

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish

Diocese of Knoxville—February 15, 2026

## Weekly Readings

### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

### Monday

James 1:1-11  
Mark 8:11-13

### Tuesday

James 1:12-18  
Mark 8:14-21

### Wednesday

Ash Wednesday  
Joel 2:12-18  
Psalm 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17  
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Luke 9:22-25

### Friday

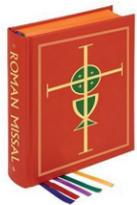
Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Matthew 9:14-15

### Saturday

Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Luke 5:27-32

### 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11



## Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Harry Brooks	Mike Hupko
Mary Carr	Jenny Mace
Jim Cathelyn	Chuck Muraski
Cathy Champon	Leroy & Agnes Policky
Matthew Combs	Jim Stapleton
Joel Dean	Jimmy Townsend
Karla Domagala	Elizabeth Vermillion
Roger & Mary Forbes	Margaret Vines
Lynda Gamache	

## Thank you for your generosity

### In person

February 8, 2026

Regular — \$4,479.00 Building Fund — \$1,457.00  
Designated Funds — \$2,623.00

## A message from Fr. Jesús

Many have noticed that we are having some issues with our sound system. Please know that we are working on it. Thanks for your patience and understanding. † We begin the beautiful season of Lent this Wednesday. There are two opportunities to receive ashes this year. There will be a Communion Service at 12noon in English and a Bilingual Mass at 6pm. I will be assisting Dcn. Rich with the distribution of ashes. Remember that fasting is required on Ash Wednesday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Abstinence from meat is also required for Catholics 14 and up. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 6pm. Our Penance Service will be on Wednesday, March 25 at 6pm. I hope you have a wonderful beginning of Lent!

## Un menssaje del Padre Jesús

Muchos hemos notado que tenemos algunos problemas con nuestro sistema de sonido. Les informamos que estamos trabajando en ello. Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión. Comenzamos la hermosa Cuaresma este miércoles. Este año tendremos dos oportunidades para recibir la ceniza: habrá una Celebración de la Palabra en inglés a las 12:00 y una Misa bilingüe a las 6:00pm. Estaré ayudando al Diácono Rich con la distribución de la ceniza al mediodía. Recuerden que el ayuno el Miércoles de Ceniza es obligatorio para los católicos de entre 18 y 59 años. También se requiere la abstinencia de carne para los católicos de 14 años en adelante. El Vía Crucis se rezará todos los viernes a las 7:00pm. Nuestra Liturgia Penitencial será el 25 de marzo a las 6:00pm. ¡Les deseo un maravilloso comienzo de Cuaresma!

## Second Collection

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, a second collection will be taken up in support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe that suffered so much under decades of harsh Soviet communist rule. Great need remains for the Church in many of these countries as they are still unable to support their own renewal and growth. Your donation will help with the training of seminarians and lay leaders, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media. Thank you.

## Mass Intentions for February 15, 2026

### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, 5pm — (English)**  
† Gurdak & Messina families  
**Saturday, 7pm — (Spanish)**  
† Gregorio Rodriguez  
**Sunday, 9am —**

The people of the parish  
**Monday, 8am -**  
† Valentine Vetter  
**Tuesday, 8am —**  
† John Tolejko  
**Wednesday, 6pm (Bilingual) —**  
† Deceased of the Metz family

### 1st Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, 5pm — (English)**  
† Deceased members of the Stapleton family  
**Saturday, 7pm — (Spanish)**  
† Maria Guadalupe Garcia Alba  
**Sunday, 9am —**  
† Deceased members of the Bartus family

 **Remember that  
you are dust,  
And to dust you  
shall return.**

## Parish Life

**Office Closure**—The parish office will be closed this Monday, February 16, in observance of President's Day.



**St. Patrick's Day Potluck**—The Ladies Guild will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day potluck on Sunday, March 15, at 5pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a favorite dish to share. Come and enjoy an Irish Sunday dinner!

**Worshipping Together**—Thank you for your patience as we work through intermittent sound issues and integrate new video equipment for live streaming. Our team is actively troubleshooting and hopes to restore full audio and video service to the basement as soon as possible.



As planning for Lent and Easter are underway, if you would like to play an instrument or sing for a short time, this would be an opportunity to add your talent to our worship. Lent is a good time for solo instruments to add to our contemplative sound. If you have played flute, violin, French horn, or the harp, please come by the loft after the 9am Mass and talk with us—Be Not Afraid! If your children would like to add their voices in a special way for Easter Sunday morning Mass, please let one of us in the 9am music ensemble know.

## Retreats

**Men's Conference**—Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 28, 2026, for the 5th annual Appalachian Highlands Men's Conference. "Weathering the Storm" will take place at St. Dominic Church in Kingsport from 7am-3pm. Breakfast and lunch will be included along with fellowship, dynamic speakers, music, prayer, and opportunities for Sacramental Confession and Eucharist. To register, visit [facebook.com/CatholicMensConferenceKPT](https://facebook.com/CatholicMensConferenceKPT)

**After Abortion Healing**— If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion or abortions, you are not alone. We are here to assist you with the Rachel's Vineyard healing retreat February 28—March 1, 2026 at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN. Confidentiality is honored at all times. For more info, please contact Sandi Davidson 865-776-4510, [sandi@ccetn.org](mailto:sandi@ccetn.org).

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

**Ash Wednesday**—Ash Wednesday is on February 18. There will be a Communion Service at noon, and a bilingual Mass at 6pm. Ashes will be distributed at both. **NOTE: There will be no Religious Education classes on this day.**

**Stations of the Cross/Soup Suppers**—Soup Suppers will begin this Friday, February 20 at 5pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm. There is no charge. If you plan to attend, please sign the sign-up sheet in the vestibule so food prep can be planned. All are welcome.

**Lenten Food Drive** — The Knights of Columbus Council 10743 will launch their annual Lenten food drive on Ash Wednesday, February 18, through Easter. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the collection box located next to the elevator. Monetary contributions are especially welcome, as they allow Assistance and Resource Ministries (ARM) the flexibility to purchase the items most urgently needed. If you are making a cash/check donation, please put it in an envelope and mark it "ARM". Checks should be made out to Council 10743 KofC with "ARM" noted on the memo line.

**Lenten Parish Mission**—St. Mary Parish in Johnson City is holding a Lenten Parish Mission Feb. 26 - March 1. Father Abraham Vettuvellil, former superior general of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, will present on transforming our regrets into beautiful treasures. For more information, please go to <https://dioknox.org/events/smjclenten-parish-mission>

## LENTEN GUIDELINES

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. (USCCB)

## En Español

El grupo de mujeres en español se reúne todos los lunes a las 6 pm en el sótano de la Iglesia

El grupo de hombres de habla hispana se reúne los jueves a las 6 de la tarde en el sótano de la iglesia.

### Doctrina

La Educación Religiosa (RE) se reúne los miércoles de 6 a 7 p. m., de septiembre a mayo, desde jardín de infantes hasta 12.º grado. Para obtener información, comuníquese con [DRE@stelizabethsparish.com](mailto:DRE@stelizabethsparish.com).

### Caridades Católicas

Ofrecen diferentes servicios en área incluyendo servicios de inmigración y el centro de ayuda para mujeres embarazadas. Para mayor información llame al (877) 990-4673.

### Sacramentos

Bautismo, Matrimonio y Unción de los enfermos, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al (423) 543-3412

### Visitas al Hospital

Si necesita la visita de alguno de los diáconos o del padre para un enfermo en el hospital o en su casa, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial (423) 543-3412.

### Acopio de latas de Aluminio

Por favor deposite sus latas de aluminio en un contenedor que está detrás de la cochera de la iglesia.