

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

**Mass intentions  
for Jan. 28, 2024**

***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Saturday, 5 p.m.** — (English)  
Susan Sutton and † Alice Gurdak  
*By: Gurdak family*

**Saturday, 7 p.m.** — (Spanish)  
Celebrant's intention

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

**Monday, 8 a.m.** —  
Deacon Gray  
*By: Deacon Rich's class*

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

**Wednesday, noon** —  
† Daniel Paul  
*By: Barbara Paul*

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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

**Saturday, 7 p.m.** — (Spanish)  
Celebrant's intention

**Sunday, 9 a.m.** —  
Christen Routh  
*By: Quigley family*



**WITH AUTHORITY**

Jesus preaches his first sermon in Capernaum and is admired for speaking "with authority." In contrast, the scribes would merely quote the opinions of others or answer one question with another. Jesus stands on his own authority to teach. This impresses his audience even more when he works a miraculous healing. Christ is probably reluctant to work a miracle because it will throw focus on his healing power rather than his teachings. In a sense, he is entering his first battle with Satan. The devil wants to distract people away from Jesus' message. The powers of evil win the first battle but will lose the war.

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**In-person Offertory**

Jan. 21, 2024

Regular, \$2,208  
Development, \$15

**Weekly readings**

***Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time***  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

***Monday***  
2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30;  
16:5-13  
Mark 5:1-20

***Tuesday***  
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b,  
24-25a, 30—19:3  
Mark 5:21-43

***Wednesday***  
*St. John Bosco*  
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17  
Mark 6:1-6

***Thursday***  
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12  
Mark 6:7-13

***Friday***  
*Presentation of the Lord*  
Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

***Saturday***  
1 Kings 3:4-13  
Mark 6:30-34

***Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time***  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 147:1-6  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19,  
22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**Lay ministers for Feb. 3/4**

**Altar servers**

Sat. —  
Sun. — Joshua Gouge, Carl Johnson

**Commentators**

Sat. — Steve Hummel  
Sun. — Tom Manning

**Readers**

Sat. — Steve Hummel  
Sun. — Cathy Champon, Cheryl White

**Ushers**

Sat. — J.J. Regan, George Bratton  
Sun. — Richard Barker, Jimmy Townsend

**Gift Bearers**

Sat. — Ushers  
Sun. — Grubb family

**Saintly Wisdom**

"Listen in silence  
because if your heart  
is full of other things  
you cannot hear the voice of God."  
— *St. Theresa of Calcutta* —

**Parish News**

**Spanish Mass Added** — A Spanish Mass has been added to the weekend schedule. The Spanish Mass is offered at 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

**Parish Administrative Assistant Hired** — Mark Mancuso has been hired to serve Fr. Jesús as an administrative assistant with duties at both St. Elizabeth and St. Anthony of Padua in Mountain City. His first official day is Monday.

**Youth Group Activity on Sunday** — The Youth Group will have its January activity from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday (this weekend) at the church. They will wage a foam dart war, beginning in the basement. Snacks and foam darts will be provided. A few foam dart guns will be available on loan.

**Thank You** — Wanda Manning would like to thank all the parishioners for their prayers, cards and support during her two recent surgeries.

**Social Action**

**Baby Diaper Drive** — Catholic Charities of Northeast Tennessee is asking for donations of size 4 and 5 baby diapers. The Knights of Columbus are collecting the diapers in a box on the ground floor of the education building.

**Advent Thank You** — The Knights of Columbus thank parishioners for their generous donations during the Advent food drive for Assistance and Resource Ministries, Inc. (ARM) and the winter baby clothing drive for Catholic Charities of Northeast Tennessee. Some 572 pounds of food and \$400 were delivered to ARM and at least 10 bags of baby clothing and other baby items along with \$300 to Catholic Charities.

**Special Intention**

**World Day for Consecrated Life** — Friday is World Day for Consecrated Life. Keep in your prayers all who are in a religious order and all who are preparing to be, that they follow their vocation with the same love and drive that Jesus follows his.

**Eucharistic Revival**

**Eucharistic Revival Feb. 12-13** — Fr. Declan Gibson of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist will present a free mission at St. Mary Church in Johnson City beginning at 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 12-13. Sessions will include exposition, Eucharistic reflections, and benediction followed by confessions. All are welcome! For more information, call the St. Mary office at 282-6367.

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

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