

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

**Mass intentions
for March 10, 2024**

4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 5 p.m. — (English) —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

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

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
People of the parish

Monday, 8 a.m. —
† Debbie Cooper
By: Mary Carr

Tuesday, 8 a.m. —
Quigley family
By: Quigley family

Wednesday, noon —
† Binelda Jain Sunga
By: Ric & Norma Martin

5th Sunday of Lent

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

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

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Jerry Hailey
By: Knights of Columbus



MOSES & THE SERPENT

Jesus makes a strange analogy to explain the crucifixion. He refers to a metal statue Moses made. The Hebrews were traveling through a region in southern Jordan that was infested with venomous lizards. Their bites led to high fever and death. A desert dweller for many years, Moses knew panic caused the bite's poison to spread. If the people would relax, the fever would pass. God inspired Moses to create a statue of the serpent as a sign that the Almighty could control real lizards. Jesus may be using this illustration to show the psychological power of the crucifixion. His death on the cross was a reminder of God's ultimate power over sin and evil.

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Weekly readings

4th Sunday of Lent
2 Chronicles 36:14-16,
19-23
Psalm 137:1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

Monday
Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54

Tuesday
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-16

Wednesday
Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

Thursday
Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47

Friday
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday
Jeremiah 11:18-20
John 7:40-53

5th Sunday of Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Thanks for your generosity



Online Offertory

February, \$5,200

In-person Offertory

March 3, 2024

Regular, \$3,856.18
Backpack Buddies, \$120
Black & Indian Missions, \$15

Lay ministers for March 16/17

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge

Commentators

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — Tom Manning

Readers

Sat. — Steve Hummel
Sun. — Cherly White, Katie Taylor

Ushers

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

Gift Bearers

Sat. — Ushers
Sun. — Grubb family

Saintly Wisdom

"Be humble and patient,
and the Lord Jesus will give you
the will and the means."
— *St. John Bosco* —

Parish News

St. Patrick Potluck — Next Sunday, the Ladies' Guild is hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day potluck supper, beginning at 5 p.m. in the church basement. The church will supply the drinks and bread, and Dave Olson will provide musical entertainment. Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy the fun!



Office Hours and Church Open — Church office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (with limited phone access). The church is also open those hours for those who would like to pray before the tabernacle.

Rumor Debunked — A rumor that John Tolejko will no longer bring communion to the homebound is untrue. "I will continue to provide this service as I have for the past 19 years," he said.

Adoration on Wednesday — An hour of adoration will be celebrated with Deacon Gray beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 20.

Lenten Soup Supper Friday — A free soup supper is offered at 5 p.m. Friday in the parish hall (before the Stations of the Cross). Please sign up in the vestibule to help with a head count for the volunteers providing the food.

Stations of the Cross — Come pray the Way of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6 p.m. in English and at 7 p.m. in Spanish.

Social Action

Lenten Food and Diaper Drives — The Knights of Columbus continue their annual Lenten Food Drive through Easter. Everyone is invited to donate one item of non-perishable food (no glass please) for each day of Lent. All food will be donated to Assistance and Resources Ministry (ARM) in Elizabethton. The Knights are also collecting size 4 and 5 baby diapers for Catholic Charities of Northeast Tennessee.

Diocesan News

Listening Sessions for Synodality — As part of our commitment to fulfill Pope Francis' call to synodality, the diocese has scheduled two listening sessions open to anyone who would like to participate — at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the chancery in Knoxville. Efforts are being made to allow limited Zoom participation.



Additionally, participants can respond to an online survey at dioknox.org. Your participation will allow the diocese to produce a final report for the October 2024 Synod of Bishops in Rome. Please visit dioknox.org for more information and to learn how to participate.

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish:

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