

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for Feb. 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Wednesday, noon —
† Bertha & Gene Dison
By: Mary Alice Basconi

7:30 p.m.
People of the parish

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

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Dean Batchelder
By: Shirley Batchelder

Thanks for your support and generosity



Online Offertory

January,
\$4,220.05

In-person Offertory Feb. 12, 2023

Regular, \$2,730.75
Development, \$161
Area needy, \$38
Backpack Buddies,
\$27.90



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

We can almost hear St. Peter and the disciples saying, “Ah, Jesus, we are still having trouble with that ‘Love your neighbor!’ thing.” Jesus was compassionate and forgiving. And Jesus expected the same from all who wanted to be his disciples. Jesus revealed to us by his life and teaching that we must do *more*. We must try to be *better* by loving our enemies. We must seek to be the *best* by praying for those who persecute us. A good teacher or a good coach challenges us to be the best that we can be — not the best ever to study a subject or play a sport — but the *best* that we can be. Such teachers and coaches push us to be *better* than we want to be. Jesus is a Great Teacher and a Great Coach.

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

Weekly readings

**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

Monday
Sirach 1:1-10
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday
Sirach 2:1-11
Mark 9:30-37

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25

Friday
Isaiah 58:1-9a
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Luke 5:27-32

First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



Lay ministers for Feb. 25/26

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge

Commentators

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — John Tolejko

Readers

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — Rick Kortze, Joyce Potter

Ushers

Sat. — George Bratton, Mike Hupko
Sun. — Tim Eilers, Tom Manning

Saintly Wisdom

“Try to acquire the virtues
you believe lacking in your brothers.
Then you will no longer see their defects,
for you will no longer
have them yourself.”
— St. Augustine —

Season of Lent



Ash Wednesday — Mass times at St. Elizabeth for Ash Wednesday are noon and 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross (and Soup Supper) — Come pray the Way of the Cross at 6 p.m. Fridays during Lent in the church, starting this Friday. Also, come join in the free soup supper at 5 p.m. on Fridays (preceding the Stations of the Cross) in the parish hall. If possible, please sign up for the supper in the vestibule to help with the head count.

Friday Prayer Time — The church is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays for prayer time, with the Stations of the Cross prayed at 11:30 a.m. throughout Lent.



Lent Books — Free Magnificat Lenten reflection books are in the vestibule. Please take one.

Lenten Regulations — Fast and abstinence rules apply for Catholics during Lent under the following situations:



- **Abstinence** from meat is expected for those age 14 and up on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.
- **Fasting** is expected for those ages 18-59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. That means no more than one full meal and two smaller meals as well as no snacking.

Social Action

40 Cans for Lent and Baby Item Drives — The Knights of Columbus (Council 10743) will begin next weekend their annual 40 Cans for Lent food drive and baby items collection. The food collected (must be non-perishable) and cash donations will be given to Assistance and Resource Ministries (ARM). Baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, blankets, formula, etc., and any money) will be given to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. If you are giving a cash/check donation, please put it in an envelope and mark either ARM or CC of ET. Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Council 10743, with either “ARM” or “CC of ET” noted on the memo line.

Youth Activities

Escape Room for Youth Group — The Youth Group will go to an escape room today. They will meet at Elizabethton Escape (429 E. Elk Ave., across from The Coffee Company in downtown Elizabethton) at 4:30 p.m. to fill out paperwork. Their game begins promptly at 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 for those age 15 and younger and \$15 for those age 16 and older. If the entry fee is a challenge or if you have questions, contact Vicki Johnson at vikipandemonium@gmail.com or (859) 802-9710.

