

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions
for Dec. 31, 2023

*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

Monday, 9 a.m. —
Lynn Mistretta &
† deceased of Mistretta family
By: Quigley family

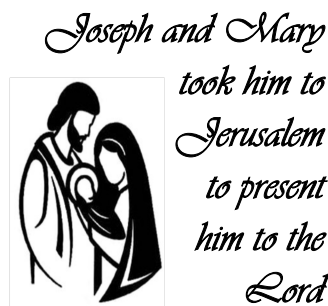
Tuesday, 8 a.m. —
† Grace Davis
By: Mary Carr

Wednesday, noon —
† Grace O'Brien
By: Barker family

Epiphany

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

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Daniel Paul
By: Mary Carr



PURIFICATION OF JESUS

Biblical law taught that the first-born male of any animal had to be offered as a sacrifice to God. This applied to human children as well. Naturally most parents were reluctant to do this. Instead they could offer a substitute of a pair of pure white birds. Usually this happened 40 days after the birth. We celebrate this event on Feb. 2. The Gospel is read today because it shows the Holy Family performing their religious duties. They are blessed by God through two prophets.

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Weekly readings

Sunday
The Holy Family
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

Monday
*Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God*
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday
*St. Basil the Great
& St. Gregory Nazianzen*
1 John 2:22-28
John 1:19-28

Wednesday
1 John 2:29—3:6
John 1:29-34

Thursday
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 John 3:7-10
John 1:35-42

Friday
St. John Neumann
1 John 3:11-21
John 1:43-51

Saturday
1 John 5:5-13
Mark 1:7-11

Sunday
Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2,
7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Lay ministers for Jan. 6/7

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Joshua Gouge, Carl Johnson

Commentators

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — John Tolejko

Readers

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — Angela Murphy-Walters, Richard Barker

Ushers

Sat. — George Bratton, Bob Gagne
Sun. — Tim Eilers, Tom Manning

Gift Bearers

Sat. — Ushers
Sun. — Grubb family



Saintly Wisdom

“Love your children.
In them you can see Baby Jesus.
Pray for them a lot
and every day put them
under Holy Mary’s protection.”
— St. Gianna Molla —

Parish News

Holy Day, But Not of Obligation — Monday is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is not a holy day of obligation this year, but Mass will be offered at 9 a.m. on Monday.

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the basement. All members are encouraged to attend.



Calendars — Remember to pick up a 2024 calendar in the vestibule — one calendar per family please.

Advent Drives — Thank you to all who donated to the Knights of Columbus’ food drive for Assistance and Resources Ministry (ARM) and the baby winter-clothing drive for the Pregnancy Help Center of Catholic Charities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you! — Thank you to all who made the Christmas celebrations at St. Elizabeth special this week — the lay ministers, the musicians and choral members, and those who participated in and helped with the children’s Christmas play. Your contributions to the church have been a blessing.

Christmas Flower Offering List — Several names were inadvertently left off the Christmas flower offering list in last week’s bulletin. They include memorials for Marie and Raymond Callahan, Joseph Phillips and the deceased of the Moody and Bellar families as well as an in-honor-of offering for Fr. Dennis Kress.

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

Education & Formation

Parish School of Religion — Classes for the Parish School of Religion are cancelled for this Sunday but resume next Sunday.

Tax Reminders

Charity Donation Deadline for 2023 — Donations to St. Elizabeth Church must be received no later than this 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.

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish:

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

Thanks for your support and generosity

In-person Offertory Dec. 24, 2023

Regular, \$2,206
Christmas flowers, \$50



In-person Offertory Christmas 2023

½ for parish, \$764
½ for diocese, \$764