

**ST. ELIZABETH
OF HUNGARY**
Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Dec. 15, 2024**

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 5 p.m. — (English)
Healing for our parish
By: *The Quigley Family*

Saturday, 7 p.m. — (Spanish)
The people of the parish

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Margaret Anne Berry
By: *Deacon Rich's class*

Monday, 8 a.m. —
† Daniel Paul
By: *Barbara Paul*

Tuesday, 8 a.m. —
Janet Hare
By: *John Tolejko*

Wednesday, noon —
† Deceased of Bartus family
By: *George & Thea Bratton*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 5 p.m. — (English)
† Paul Gurdak
By: *Laura Gurdak*

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

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
The people of the parish



REJOICE ALWAYS

Some people think that religion must always be very serious and even somber. It's not supposed to be fun! Today's readings are a reminder that true religion should be joyful. In the New American Bible the single word "joy" appears 219 times; while the words "sad", "sadden", "saddens", "sadly" and "sadness" occur only a total of 24 times. The Catholic Church celebrates two "Joy" Sundays: the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete, Latin for "Rejoice") and the fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare, another Latin word for "Rejoice".) We are supposed to be somewhat sad during Advent, but we cannot help but be filled with joy because we know how the story ends, with the Nativity.

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Weekly readings

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Monday

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday

Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Friday

Isaiah 7:10-14
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday

Song of Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

*Rejoice:
The Lord
Is nigh*

Lay ministers for Dec. 21/22; 24/25

Altar servers

Sat. — Timothy, Leo & Finnian Grubb
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge
Dec. 24—Timothy, Leo & Finnian Grubb
Dec. 25—Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge

Commentators

Sat. — Cathy Champon
Sun. — Nick Schicker
Dec. 24—Richard Barker
Dec. 25—Tom Manning

Readers

Sat. — Steve Hummel, Cathy Champon
Sun. — Rick Kortze, Mercedes Burke
Dec. 24—Mercedes Burke, Irene Whitehead
Dec. 25—Cathy Champon, Thomas Mitalaki

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat. — Michael Gray Jr., Angela Murphy-Walters
Sun. — Nick Schicker, Marghi Quigley
Dec. 24—Greg Watson, Marghi Quigley
Dec. 25—Tom Manning, Angela Murphy-Walters

Ushers

Sat. — George Bratton, J.J. Regan
Sun. — Tim Eilers, Tom Manning

A Note from Father Jesús

Happy Advent! Since our purchase of the new rectory, preliminary activities are underway so I can move in by early February. We are in the process of securing bids from qualified service providers to: install a radon mitigation system, install a new sump pump, update one of the bathrooms, and general repairs and painting.

The old rectory will be used as a temporary storage space until the plans for conversion to its new use are more fully developed.

Interviews are underway for our new Liturgy and Music Director. Your patience is appreciated as we wait for God's direction on the right individual. Christmas decoration of our church will be taking place on December 24 in the afternoon. Volunteers are needed.

Many things are continuing to evolve. Continue to pray for unity and guidance.

Parish Life

Holiday Mass Schedule-

Tues., Dec. 24—5pm (English); 7pm (Spanish)
Wed., Dec 25—9am (English)
Tues., Dec. 31— 5pm (English); 7pm (Spanish)
Wed., Jan. 1—9am (English)

Volunteers needed- We are in great need of Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers. Please contact office for more information.

Inclement Weather:

Mass & Confession

Weekdays—cancelled when ETSU cancels classes.
Weekends—Never cancelled unless at the discretion of the Pastor

Office Hours- Closed or delayed opening will follow the ETSU inclement weather schedule for classes.

Activities or Meetings- Will follow the ETSU inclement weather class schedule.

ETSU Weather Advisories- can be viewed on this link: https://www.etsu.edu/oa/weather_advisories.php.

Youth Group

Hang-Out Night- Rescheduled from this Wednesday, Dec. 18, to Saturday, Dec. 21, at 1pm. We will be decorating the education building and church basement. All youth 5th grade and up are welcome to attend. Contact Vicki Johnson at 859-802-9710 for more information.

Social Action

Food Drive-The Knights of Council 10743 are continuing their Advent Food Drive. Non-perishable food and cash donations will be given to Assistance and Resource Ministries (ARM). Baby items needed are baby- and toddler-sized clothes hangers. These and any money will be given to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. If making a cash/check donation, please put it in an envelope marked either "ARM" or "CC of ET." Checks should be made out to Council 10743 KofC and note ARM or CC of ET on the memo line.

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish:

Manny Bandarra	J.J. Regan
Thea Bratton	Fran Robey
Jim Cathelyn	Jim Stapleton
Joel Dean	Jimmy Townsend
Lynda Gamache	Margaret Vines
Chuck Muraski	Ed & Linda Yarwood
Leroy & Agnes Policky	

Thank you for your generosity.

In person — Dec. 8, 2024

Regular—\$2,105.00	Building Fund—\$830.00
Angel Tree—\$700.00	Needy In Our Area—\$95.00
Retired Religious—\$185.00	Christmas Flowers—\$5.00
Catholic Charities—\$15.00	