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 December, \$5,203

Online Offertory

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

Tuesdav

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

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

demonstration. God made

representatives from the

Middle East came to see

him. He still makes

Epiphanies in our lives

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demonstration at

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simply

Several

Richard

appearance

Bethlehem.

his

"Epiphany" or

through miracles.

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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.

Mary Carr Jim Cathelvn Cathy Champon Sheila Clark Joel Dean

Lynda Gamache 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 aift — 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, 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)

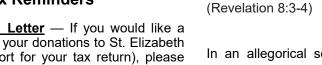
Myrrh

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



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish:

Manny Bandarra

José Gonzales Chuck Muraski Jimmy Townsend Margaret Vines

