

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

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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
† Bonnie Gouge  
*By: Deacon Rich's class*

*Vigil for Christmas*  
**Sunday, 6 p.m. — (no incense)**  
People of the parish

*Christmas*  
**Monday, 9 a.m. — (with incense)**  
† Trent Policky  
*By: Leroy & Agnes Policky*

**Tuesday, 8 a.m. —**  
† Benigno Rangel  
*By: Deacon Rich's class*

**Wednesday, noon —**  
† Frankie Carr  
*By: Mary Carr*

**Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**  
† Sam & Betty Jo Barker  
*By: Barker family*

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



**SECRET MYSTERY**

The theme of Paul's letter to the Romans is this: the same kind of personal relationship that the Jews had with God is now available to all people. He ends the letter with a prayer that this message be revealed to everyone. This presents the universal meaning of Christmas. God came to earth that we might all be his friends and share his life. This becomes possible through faith.

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**In-person Offertory  
Dec. 17, 2023**

Regular, \$1,868.54  
Development, \$30  
Retired religious, \$50  
Catholic Charities, \$50  
Christmas flowers, \$275  
Immaculate Conception, \$25

**Weekly readings**

**4th Sunday of Advent**  
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,  
14a, 16  
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

**Monday**  
*Nativity of the Lord*  
Isaiah 62: 11-12  
Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:15-20

**Tuesday**  
*St. Stephen*  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Matthew 10:17-22

**Wednesday**  
*St. John*  
1 John 1:1-4  
John 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday**  
*Holy Innocents*  
1 John 1:5—2:2  
Matthew 2:13-18

**Friday**  
1 John 2:3-11  
Luke 2:22-35

**Saturday**  
1 John 2:12-17  
Luke 2:36-40

**Sunday**  
*The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*  
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Psalm 128:1-5  
Colossians 3:12-21  
Luke 2:22-40

**Lay ministers for Christmas**

**Altar servers**  
Vigil on Sun. — Carl Johnson  
Mon. —  
**Commentators**  
Vigil on Sun. — Steve Hummel  
Mon. — Tom Manning  
**Readers**  
Vigil on Sun. — Cathy Champon, Steve Hummel  
Mon. — Rick Kortze, Irene Whitehead  
**Ushers**  
Vigil on Sun. — J.J. Regan, George Bratton  
Mon. — George Bratton, J.J. Regan  
**Gift Bearers**  
Vigil on Sun. —  
Mon. — Ushers

**Lay ministers for Dec. 30/31**

**Altar servers**  
Sat. —  
Sun. — Leo Grubb, Timothy Grubb  
**Commentators**  
Sat. — Bob Gamache  
Sun. — Richard Barker  
**Readers**  
Sat. — Bob Gamache  
Sun. — Cheryl White, Katie Taylor  
**Ushers**  
Sat. — Bob Gagne, J.J. Regan  
Sun. — John Tolejko, George Bratton  
**Gift Bearers**  
Sat. — Ushers  
Sun. — Taylor family

**Saintly Wisdom**

"It is Christmas every time  
you let God love others through you."  
— *St. Teresa of Calcutta* —

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

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

**Christmas**

**Christmas Mass Schedule** — St. Elizabeth's Christmas Masses will be celebrated at these times:

- **6 p.m. Sunday** — (no incense)  
The children's Nativity play will be performed at 5:45 p.m.
- **9 a.m. Monday** — (with incense)



**Christmas Eve Children's Play Practice** — Children who will be in the Christmas play before the 6 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve are to meet after the Sunday Mass again this weekend for a short practice.

**Tax Reminders**

**Charity Donation Deadline for 2023** — Donations to St. Elizabeth Church must be received no later than next Sunday, Dec. 31, if you wish to deduct them on your 2023 tax return.

**Charity Donation Letter** — If you would like a letter summarizing your donations to St. Elizabeth for 2023 (as support for your tax return), please drop a note in the weekend collection with your name and the words "tax letter" on it.

