

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

**Mass intentions
for Aug. 27, 2023**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, 8 a.m. —

Tuesday, 8 a.m. —

Wednesday, noon —

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Stephen York
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

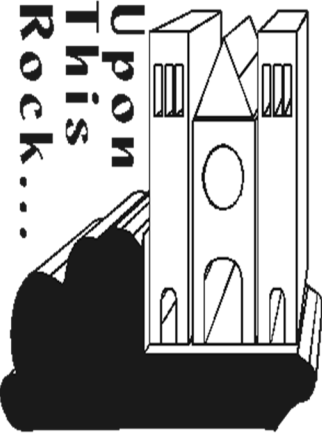
Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Elizabeth Hathaway
By: Caroline Hathaway

**Thanks for your support
and generosity**



**In-person
Offertory**
Aug. 20, 2023

Regular, \$3,373.75
Backpack Buddies,
\$1,271



**FROM PEBBLE TO
ROCK**

Jesus often showed his sense of humor with puns. One of his best known witticisms is in today's Gospel. The Old Testament referred to a mysterious figure called "One like a Son of Man" (that is, "human-appearing"), who would bring help from God. Jesus asks his apostles about the figure's identity, and the disciples give the most common guesses. Only Simon blurts out that Jesus must be the mystery man, the Messiah. "Simon" means "pebble" in Hebrew. "Cephas" (or Peter) means "rock." Jesus makes a double pun. He says that the little pebble is going to be a big rock in his scheme of things.

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Weekly readings

**21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday

St. Augustine
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,
8b-10
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday

*Passion of
St. John the Baptist*
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Matthew 25:14-30

**22nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

*You are the Christ,
the Son
of the living God.*

Lay ministers for Sept. 2/3

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge

Commentators

Sat. — Dave Olson
Sun. — John Tolejko

Readers

Sat. — Dave Olson
Sun. — Mercedes Burke, Richard Barker

Ushers

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

Gift Bearers

Sat. — Ushers
Sun. — Boyer family

Saintly Wisdom

"We can't have full knowledge all at once.
We must start by believing;
then afterwards we may be led on
to master the evidence for ourselves."
— *St. Thomas Aquinas* —

Parish News

100th Anniversary Picnic in Two Weeks —

Sept. 9 is the 100th anniversary of the first Mass in Carter County. St. Elizabeth will celebrate with a parish picnic from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Riverside Pavilion in the park behind the River Riders ballpark. The parish will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and the fixings, and drinks. Parishioners are invited and to bring a dish.

Monday and Tuesday Masses Added —

Beginning this week, Mass will be offered at 8 a.m. on Mondays and at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, as well as noon on Wednesdays.

Thank You — Laura Barnett's family thanks all for their support during her illness and death. "Thank you for the spiritual support, the hospitality after the services and the beautiful celebratory Mass. Mom loved St. Elizabeth's and truly enjoyed attending Mass with all of you."

Corrected Email for Fr. Jesús — To reach Fr. Jesús in a non-emergency, please feel free to contact him by email. The corrected address is

frjesusguerrero@stelizabethsparish.org.

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies — Thank you to all who have "adopted" a Backpack Buddy. So far, 21 students have been adopted in the program, which supplies needy school children with backpacks full of kid-friendly foods to eat on the weekends. The cost is \$93 a year per student. Pledge forms may be put in the box provided in the vestibule or in the collection. Donations may be put in the collection any weekend, with "Backpack Buddies" noted in the memo line.

Education and Formation

RCIA — To sign up for St. Elizabeth's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program, contact the parish secretary at 202-6387 or coleenschneider@gmail.com.

Special Intentions

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

— Friday is the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis established the day of prayer in 2015 to "offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork with he has entrusted to our care and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."



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