



JANUARY 29, 2023 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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.	1/30	8:30 AM	Margaret Parks †
TUES.	1/31	8:30 AM	Margaret Parks †
WED.	2/1		NO DAILY MASS
THURS.	2/2	8:30 AM	Father Antonio Giraldo
FRIDAY	2/3	8:30 AM	Henry † & Winifred T. † Mitchell
SAT.	2/4	4:00 PM	Joann Nieman, Zack Bell
SUN.	2/5	9:00 AM	Geroge Szekely †

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 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 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.



SANCTUARY CANDLE: 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.



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	1/30	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	1/31		
Wed	2/1		
Thu	2/2		
Fri	2/3	9:00 AM	Adoration
Sat	2/4	9:00 AM	Adoration
		4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	2/5	9:00 AM	Mass



FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, February 3

Mass: 8:30 AM
Adoration: 9 AM—Noon
Benediction: Noon

Saturday, February 4

Mass: 8:30 AM
Adoration: 9 AM—Noon
Confessions: 9-10 AM
Benediction: Noon

If you are interested in committing to a Holy Hour for either First Friday or First Saturday, please contact Jackie Wagner at 330-807-8663.



**PASTOR'S
NOTES**

**4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
THE BEATITUDES**



Throughout Scripture, we hear the consistent message that God does not operate in the ways the world imagines. God regularly proclaims a preference for the poor and oppressed and a special care for the widows and orphans. When God enters human existence, it is not as a triumphant king but as a vulnerable infant born in poverty. God offers us salvation not through a visible victory but through the apparent defeat on the Cross. God defeats death by going through death himself. None of this is how the world operates or how we like to see it work. God's ways are not our ways.

The Beatitudes of today's gospel make this explicit. Jesus here preaches the reversal of expectations, to which his whole life bears witness. In this world, we often think of those who are "blessed" as those who are safe and healthy, productive and successful, financially secure, and usually married with children. When we "count our blessings" we are usually counting external things such as these. It is not wrong to be grateful for these things; in fact, recognizing them as gifts from God can be an important spiritual practice. But Jesus insists that, good as these things are, they are not the point. His definition of blessedness has nothing to do with external things. The ones that Jesus calls blessed are defined by more internal characteristics, and the blessings they receive are not visible or worldly ones.

The invisible nature of this blessedness means that we might not get to know who among us has found favor with God. This is unsettling, because of course we want to know. But it is also good news, for all of us, because all of us are broken in some way. And what Jesus tells us here is that our brokenness, our lacks, our failures, none of these exclude us from blessedness.



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**VOLUNTEERS—PLEASE NOTE!
SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

Many of our volunteers have not completed the Safe Environment Program (this program replaces Virtus, which was previously used by the Diocese). Those volunteers received an email on January 17 from Julie Dew and Kathy Meyerkord (our Safe Environment Site Administrators) asking that they complete the training and background check. So far, only a few people that were contacted have completed the certification. If you have questions about any of this, please contact Kathy Meyerkord at the office. Volunteers who do NOT complete this will no longer be allowed to volunteer. This program takes about 1 1/2 hours to watch the videos and answer the questions. It does not need to be completed at one sitting. We'd like to have this completed by February 28. A reminder email will be sent in early February.

AN INSPIRATION FOR JANUARY 29 FROM "THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS"

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." - St. Gianna Molla

CATECHISM CORNER

A most Happy and Blessed Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. (from the eucharisticrevival.org) I've listed the internet site I obtain most of my information regarding the Eucharistic Revival. I hope you will visit!

I quote the Catechism of the Catholic Church book quite a bit. You may see me abbreviate this with the acronym CCC. I would like to briefly, and I mean briefly, explain what this wonderful book is! Ok, briefly it is a teaching tool with concise explanations of Catholic beliefs. The Catechism includes quotations from many papal encyclicals, church council documents, and the Scriptures. We are fortunate to have a couple of copies in our library! Feel free to borrow one or take one to keep.

Drawn up by the special Commission of Cardinals and Bishops established in 1986, the Catechism was approved and promulgated (proclaimed/to promote or make widely known) by Pope John Paul II. Presided over by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (YES! That's right – Pope Benedict!) this Commission worked diligently to fulfill the mandate it received. The Commission devoted particular attention to a study of many suggested changes to the contents of the text, which came from around the world and from various parts of the ecclesial (pertaining to the Church) community. The Commission seriously considered the suggestions offered (from ALL the bishops around the world through various synods held), carefully examined them at various levels and submitted its conclusions for the Pope's approval. These conclusions allow for a better expression of the Catechism's contents regarding the certain truths of the Catholic faith, and formulated in a way more suited to the requirements of contemporary catechetical instruction – all approved by the Pope!

Pope John Paul II stated: "This response (of the Commission) elicits in me a deep feeling of joy, because the harmony of so many voices truly expresses what could be called the "symphony" of the faith. The achievement of this Catechism thus reflects the collegial nature of the Episcopate; it testifies to the Church's catholicity." As we profess each and every Sunday: one holy, catholic and apostolic Church! The catechism faithfully and systematically presents the teaching of Sacred Scripture, the living Tradition (notice the capital "T") in the Church and the authentic Magisterium, as well as the spiritual heritage of the early Church Fathers, Doctors, and saints of the Church, which allows for a better knowledge of the Christian mystery and for enlivening the faith of the People of God which includes everyone – even non-Christians. You will see many, many quotes on the bottom of the pages from Holy Scripture and Church Fathers, Doctors of the Church and the saints.

I have used the CCC as a teaching tool for many years and I am in awe of the content! Thank you, Saint Pope John XXIII for making this your pastoral mission "to guard and present better the precious deposit of Christian doctrine in order to make it more accessible to the Christian faithful and to all people of good will." And Saint Pope John Paul II for your commitment in fulfilling this important mission for your predecessor. Saint Pope John Paul II and Saint Pope John XXIII, pray for us.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty.

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 FEBRUARY “PRODUCT OF THE MONTH”

Thanks for all the jars of jam and jelly you donated in January. For February, we are asking for

Cans of tuna or boxes of Tuna Helper or Hamburger Helper.



THE BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES—IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

BISHOP’S APPEAL for MINISTRIES

Building up the Church in East Tennessee

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Bishop’s Appeal for Ministries information that you received with your bulletin. Please remember that the Bishop’s Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Bishop’s Appeal for Ministries, please reflect on God’s gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Diocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they fund a significant portion of the work of our Diocese.

If you received your pledge form in the mail and have not sent it in, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



- February 20—Nella Fantasia Concert - See bulletin for more info
- April 21—Movie Night—Father Stu (PG-13 version)
- June 23—Smokies Baseball w/fireworks

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

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

In your envelope packet for next weekend, you have both a Maintenance Fund and a Black and Indian Missions envelope. Next weekend will be the Maintenance Fund collection. The Black and Indian Missions fund collection will be February 25 & 26.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—1/22/2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Attendance: 114

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,866.00
Donation Box	0.00
Other Donations*	150.00
Total Donations for the Week	\$ 2,016.00
Year-to-Date Donations	\$ 105,715.76
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations.....	106,080.30
Year-to-Date Donation Deficit**	\$ 364.54

Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund	\$ 0.00
Parish Charity	0.00
Church in Latin America	\$749.00
Other	0.00
Total Non-Budget Donations	\$ 749.00

* Mass Intentions, Flowers, Candles, Facility Use, etc.

** Based on Year-to-Date Total Donations minus Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations

A REFLECTION FOR JANUARY 29 FROM “THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN”

Whenever man attempts to do what he knows to be the Master’s will, a power will be given him equal to the duty.

WEEK 31—52 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION from laudatosimovement.org

Take and keep the Laudato Si Pledge Part 1

Regarding environmental damage and destruction, Patriarch Bartholomew of the Eastern Orthodox Church wrote in 2003, “We look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity; otherwise we would be dealing merely with symptoms. (We are asked) to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which “entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God’s world needs [LS 9]. Our Week 31 Way to Care for Creation is to internalize part 1 of the Laudato Si Pledge- to pray for and with creation: “for creation” because so many areas need healing, and “with creation” because our lives are intimately interconnected with its gifts, its beauty, and its Maker.

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.



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.

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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!

