



JANUARY 22, 2023
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
7717 RIVER ROAD - TOWNSEND, TN 37882
865 - 448 - 6070

WEBSITE: STFRANCISTOWNSEND.ORG
E-MAIL: STFRANCISTOWNSEND7717@GMAIL.COM

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS: Saturdays – Vigil Mass - 4:00PM
Sundays – 9:00AM

DAILY MASS: MON, TU, TH & FRI - 8:30AM
(NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)
Check bulletin/website for changes

CONFESSION: Saturdays before Mass:
3:00 - 3:40 (Church confessional)

Sundays Before Mass:
8:15 - 8:40 (Church confessional)

Confessions may also be scheduled by
calling the parish office for an appoint-
ment.

HOLY DAYS: Check bulletin or website

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST: Rev. Antonio Giraldo

OFFICE MANAGER: Kathy Meyerkord

BOOKKEEPER: Kathleen Halligan

LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR: JoAnne Romer-Aylward

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Julie Dew

RCIA/ADULT Ed: Bruce Boudin

WELCOMING, EVENTS AND SOCIALS (WEST): All

GARDENS & GROUNDS: Ilene Rainwater

FACILITIES: David Girard

SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE: JoAnne Romer-Aylward

PASTORAL CARE (SICK & HOMEBOUND): Suzie Fay

ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP: Camilla Sorrell

COLUMBARIUM: Bob Eberhardt

PARISH ASSOCIATIONS

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Ilene Rainwater

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Debbie Eberhardt

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please contact the pastor or ask an usher / welcoming member for a registration form, and then place the completed form in the offertory basket or mail it to the church office.
For more information call 865-448-6070.

PARISHIONERS: Please report any change of contact information to the parish office via e-mail, mail or phone.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend the Baptismal Prep Class. Your family must be registered in the parish.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish priest a minimum of six months before the wedding to allow for marriage preparation formation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone entering the hospital or in serious ill health is encouraged to be anointed.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please email Microsoft Word articles to sfbulletin7717@gmail.com with the subject of "Bulletin Announcement" by Tuesday 12:00PM. All submissions are subject to further editing to fit the format of the bulletin. THANKS!

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: How can St. Francis of Assisi be of assistance/service to you & your loved ones? Please contact Suzie Fay at 423-829-5466 or contact the office at 865-448-6070.

MASS INTENTIONS: (Mass cards are available upon request)

The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass

MON.	1/23	8:30 AM*	Ellis Whidbee †
TUES.	1/24	8:30 AM*	
WED.	1/25		NO DAILY MASS
THURS.	1/26	8:30 AM	Hezzie & Sandra † Holden
FRIDAY	1/27	8:30 AM	Hollis Bridier †
SAT.	1/28	4:00 PM	Randall Barks †
SUN.	1/29	9:00 AM	Debbie Moretti †

To schedule a Mass intention, (at least two weeks in advance), please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. Please specify whether the Mass Intention is for a living or deceased loved one. The usual requested donation for a Mass intention is \$10.00 in the Diocese of Knoxville.

* PRAYER/COMMUNION SERVICE



PRAYER REQUESTS: (Homebound, sick or recovering parishioners, friends and relatives): Charlotte Graham, Connie Gooden, Pat Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Julie Bobo, Ann Sorvillo, Naomi Nwadike, Charlotte Stalder, Deacon Larry West, Jerome Hebert, Debi Hartman, Joanna Dogid, Chris Owens, Christopher Kramer, Rosemary Barker, Gayle Burnison, Cam King, David Holmes, Rusty Treadway, Amy Frink, Myra Montera, Ann Rizzo, Elizabeth Quinn, Debbie Williams, Kim Brown, Robert Modisett, Tony Foster, Mary Sellers, Julie Schirack,

SANCTUARY CANDLE: *In Memory of Brian Barker given by John & Yvonne Peychal.*

If you would like to donate to the sanctuary candle fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$10.00 for 1 week.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If you would like to donate to the sanctuary flowers fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$40.00 for two weeks.



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	1/23	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	1/24		
Wed	1/25		
Thu	1/26	6:00 PM	Divine Worship Meeting
Fri	1/27		
Sat	1/28	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	1/29	9:00 AM	Mass

SACRED ART RETREAT: MAKING MOSAICS

Are you looking for a unique way to rejuvenate your spiritual health? February 17-18, the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is offering an "Art as Spiritual Therapy" retreat. Using hands-on activities, skilled presenters will invite you to explore the mosaics of your own life. Assemble your very own cross from personal mementos, and offer prayers through the ancient practice of making Pysanky eggs. Plus have time to enjoy our beautiful setting and some delicious full-course meals prepared by our own chef. Visit www.catholicconference.org/mosaics, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828.327.7441 for more information.

CATECHISM CORNER

A most Happy and Blessed Third Sunday in Ordinary Time! Reflecting on the Eucharistic Revival, I would like you to start meditating more intensely what it means to live a Eucharistic life. How is Jesus inviting you to make a gift of yourself to others, to Him? I thought with this “reflection” I would “talk” about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy! What are these? Briefly, they are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Let us ask Our Lord so that not a day would pass without us loving Him through our neighbor through these spiritual acts of mercy. Mother of mercy, pray for us!

The “Works” pretty much speak for themselves:

The corporal works of mercy are as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Feed the hungry. | 5. Visit the sick. |
| 2. Give drink to the thirsty. | 6. Visit the imprisoned. |
| 3. Clothe the naked. | 7. Bury the dead. |
| 4. Shelter the homeless. | |

The spiritual works of mercy are:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. To instruct the ignorant; | 5. To forgive offences willingly; |
| 2. To counsel the doubtful; | 6. To comfort the afflicted; |
| 3. To admonish sinners or correct those who err; | 7. To pray for the living and the dead. |
| 4. To bear wrongs patiently; | |

This all sounds very familiar, right? The Old Testament is full of testimony to the ancient Jewish conviction that care for guests was crucial. In Genesis 19, Abraham is marked by his sense of hospitality, most notably when the Three Visitors arrive to promise the birth of Isaac. Other Scripture that emphasizes Israel’s duty of hospitality to the alien, the orphan and the widow (Deuteronomy 10:18; Jeremiah 7:6). The Book of Tobit speaks of “burying the dead.” The Book of Ruth centers on the duty to take in the stranger — and it becomes a book of the Bible because out of this drama we receive Israel’s greatest king, David, a descendant of Ruth! And the New Testament has many references as well. The most familiar being from Matthew 25:31-46 which references many of the Corporal Works of Mercy directly by Jesus in the Parable of the Sheep and Goats. As you can see this is a constant in the Bible. Some of these “Works” can be difficult, I personally know, but to be gracious I have to be an advocate (again) for our St. Francis of Assisi’s St. Vincent de Paul Society. These parishioners are the embodiment of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Please, if you find it in your hearts, pray about helping this Ministry by donating financially or your time!

St. Rose of Lima said: “When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus.”

p.s. You may see the Works of Mercy again during Lent, so if you have any questions relating to them, please contact me at [jdewtn2018@att.net!](mailto:jdewtn2018@att.net)



Esteban Salazar

TENOR



Christian Correa

TENOR



Laura Gómez

SOPRANO

NELLA FANTASIA
CONCERT 

Music Pieces By:

Andrea Bocelli

Il Divo

Leonard Cohen

Ernesto de Curtis

Bart Howard

FEB.20.2023

7:00 PM

Admission is Free.



A Love Offering will be collected.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

7717 River Rd.

Townsend, TN 37882

www.StFrancisTownsend.org



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor by assisting local families with food, and with utility and rent bills.

Reminder: When contributing to St. Vincent de Paul by check, please make the check payable to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP). The Poor Box is located in the church vestibule.

SVDP meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC! All Are Welcome!

Thank You for your continued support of SVDP!

SVDP JANUARY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"

For January, we are asking for **jars of jam or jelly—any flavor**. *We've had quite a number of jars given to us but we can always use more.* This is really helping us stock our pantry. 😊😊😊



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP
OPEN FOR BUSINESS
AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

For a short time, we will have Christmas merchandise available in case you'd like to purchase something new for next year's gifts or home displays.

WEEK 30—52 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION from laudatosimovement.org

Start with gratitude

Making spiritual and lifestyle changes to support environmental or social justice causes can be overwhelming, as there is a mountain of information which seems to be added to daily. Simply keeping up with the Laudato Si Movement and/or the Catholic Climate Covenant and the wonderful webinars, articles, and programs could inhibit a pilgrim's path. But as Pope Francis writes, one must start with an expression of gratitude- a compass to point the way. "One expression of this attitude (accepting each moment as a gift from God) is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom. That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labors provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need" [LS 227].

The Care for Creation group meets twice a month on every other Tuesday at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima. All St. Francis parishioners are welcome to join them. For more information contact Mary Tankersley (maryetank@hotmail.com) or the OLOF Care for Creation Ministry, or laudatosimovement.org.

WES TEAM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



At our WES Team Meeting this past week, we selected the events we are planning for 2023. These include: Concert on February 20, Movie Night on April 21, Smokies Baseball Game (tentative date 6/23), Fall Potluck in October, and Christmas Party in December.

Please follow in the bulletin for details as each event gets closer.



To receive the bulletin as an e-mail attachment every week, simply send an e-mail with “E-Bulletin” in the subject line to **SFABulletin7717@gmail.com.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—1/15/2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Attendance: 115

Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,240.00
Donation Box	0.00
Other Donations*	10.00
Total Donations for the Week	\$ 2,250.00
Year-to-Date Donations	\$ 103,699.76
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations.....	102,544.29
Year-to-Date Donation Deficit**	\$ 1,155.47

Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund	\$ 105.00
Parish Charity	0.00
Other	0.00
Total Non-Budget Donations	\$ 105.00

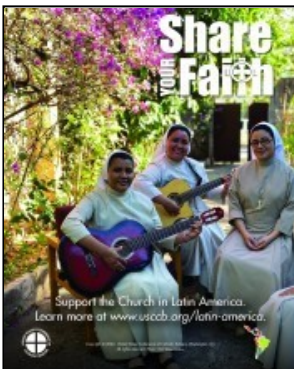
* Mass Intentions, Flowers, Candles, Facility Use, etc.
** Based on Year-to-Date Total Donations minus Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations

AN INSPIRATION FOR JANUARY 22 FROM “THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS”

“If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He has great designs for you, and that He certainly intends to make you a saint.”—St. Ignatius of Loyola

A REFLECTION FOR JANUARY 22 FROM “THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN”

As all men are touched by God’s love, so all are also touched by the desire for His intimacy. No one escapes this longing; we are all kings in exile, miserable without the Infinite. Those who reject the grace of God have a desire to avoid God, as those who accept it have a desire for God.

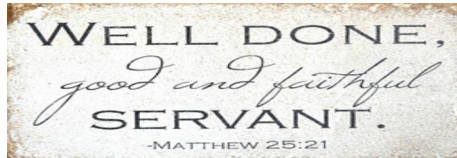


NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA.

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and to grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special Collection! To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED LOVED ONES

Philip Peychal 6/6/1940—12/24/2022 Brother of John Peychal
George Szekely 9/24/1958-1/16/2023 Brother of Julie Dew



BISHOP'S APPEAL
for **MINISTRIES**

Building up the Church in East Tennessee

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES IS UNDERWAY

The Bishop's Appeal for Ministries begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Stika asking for a commitment to this year's Appeal.

Your gift not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese of Knoxville, but it also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

Each Appeal gift enables the diocese to build up the kingdom of God throughout East Tennessee. God gives us all that we have. Even when we want to believe that our successes are self-made, we know that it is God who has blessed us abundantly with all we have. He is always giving to us. His grace is always there for us. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and to our diocese and to the Church throughout the world. The gifts that we give enable ministries, education and services that touch thousands of lives.

Please answer Bishop Stika's request and make a commitment to the annual appeal. All pledges can be paid in ten installments. Thank you in advance for your support.



YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE!

25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on March 17-19, call 800-470-2230 or 615-838-6724 or email nrv3043@gmail.com or visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

2023 Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention

April 20, 21 & 22

All Women Welcome and Encouraged to Come See What We are All About!

**St. Thomas the Apostle
Lenoir City, TN**

Full Convention Early Bird Price is only \$125 which includes meals and events.



The Lord needs women who will step forward in righteousness and say, "Here am I, send me."

M. Russal Ballard



Featuring Keynote Speakers
**Melissa Foley &
Father John Arthur Orr**

**REGISTRATION OPENS
JANUARY 15TH!**

For more information and a description of each breakout session go to KDCCW.ORG

You will select your breakout session at time of registration. Register early, space is limited. Early Bird registration ends March 20th

Choose
the Breakout
Sessions
that
interest
YOU!

