

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

**Mass intentions  
for Dec. 3, 2023**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
People of the parish

**Monday, 8 a.m. —**  
† Daniel Paul  
*By: Barbara Paul*

**Tuesday, 8 a.m. —**  
† Marguerite Phillips  
*By: Cathy Champon*

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

**Thursday, 6 p.m. —**  
*Immaculate Conception vigil*  
People of the parish

**Friday, 8 a.m. — with incense**  
*Immaculate Conception of Mary*  
† deceased of Bartus family  
*By: George & Thea Bratton*

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**  
People of the parish

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
† Dean Batchelder  
*By: Shirley Batchelder*



**WATCH!**

The word “Advent” means “coming” and starts with a message similar to the theme of last week’s Mass. Be ready and watch for the coming of Jesus. This can be understood in three ways. First, we anticipate Christ’s advent on Christmas when God enters human existence in a totally personal way. Second, we look forward to Jesus’ arrival in our lives through the blossoming of our faith. Finally, we speculate on the end of this universe at the conclusion of time. The universe is not self-sustaining. Eventually it will terminate in some sort of extinction. Then the real universe will begin in God.

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**Saintly Wisdom**

“Do not have any anxiety about the future. Leave everything in God’s hands for he will take care of you.”  
—St. John Baptist de La Salle—

**Weekly readings**

**First Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 63:16b-7, 19b; 64:2-7  
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

**Monday**  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday**  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday**  
Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday**  
*St. Ambrose*  
Isaiah 26:1-6  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday**  
*Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

**Saturday**  
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Psalm 85:9-14  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

**Lay ministers for Dec. 9/10**

**Altar servers**  
Sat. —  
Sun. — Joshua Gouge, Carl Johnson  
**Commentators**  
Sat. — Steve Hummel  
Sun. — Richard Barker  
**Readers**  
Sat. — Steve Hummel  
Sun. — Thomas Mitalski, Mercedes Burke  
**Ushers**  
Sat. — George Bratton, Jimmy Townsend  
Sun. — Bob Gagne, J.J. Regan  
**Gift Bearers**  
Sat. — Ushers  
Sun. — Grubb family

**Parish Life**

**Advent Holy Hour** — The Knights of Columbus are hosting an Advent holy hour beginning at 3 p.m. this Sunday. All are welcome.

**Holy Day Mass** — Friday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a holyday of obligation and the patronal feast day of the United States. Mass will be at 6 p.m. Thursday (no incense) and at 8 a.m. Friday (with incense).

**Knights of Columbus** — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, downstairs in the church hall.

**Advent/Christmas**

**Music for Christmas Season** — Anyone who would like to participate in music for the Christmas season may contact Jeanie Walker at 502-4226. Practices are at 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

**Christmas Flowers** — Sunday, Dec. 17, is the deadline for turning in Christmas flower envelopes for those people who would like to remember a loved one. Please be sure to note if the names are a memorial or an “in honor of” request.

**Advent Books** — Free Advent reflection books are available in the vestibule.

**Social Action**

**Angel Tree** — Next weekend is the deadline for bringing in wrapped gifts for the “Angels” from the annual Angel Tree. Please put them in the basement.



**Advent Food Drive** — The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual Advent food drive through Christmas. They are collecting nonperishable food (no glass, please) to be given to ARM (Assistance and Resources Ministry) in Elizabethton for local distribution.

**Baby Winter-Clothing Drive** — Catholic Charities of East Tennessee is asking for new and gently used winter clothing in sizes newborn to 12 months. The Knights of Columbus are collecting the clothing in a box on the ground floor of the education building through Advent.

**Advent Retreat at St. Mary**

**Advent Retreat on Saturday** — St. Mary in Johnson City is hosting an Advent retreat from 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday. The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia are leading the retreat, which is free. St. Elizabeth parishioners are invited to attend.

**Pray for the Sick of Our Parish:**

Manny Bandarra	Lynda Gamache
Thea Bratton	José Gonzales
Mary Carr	Chuck Muraski
Jim Cathelyn	Jimmy Townsend
Sheila Clark	Margaret Vines
Joel Dean	Ed & Linda Yarwood

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**In-person  
Offertory**  
**Nov. 26, 2023**

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Luminaries, \$50  
Development, \$5