

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Alice Barker

By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† deceased of Bartus family

By: George & Thea Bratton

Wednesday, noon —

† Monsignor Bill Gahagan

By: St. Elizabeth Church

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Ray Spratt

By: Carmen Spratt

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† Michelle Mamone Davies

By: Fran & Rodney Robey

Saintly Wisdom

“In this life no one can fulfill his longing,
nor can any creature satisfy man’s desire.

Only God satisfies,

he infinitely exceeds all other pleasures.

That is why man can rest in nothing
but God.”

— St. Thomas Aquinas —

**Thanks for
your
support
and
generosity**

In-person Offertory

March 19, 2023

Regular, \$2,524.45
Easter flowers, \$423
Catholic Relief, \$104



I WILL OPEN YOUR GRAVES

The people of the Old Testament did not believe in life after death the same way we do. They thought that all who died ended up in a vague existence called “Sheol” or “Shadow Land.” The idea of posthumous reward or punishment only came in the last few centuries before Christ. When Ezekiel speaks of “opening graves,” he is probably referring to the symbolic burial of those living in exile. The people of Israel were living as slaves in Babylon (Iraq). He believes that the people will be returned to Jerusalem in a symbolic “resurrection.” He also uses this image in his depiction of dry bones returning to life. (Ez. 37:1-14) It is a masterpiece of imaginative poetry.

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Weekly readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 130:1-8

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Monday

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17,

19-30, 33-62

John 8:1-11

Tuesday

Numbers 21:4-9

John 8:21-30

Wednesday

Daniel 3:14-20,

91-92, 95

John 8:31-42

Thursday

Genesis 17:3-9

John 8:51-59

Friday

Jeremiah 20:10-13

John 10:31-42

Saturday

Ezekiel 37:21-28

John 11:45-56

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



Lay ministers for April 1/2

Altar servers

Sat. —

Sun. — Issac Bienaime, Carl Johnson

Commentators

Sat. — Dave Olson

Sun. — Richard Barker

Readers

Sat. — Dave Olson

Sun. — Vikki Sitter, Rick Kortze

Ushers

Sat. — Mike Hupko, J.J. Regan

Sun. — John Tolejko, George Bratton

Parish News

After-Mass Social — The monthly after-Mass church socials return, starting next week. Light refreshments will be available after each weekend Mass. Every month a booth will feature a charitable organization. This month Maria Conroy will be here from Catholic Charities’ Pregnancy Help Center in Johnson City. She will answer questions regarding their resources; free services offered to pregnant women or those with a child under age 1; and their “Earn While You Learn” Parenting and Mentorship Program. Stop by and enjoy.

Lenten Holy Hour Postponed — The Lenten Holy Hour originally scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed due to the health issues of key members of the presentation team. The Holy Hour will be rescheduled sometime after the new Stations of the Cross are delivered.

St. Patrick Potluck — Thank you to the Ladies’ Guild for hosting the St. Patrick potluck last weekend and for providing the ham, drinks and bread. About 65 people attended.

E-Team to Meet Saturday — The E-Team (Evangelization Team) will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday (April 1) to discuss the after-Mass social and the April 6 Seder meal. A light breakfast will be available. All are invited!

Seder Service April 6 — Tickets are on sale (\$15 each) after the weekend Masses for a Seder Service at 5 p.m. Holy Thursday, April 6. For information, contact Nick Johnson at nicholas.em.johnson@gmail.com or (859) 663-8088.

Easter Flower Offerings — Next weekend is the deadline for turning in Easter flower offering envelopes. Please note if names contributed are “in memory of” or “in honor of.”



Stations of the Cross (and Soup Supper) — Stations of the Cross are at 6 p.m. and a free soup supper at 5 p.m. Friday. Please sign up in the vestibule for the supper for the head count.

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

“40 Cans for Lent” and Baby Item Drives — The “40 Cans for Lent” food drive and the baby items collection are underway. 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.

Holy Week and the Triduum — Holy Week begins in one week. The schedule follows:

- **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass**, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday
- **Mass of the Lord’s Supper**, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6
- **Adoration**, 9 p.m. Thursday through 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 7
- **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, April 8
- **Easter Sunday Mass**, 9 a.m. Sunday, April 9