

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

**Mass intentions  
for April 23, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
† Peggy Abell  
*By: Carolyn Hathaway*

**Wednesday, noon —**  
† Jack Leetch  
*By: Kent & Coleen Schneider*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**  
Sofia Barbaza  
*By: James O. Sutton*

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
† Anna & Victor Marchioni  
*By: Michael & Nina Marchioni*

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and generosity**

<b>In-person Offertory</b> April 16, 2023	Regular, \$3,955 Development, \$61 Backpack Buddies, \$20 Seminarians, \$10
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**DID NOT THE CHRIST  
HAVE TO SUFFER?**

Jesus puts his finger on one of the critical questions of the Old Testament. The common belief was that the Messiah or Christ would be a conquering hero, like a knight in shining armor. That's why the two disciples had expected Jesus to defeat his foes in a spectacular manner. Instead he died in an ignominious execution like a criminal. Jesus solves this by reinterpreting the messianic prophecies. He illustrates that suffering was an inevitable factor in the expectations of the prophets. Gradually he wins over the two disciples, and they become excited with this new vision of events.

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**Weekly readings**

**Third Sunday  
of Easter**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11  
1 Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35

**Monday**  
Acts 6:8-15  
John 6:22-29

**Tuesday**  
*St. Mark*  
1 Peter 5:5b-14  
Mark 16:15-20

**Wednesday**  
Acts 8:1b-8  
John 6:35-40

**Thursday**  
Acts 8:26-40  
John 6:44-51

**Friday**  
Acts 9:1-20  
John 6:52-59

**Saturday**  
*St. Catherine of Sienna*  
Acts 9:31-42  
John 6:60-69

**Fourth Sunday  
of Easter**  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 23:1-6  
1 Peter 2:20b-25  
John 10:1-10

**Lay ministers for April 29/30**

**Altar servers**  
Sat. —  
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge  
**Commentators**  
Sat. — Bob Gamache  
Sun. — John Tolejko  
**Readers**  
Sat. — Bob Gamache  
Sun. — Irene Whitehead, Richard Barker  
**Ushers**  
Sat. — George Bratton, Mike Hupko  
Sun. — Tom Manning, Tim Eilers

**Saintly Wisdom**

"Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,  
and a hope in finally embracing you."  
— *St. Thomas Aquinas* —

**Parish News**

**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. (On the first Friday of the month, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 11:30 a.m. instead.)

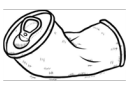


**Honors for March** — The Knights of Columbus honors for March include Rick and Beth Kortze named as family of the month.

**New Parishioners** — Are you a new parishioner? If you are, we welcome you and ask that you fill out a registration form, which can be found in the vestibule as well as on the office door. Forms can be returned in the weekend collection or slid under the office door. Thank you!

**Phones on Mute** — Please remember to put your phone on mute during Mass. Thank you.

**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.



**Diocesan News**

**Morning of Eucharistic Recollection** — A diocesan Morning of Eucharistic Recollection will begin with an 8 a.m. Mass Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Knoxville, followed by Eucharistic adoration, reflection, fellowship and snacks. Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP, a Eucharistic preacher of the National Eucharistic Revival, will join Bishop Richard Stika at the event. Email questions to Ckite@dioknox.org or call Chris Kite at (865) 862-5741.

**Adult Confirmation Signup Deadline May 11** — Please notify the parish office by Thursday, May 11, if you would like to be added to the roster for the diocesan-wide Confirmation Mass at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 28, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Knoxville. Any adult (18 and over) who has had the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Reconciliation but has not been confirmed may be confirmed by Bishop Richard Stika at the May 28 Mass. If interested, please provide the parish office with a copy of your baptismal certificate.



**Why is the Easter season so long?**

St. Leo the Great notes that the days between Easter and Pentecost are God's time for revealing mysteries. Jesus lingered in his body to build up, with concrete evidence, the faith of the apostles in the resurrection. "If we walk in the way of his commandments and are not ashamed to acknowledge the price he paid for our salvation in a lowly body, we too are to rise to share his glory," states St. Leo the Great. "No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross."

*Did not our hearts burn within us* ♥