

**ST. ELIZABETH  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*Diocese of Knoxville*

**Mass intentions  
for April 2, 2023**

***Palm Sunday  
of the Passion of Our Lord***

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**  
† Ray Spratt  
*By: Carmen Spratt*

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
† Michelle Mamone Davies  
*By: Fran & Rodney Robey*

**Wednesday — No Mass**

**Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. —**  
† deceased of Bartus family  
*By: George & Thea Bratton*

**Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.**

***Easter Sunday:  
Resurrection of the Lord***

**Saturday, 8 p.m, Easter vigil. —**  
† Benigna Guerrero  
*By: Carmen Spratt*

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
† deceased of Bartus family  
*By: George & Thea Bratton*

**Thanks for  
your  
support  
and  
generosity**

**In-person Offertory**  
March 26, 2023

Regular, \$2,857.65  
Easter flowers, \$75  
Needy, \$5



**WHY CHOOSE  
BARABBAS?**

Pontius Pilate tried to avoid trouble at Jesus' trial. He was not sympathetic but to save face, he offered the crowd a choice to free Jesus or a recently arrested brigand by the name of Barabbas. "Barabbas" (bar abba) means "son of the father" and was commonly used for illegitimate children. The irony is that Jesus is the true Son of the ultimate Father. Brigands were often considered folk heroes because they attacked the rich, making them popular with the poor. Pilate's ploy to free Jesus failed because of Barabbas' popularity and the pressure of the religious and political leaders. Jesus was arrested secretly, before many of his followers had time to gather. Barabbas, on the other hand, had time to marshal his friends and won the day.

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**Weekly readings**

***Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord***  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14—27:66

***Monday***  
Isaiah 42:1-7  
John 12:1-11

***Tuesday***  
Isaiah 49:1-6  
John 13:21-33, 36-38

***Wednesday***  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Matthew 26:14-25

***Holy Thursday***  
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
Psalm 116:12-13,  
15-16bc, 17-18  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15

***Good Friday Service***  
Isaiah 52:13—53:12  
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13,  
15-17, 25  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1—19:42

***Holy Saturday,  
Easter vigil***  
Genesis 1:1—2:2  
Exodus 14:15—15:1  
Isaiah 55:1-11  
Romans 6:3-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Matthew 28:1-10

***Easter Sunday***  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

**Lay ministers for April 8/9**

**Altar servers**  
Thurs. — Carl Johnson, Timothy Grubb, Leo Grubb  
Fri — Timothy Grubb  
Sat. — Daniel Grubb  
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge  
**Commentators**  
Thurs. — Tom Manning  
Sat. — Bob Gamache  
Sun. — John Tolejko  
**Readers**  
Thurs. — Steve Hummel  
Fri. — Rick Kortze  
Sat. — Greg Watson, Rick Kortze, Cheryl White, Amanda Boyer  
Sun. — Joyce Potter, Cathy Champon  
**Ushers**  
Sat. — Mike Hupko, J.J. Regan  
Sun. — Tim Eilers, Richard Barker



**Holy Week Schedule** — Triduum celebrations are as follows:

- ***Mass of the Lord's Supper***, 7:30 p.m. Thursday
- ***Adoration***, 9 p.m. Thursday through 6 p.m. Friday
- ***Stations of the Cross***, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday
- ***Good Friday Service***, 6:30 p.m. Friday
- ***Easter Vigil Mass***, 8 p.m. Saturday
- ***Easter Sunday Mass***, 9 a.m. Sunday

**Adoration** — Signup is in the vestibule for adoration, which will be from 9 p.m. Holy Thursday through 6 p.m. Good Friday.

**No Confessions Saturday** — Confessions will not be heard Saturday because of the Easter vigil.

**Good Friday** — Good Friday is a day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (ages 14 and older). Fasting means limiting oneself to no more than one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.



**Seder Service Thursday** — A Seder Service is scheduled at 5 p.m. Thursday. For tickets, contact Nick Johnson at (859) 663-8088 or nicholas.em.johnson@gmail.com .

**Easter Flower Offerings** — This weekend is the deadline for turning in Easter flower offering envelopes.

**Youth Group Hangout Night Wednesday** — The Youth Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday to decorate church sidewalks for Holy Week. Chalk and snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Vicki Johnson at vickipandemonium@gmail.com or (859) 802-9710.

**"40 Cans for Lent" and Baby Item Drives** — The "40 Cans for Lent" food drive and the baby items collection continue through next weekend. Cash/check donations may be put in an envelope marked 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. Thank you.

**Parish News**

**"Tootsie Roll" Drive Help Needed** — The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, also known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive," April 20-23 (Thursday-Saturday) at Wal-Mart. The signup sheet to volunteer to help is in the vestibule. All money raised will be used to assist special education classes in Elizabethton and Carter County. Please consider helping.

**Congratulations!** — Congratulations to Craig and Laurie Anspaugh's son Michael. He has been named boys basketball defensive player of the year for Northeast Tennessee.