

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

**Mass intentions
for Sept. 17, 2023**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Victor T. Marcioni
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Rodolfo Guerrero & Ray Spratt
By: Carmen Spratt

Monday, 8 a.m. —
57th anniversary
of Nick & Marilyn Schicker

Tuesday, 8 a.m. —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Wednesday, noon —
Communion service

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Betty Jo Barker
By Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Arnold Simerly
By: Carolyn Hathaway

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and generosity**

In-person Offertory
Sept. 3, 2023

Regular, \$4,382.65 Backpack Buddies, \$279



THE VENGEFUL

Revenge could be extreme in biblical times. A mere slight or insult might bring maiming and even death. God tried to limit this in the Old Testament by limiting vengeance to “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a life for a life.” (Ex. 21:24) By Christian teaching, this may seem uncharitable, but people had to be brought along slowly. Toward the end of the Old Testament period, an elderly religion teacher named Sirach taught that revenge in any form was contrary to the law of God. It would heap God’s wrath upon those who resorted to anger in any form.

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Pray for the Sick:

Manny Bandarra
Tom Berish
Thea Bratton
Louis Clark
Joel Dean
Lynda Gamache
Chuck Muraski
Jimmy Townsend
Margaret Vines
Ed and Linda Yarwood

Weekly readings

**24th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Sirach 27:30—28:7
Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Monday
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday
1 Timothy 3:1-13
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday
*St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang
& companions*
1 Timothy 3:14-16
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday
St. Matthew
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:9-13

Friday
1 Timothy 6:2c-12
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday
St. Pius of Pietrelcina
1 Timothy 6:13-16
Luke 8:4-15

**25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3,
8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

Lay ministers for Sept. 23/24

Altar servers
Sat. —
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge

Commentators
Sat. — Dave Olson
Sun. — John Tolejko

Readers
Sat. — Dave Olson
Sun. — Angela Murphy-Walters, Nick Schicker

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

Gift Bearers
Sat. — Ushers
Sun. — Boyer family

Saintly Wisdom
“Dismiss all anger
and look into yourself a little.
Remember that he
of whom you are speaking
is your brother,
and as he is in the way of salvation,
God can make him a saint,
in spite of his present weakness.”
— *St. Thomas of Villanova* —

Parish Life

Parish Picnic/Party — Thank you to the 85 people who attended last Sunday’s parish party celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first Mass in Carter County and for those who brought dishes to share. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs and for all who helped set up and clean up, including members of the Ladies’ Guild and Evangelization Team.

E-Team to Meet — The Evangelization Team (E-Team) is scheduled to meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The early bird coffee begins at 8:30 a.m. All are invited!

Bereavement — Parishioner Joan Cahill has died. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Thank You — Jimmy and Lisa Townsend would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards during his recent surgery. Jimmy is on the road to recovery.

Wednesday Masses Cancelled — This week and next week, we will have a communion service instead of Mass on Wednesday. Mass is cancelled then because Fr. Jesús has eye surgery this Wednesday and a follow-up appointment to remove the stitches the next Wednesday. Please keep him in your prayers.

Father’s Silence before Mass — Fr. Jesús, as many have observed, stays silent before Mass. The reason is related to his time as a missionary in Russia. There he learned of a rite that he has now incorporated into his own prayer life. The rite is based on Psalm 119: “May the first words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be dedicated to you, LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.” While he maintains silence before Mass (unless there is an emergency, of course), he is available to talk to parishioners after Mass.

Confession Times — Confessions are available Saturdays and Sundays in the upstairs classroom near the chairlift. Times are 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. on Saturdays and 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. on Sundays.

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 and on the office door. Forms can be returned in the weekend collection or slid under the office door. Thank you!

Youth Group

Youth Group Hangout Night Wednesday — The Youth Group will have a hang-out night from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church. They will watch a short video from Fr. Mike about why we should be Catholic, not just Christian. Then games will be played outside if weather allows. All students in 6th grade and older are invited. Snacks will be provided.

