

# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

## Mass intentions for Sept. 24, 2023

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**  
† deceased of Stapleton family  
By: Stapleton family

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

**Monday, 8 a.m. —**  
Susan Riley Braun  
By: John Tolejko

**Tuesday, 8 a.m. —**  
† Marilyn Valverde  
By: Kamprath/Quigley families

**Wednesday, noon —**  
Vocations  
By: Knights of Columbus

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
† Frances York  
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

**Thanks  
for your  
support  
and  
generosity**

### In-person Offertory

Sept. 17, 2023

Regular, \$3,172.15  
Backpack Buddies, \$372



## EQUALITY WITH GOD

Jesus of Nazareth is divine. He was born into this world more than 2000 years ago, but he has always existed. He is immortal and infinitely powerful. He entered into time and space through the womb of Mary. He surrendered the unlimited power, knowledge and glory that is his by divine right, but he did not put on a “human suit” and pretend to be one of us. Paul tells us Jesus did not greedily clutch his divine attributes. He was truly “one like us in all things but sin.” Jesus was not slumming. He showed that it is possible to reach heaven the same way that he did: with the love of the Father. He clung to equality with us.

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## Weekly readings

**26th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalm 25:4-9  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

**Monday**  
*Holy Guardian Angels*  
Zechariah 8:1-8  
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

**Tuesday**  
Zechariah 8:20-23  
Luke 9:51-56

**Wednesday**  
*St. Francis of Assisi*  
Nehemiah 2:1-8  
Luke 9:57-62

**Thursday**  
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6,  
7b-12  
Luke 10:1-12

**Friday**  
Baruch 1:15-22  
Luke 10:13-16

**Saturday**  
*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29  
Luke 10:17-24

**27th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Matthew 21:33-43

## Lay ministers for Oct. 7/8

### Altar servers

Sat. —  
Sun. — Issac Bienaime, Carl Johnson

### Commentators

Sat. — Bob Gamache  
Sun. — Richard Barker

### Readers

Sat. — Bob Gamache  
Sun. — Rick Kortze, Nick Schicker

### Ushers

Sat. — Mike Hupko, J.J. Regan  
Sun. — George Bratton, John Tolejko

### Gift Bearers

Sat. — Ushers  
Sun. — Bienaime family

### Saintly Wisdom

“Where there is no obedience,  
there is no virtue;  
where there is no virtue,  
there is no goodness, no love,  
where there is no love,  
God is not there  
and without God  
we do not go to Paradise.”  
— St. Padre Pio —

## Parish Life

**Baked Goods Needed** — The annual Ladies’ Guild Craft and Bake Sale will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, and after that weekend’s Masses, and the guild is asking for baked donations from parishioners. Baked goods may be brought to the basement from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. The sale is the primary fundraiser for the Ladies’ Guild, which purchases liturgical items as needed.



**Food and Fellowship Next Weekend** — The evangelization team (E-team) will provide fellowship time after both Masses next weekend. Plan to stay a few minutes and enjoy time together.



**Knights of Columbus** — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, downstairs in the church hall. All members are welcome and invited to attend.

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

frjesusguerrero@stelizabethsparish.org.

**Diocesan Newspaper** — The monthly diocesan newspaper, *East Tennessee Catholic*, is available online at etcatholic.org. If you do not already receive a physical copy of the paper in the mail but would like to, please put your name and mailing address into the collection with the word “newspaper” on it or send that information to coleenschneider@gmail.com Thank you!

## Education and Formation

**Parish School of Religion** — Classes for the Parish School of Religion are canceled for the next two weekends (Oct. 8 and 15) because of fall break in the Carter County, Elizabethton and Johnson City schools. Classes will resume on Oct. 22.

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## Social Action

**Backpack Buddies** — Thank you to all who “adopted” students from Harold McCormick School in the Backpack Buddies program this school year. Because of you, 34 needy school children receive backpacks full of kid-friendly foods for them to eat at home on the weekends.

## Special Intentions

**Prayers Requested** — Please pray for the sick of the parish: Manny Bandarra, Thea Bratton, Louis Clark, Joel Dean, Lynda Gamache, José Gonzales, Chuck Muraski, Jimmy Townsend, Margaret Vines, Ed and Linda Yarwood.