

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for July 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† Anna Marchioni
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

Wednesday, noon —

† Trent Policky
By: Leroy & Agnes Policky

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

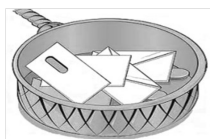
Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Daniel Paul
By: Barbara Paul

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† Joe O'Brien
By: Barker family

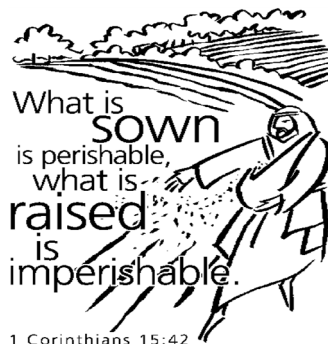
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In-person Offertory June 25, 2023

Regular, \$3,907

Frankie Carr Scholarship, \$50
Development fund, \$30
Peter's Pence, \$25
Backpack Buddies, \$20



FREE WILL TO CHOOSE

Jesus knew his followers would live in a world full of temptations to take the easy way out, to take advantage of others. He knew we would be challenged to abandon our efforts to know and imitate Him. Jesus also knew that one of God's greatest gifts to us is free will — the ability to choose between good and evil, to choose between being generous and being selfish. But Jesus taught us by words and deeds that being his follower — a Christian — is not about feeling good; it is about doing good. It is not about how much we acquire for ourselves; it is about how much we share with others. God left us in this world with all of its temptations, so we could demonstrate our love for him by choosing to discern His will and to do His will.

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

Weekly readings

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Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10,
15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Monday

Exodus 14:5-18
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday

St. James
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday

St. Joachim & St. Anne
Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11,
16-20b
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday

Exodus 20:1-17
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday

Sts. Martha, Mary &
Lazarus
Exodus 24:3-8
John 11:19-27

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1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77
127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Lay ministers for July 29/30

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Joshua Gouge, Issac Bienaime

Commentators

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — Tom Manning

Readers

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

Ushers

Sat. — J.J. Regan, George Bratton
Sun. — Richard Barker, Jimmy Townsend

Gift Bearers

Sat. — Patrick Burke family
Sun. — Patrick Schneider family

Saintly Wisdom

“Be who you were created to be,
and you will set the whole world on fire.”
— St. Catherine of Siena —

Parish News

Reception for Fr. Jesús Next Saturday — A reception to welcome Fr. Jesús Guerrero as our

**Welcome
reception
next Saturday**

parish's parochial administrator will be from 6 to 8 p.m. next Saturday in the church basement. Come and make Fr. Jesús feel welcome!

Friday Prayer Time — Prayer time in the church is from 6 to 7 p.m. on Fridays, with the rosary prayed at 6:15.

E-Team to Meet Aug. 5 — The evangelization team (E-Team) is scheduled to meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. All are invited!

Food and Fellowship Aug. 5/6 — The evangelization team (E-team) will provide fellowship time after both Masses on the weekend of Aug. 5/6. Plan to stay a few minutes and enjoy time together.

Communion Visits — If you or a loved one is hospitalized, in a nursing home or at home because of an illness, you may ask that communion be brought to you by calling John Tolejko (543-4089) or Barbara White (895-5150).

Education and Formation

PSR Classes to Begin Aug. 20 — Classes for the Parish School of Religion will begin Aug. 20 for students of the parish in kindergarten through high school. Classes will meet on Sundays after Mass for about an hour. If you did not participate in the program last year, please contact the parish secretary at coleenschneider@gmail.com or 202-6387 to register your child.

RCIA — Any adult who would like to learn more about Catholicism may participate in St. Elizabeth's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. Classes will begin meeting after Labor Day. For more information, contact the parish secretary at 202-6387 or coleenschneider@gmail.com.

Prayer needs

Prayers Requested — Please pray for the sick: Thea Bratton, Louis Clark, Joel Dean, Chuck Muraski, Jimmy Townsend, and Ed and Linda Yarwood. Contact Cathy Champon at 954-793-6581 to add a name to the list.

Special Intention for Today

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly — This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme the pope has selected for the 2023 celebration is “His mercy is from age to age” (Luke 1:50).

