friday Prayer Time — The church is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays for prayer time. On the first Friday of the month, which includes this Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 11:30 a.m.



Inclement Weather — If the Elizabethton school system cancels classes on Wednesdays because of inclement weather, then daily Mass will not be celebrated that day. Parishioners are encouraged to stay home when road conditions or temperatures make traveling dangerous.

Calendars — Remember to pick up a 2023 calendar in the vestibule — one per family please.

Mailings to Church — Any donations or other communication to be mailed to the church should be mailed to the post office box:

St. Elizabeth Church
P.O. Box 7
Elizabethton, TN 37644

Address Changes — If you have moved or changed your phone number or email address since the last phone directory information was collected, please let the church know. Updates may be given to Coleen Schneider at 202-6387 or coleenschneider@gmail.com Thank you!

Education & Formation

Parish School of Religion — Classes for the Parish School of Religion are cancelled this Sunday but will resume next Sunday Jan. 8.

Social Action

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.



Wheelchairs Available — The Knights of Columbus have two wheelchairs available for loan to parishioners. Please contact one of the Knights if you have a need for one.

Tax Reminder

Charity Donation Letter — If you would like a letter summarizing your donations to St. Elizabeth for 2022 (as support for your tax return), please drop a note in the weekend collection with your name and the words “tax letter” on it.