

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

**Mass intentions  
for Dec. 22, 2024**

**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

**Monday, 8 a.m.** —  
The Metz family  
By: Barbara Paul

**Tuesday, 8 a.m.** — **No Mass**

*Vigil for Christmas*  
**Tuesday, 5 p.m.** — (English-*no incense*)  
† Kathleen Smith  
By: Brophy Lee

**Tuesday, 7 p.m.** — (Spanish-*incense*)  
Presider's intention

*Christmas*  
**Wednesday, 9 a.m.** — (English-*incense*)  
The people of the parish

**Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**

**Saturday, 5 p.m.** — (English)  
† Trent Policky  
By: Agnes & Leroy Policky

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

**Sunday, 9 a.m.** —  
Gloria Knight  
By: John Tolejko



**ELIZABETH AND  
MARY**

The Hebrew version of name Elizabeth is Elisheba, which means "God is fullness". This was also the name of the wife of Aaron, the first Hebrew priest. Appropriately, her husband is also a priest. She is barren and elderly, so the couple have no children. In this regard she is similar to other famous women in the bible, including Sarah, Rachel and Hannah. Each of these bore children after a promise from God. Elizabeth is called the "kinswoman" of Mary. While this is assumed to mean "cousin," the exact relationship is unknown. When Mary learns that Elizabeth is pregnant, she journeys to Ein Kerem, a suburb west of Jerusalem. Her visit is accompanied by manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth's baby stirs in her womb. Mary expresses a prayer of joy.

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**Weekly readings**

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

**Monday**  
Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Luke 1:57-66

**Tuesday**  
*Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
Matthew 1:1-25

**Wednesday**  
*Nativity of the Lord*  
Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98:1-6  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18

**Thursday**  
*St. Stephen*  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Matthew 10:17-22

**Friday**  
*St. John*  
1 John 1:1-4  
John 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday**  
*Holy Innocents*  
1 John 1:5—2:2  
Matthew 2:13-18

**Sunday**  
*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*  
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Psalm 128:1-5  
Colossians 3:12-21  
Luke 2:41-52



**Lay ministers for Dec. 28/29/31;**

**Jan. 1**

**Altar servers**

Sat. — Timothy, Leo & Finnian Grubb  
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge  
Dec. 31—Timothy, Leo & Finnian Grubb  
Jan 1—Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge

**Commentators**

Sat. — Steve Hummel  
Sun. — Tom Manning  
Dec. 31—Cathy Champon  
Jan 1—

**Readers**

Sat. — Angela Murphy-Walters, Steve Hummel  
Sun. — Chris Durney, Thomas Mitalski  
Dec. 31—Steve Hummel, Cathy Champon  
Jan 1—

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

Sat. — Michael Gray Jr., Matt Grubb  
Sun. — Greg Watson, Mike Snow  
Dec. 31—Michael Gray Jr., Marghi Quigley  
Jan 1—

**Ushers**

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

**A Note from Father Jesús**

I am pleased to inform you that Laura Ciccone is volunteering to lead the project for the planning and transitioning of items from the church to the new storage building (old rectory). This short-term project will require the help of other volunteers for a smooth and orderly transition. Your consideration for helping is very much appreciated. Please call the office or email Laura at Lmrciccone@gmail.com for more information.

**Christmas**

**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)

**Office Hours-**The parish office will be open 8:30am to 12:30pm on Dec. 23 & Dec. 30. It will be closed Dec. 24-27 and Dec. 31-Jan. 3.

**Religious Education-**There will be no classes on Dec. 22 or 29.

**Parish Life**

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

**Tax Reminders**

**Charity Donation Deadline for 2024-** Donations to St. Elizabeth must be received no later than next Tuesday, Dec. 31, if you wish to deduct them on your 2024 tax return.

**Charity Donation Letter-** If you would like a letter summarizing your donations to St. Elizabeth for 2024 (as support for your tax return), please drop a note in the weekend collection with your name and the words "tax letter" on it.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**In person — Dec. 15, 2024**

Regular—\$8,925.66  
Angel Tree—\$106.00  
Youth Group—\$80.00  
Building Fund—\$305.00  
Retired Religious—\$35.00  
Catholic Schools—\$35.00  
Catholic Charities—\$158.00  
Back Pack Buddies—\$40.00  
Needy In Our Area—\$35.00  
Christmas Flowers—\$375.00  
Human Development—\$25.00  
Pastor Discretionary—\$3,000.00  
Our Lady of Guadalupe—\$209.00



**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	