

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for Feb. 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Frankie Carr
By: Mary Carr

Wednesday, noon —
Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Ruben Gonzales
By: Knights of Columbus

Saintly Wisdom

"The first step of humility
is unhesitating obedience
which comes naturally to those
who cherish Christ above all."
— St. Benedict of Nursia —

**Thanks
for your
support
and
generosity**

In-person Offertory Feb. 5, 2023

Regular, \$3,352.70
Area needy, \$252
Backpack Buddies, \$20



BETTER THAN GOOD

Jesus was a good Jew who learned and lived the "Law," also called the Ten Commandments. Jesus came to fulfill that Law by his life and teaching and did so with exceptional faithfulness. Unlike the scribes and Pharisees, he was not as scrupulous about the laws of ritual purity. He and his disciples gleaned ears of corn to feed themselves on the Sabbath, and he consorted and ate with many whom the Jews considered "unclean." But Jesus challenges his disciples — that includes us — to go beyond good and to seek to be better, to strive to be all that God created us to be. Jesus did that himself. It was not easy or convenient or without risk for him. It is no different for us. But Jesus tells us the consequence for failing to try — "you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Commentary from Deacon Jerry Martinez, director of stewardship in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Weekly readings

**Sixth Sunday
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Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5,
17-18, 33-34
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Monday
Genesis 4:1-15, 25
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday
St. Cyril & St. Methodius
Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday
Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22
Mark 8:22-26

Thursday
Genesis 9:1-13
Mark 8:27-33

Friday
Genesis 11:1-9
Mark 8:34—9:1

Saturday
Hebrews 11:1-7
Mark 9:2-13

**Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm 103:1-4, 8,
10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemy

Lay ministers for Feb. 18/19

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Issac Bienaime, Carl Johnson

Commentators

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — Richard Barker

Readers

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — Shirley Batchelder, Vikki Sitter

Ushers

Sat. — Mike Hupko, J.J. Regan
Sun. — John Tolejko, George Bratton

Parish Life

Prayer Requests — If you or a loved one are in need of prayers, you can sign your name on the prayer sheet located in the vestibule or use the prayer request card located in the pews. (Fill it out and place in the collection basket; send it electronically using the QR code, or fill it out by visiting stelizabethsparish.org.)



Friday Prayer Time — The church is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays for prayer time, with the rosary recited at 11:30 a.m.

To Breathe Easier — For the respiratory health of those parishioners who suffer from asthma and nasal allergies, please refrain from using strong-smelling perfumes, hand sanitizers, etc. before or during Mass.

If You Are Sick — During the flu-Covid-RSV season, we are reminded to stay home from Mass if we experience any flu-like symptoms. If attending Mass with a cough or sneezing, please consider wearing a mask to protect others at Mass. Thank you.

New Parishioners — If you are a new parishioner, please fill out a registration form from the vestibule and return it in the collection basket.

Bridges to Contemplative Living with

Thomas Merton — This weekend is the deadline to sign up for "Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton," this year's Lenten/Easter renewal program. Openings are available in the Sunday small group. For more information, contact Coleen Schneider at 202-6387 or at coleenschneider@gmail.com

Bishop's Appeal — To donate electronically to the Bishop's Appeal, go to the diocesan website —dioknox.org—and click on "Bishop's Appeal."

Youth Activities

Escape Room for Youth Group — The Youth Group plans to go to an escape room on Friday. The group will meet between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. at the church. Then they will drive to Elizabethton for the hour-long experience. The cost is \$10 for those age 15 and younger and \$15 for those age 16 and older. For more information, contact Vicki Johnson at vikipandemonium@gmail.com or (859) 802-9710.



Special Intentions

World Day of the Sick — Pope John Paul II designated Feb. 11 (Saturday) as World Day of the Sick. It is "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind."

World Marriage Day — This Sunday is World Marriage Day. Keep in your prayers all who are married and all who are preparing to marry, that they follow their vocation with the same love and drive that Jesus follows his.

