

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

**Mass intentions
for Jan. 7, 2024**

Epiphany

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

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

Monday — No Mass

Tuesday — No Mass

Wednesday, noon —
Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Marsha Hupko
By: Mike Hupko

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
People of the parish

***Thanks for your support
and generosity***

In-person Offertory
Dec. 31, 2023

Regular, \$3,464.65
Mary, Mother of God, \$835
Christmas, \$10

Online Offertory
December, \$5,203



A ROYAL EPIPHANY

Initially most ancient kingdoms included only a few towns or cities. As they expanded it became necessary for the rulers to remind their subjects of their authority. Sovereigns would make annual official visits and literally hold court in each city. They would judge cases, pass laws and generally make their weight felt. The Greek name for this public appearance was “Epiphany” or simply demonstration. God made his demonstration at Bethlehem. Several representatives from the Middle East came to see him. He still makes Epiphanies in our lives through miracles.

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Weekly readings

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

Monday
Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday
1 Samuel 1:9-20
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday
1 Samuel 3:1-10,
19-20
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday
1 Samuel 4:1-11
Mark 1:40-45

Friday
1 Samuel 8:4-7,
10-22a
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday
1 Samuel 9:1-4,
17-19; 10:1a
Mark 2:13-17

**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,
17-20
John 1:35-42

Lay ministers for Jan. 13/14

Altar servers
Sat. —
Sun. — Timothy Grubb, Leo Grubb
Commentators
Sat. — Bob Gamache
Sun. — Tom Manning
Readers
Sat. — Bob Gamache
Sun. — Rick Kortze, Thomas Mitalski
Ushers
Sat. — J.J. Regan, George Bratton
Sun. — Jimmy Townsend, Richard Barker
Gift Bearers
Sat. — Ushers
Sun. — Boyer family

Parish News

No Monday or Tuesday Mass — No Mass is scheduled for Monday or Tuesday this week. Wednesday Mass will be at noon as usual.

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

Bereavement — Paul Gurdak, husband of Laura Gurdak, died last weekend. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Tax Reminders

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	Chuck Muraski
Cathy Champon	Jimmy Townsend
Sheila Clark	Margaret Vines
Joel Dean	Ed & Linda Yarwood

Gifts of the Magi

The gifts of the magi — gold, frankincense and myrrh — communicate symbolic meanings to us today, particularly in two spiritual senses.

St. Irenaeus has given us interpretations in the allegorical or christological sense. This sense shows how the gifts relate to Christ, specifically the mystery of the Incarnate Word (God becoming man).

Pope St. Gregory the Great outlines the moral sense of each gift — that is, how the items represent gifts that we are to give God in our daily lives.



Gold



In the allegorical sense, gold is a symbol of royalty, which represents the kingship of Jesus.

In the moral sense, gold symbolizes the wisdom of Christ, a wisdom that is to shine in our lives.

Frankincense

Allegorically, frankincense points to the divinity of Christ because it is used in worship.

In the moral sense, it represents the adoration we are to give Jesus. (Revelation 8:3-4)



Myrrh

In an allegorical sense, myrrh symbolizes the humanity of Jesus, particularly in his passion and death.

Myrrh was used to anoint Jesus' body after his death, so it symbolizes pain, death and the afterlife.

In the moral sense, myrrh represents our daily self sacrifices to the Lord. (Matthew 39; Romans 12:1)

—From *The Ignatius Study Bible, New Testament*