



**MAY 28, 2023  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
7717 RIVER ROAD - TOWNSEND, TN 37882  
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**MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**HOLY MASS:** Saturday – Vigil Mass - 4:00PM  
Sunday – 9:00AM

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

**CONFESSION:** Saturday before Mass:  
3:00 - 3:40 (Church confessional)  
Sunday Before Mass:  
8:15 - 8:40 (Church confessional)  
Confessions may also be scheduled  
by calling the parish office for an  
appointment.

**HOLY DAYS:** Check bulletin or website

*The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass*

**PARISH MINISTRY TEAM**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Antonio Giraldo  
**OFFICE MANAGER:** Kathy Meyerkord  
**BOOKKEEPER:** Kathleen Halligan  
**LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR:** JoAnne Romer-Aylward  
**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION:** Julie Dew  
**RCIA:** 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](mailto: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 at the office.)

**MON. 5/29 8:30 AM\***  
**TUES. 5/30 8:30 AM\***  
**WED. 5/31 NO MORNING MASS**  
**THURS. 6/1 8:30 AM**  
**FRIDAY 6/2 8:30 AM Elizabeth Quinn †**  
**SAT. 6/3 4:00 PM Henry † & Winifred T. † Mitchell**  
**SUN. 6/4 9:00 AM Elizabeth Quinn †**

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email or in person during office hours. 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.

**\*COMMUNION/PRAYER SERVICE**



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** (Homebound, sick or recovering parishioners, friends and relatives): Charlotte Graham, Connie Gooden, Pat Sanders, Judy Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Ann Sorvillo, Naomi Nwadike, Charlotte Stalder, Deacon Larry West, Jerome Hebert, Debi Hartman, Joanna Dogid, Chris Owens, Christopher Kramer, Rosemary Barker, Cam King, David Holmes, Rusty Treadway, Amy Frink, Myra Montero, Ann Rizzo, Kim Brown, Robert Modisett, Tony Foster, Mary Sellers, Claire Cheadle, Bea Daily, Annette Zion Baker, Kathy Janke, Charlotte Fernandez, Lee Robey, Jennifer Reed, Dan Hogan, Elise Martin, Paula Watson

**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.



**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.



**JUNE 3 & 4 SECOND COLLECTION MAINTENANCE FUND**

Your donations made to this fund will help pay for the rising cost of maintaining our aging buildings and to continue with preventative maintenance. Thank you for your support of this fund! You may use the envelope that came in your envelope packet, the envelopes located in the vestibule, or mark on a plain envelope or on the check that it is for the Maintenance Fund.

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>5/29</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Church & Hall Cleaning
<b>Tue</b>	<b>5/30</b>		
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5/31</b>		
<b>Thu</b>	<b>6/1</b>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6/2</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Adoration
<b>Sat</b>	<b>6/3</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mass

## CATECHISM CORNER

Happy Birthday!!! Today is Pentecost, the birth of the Church when the descent of the Holy Spirit came to empower Jesus' apostles to fulfill their divine directive, we should continue rejoicing, because God makes biblically clear on this feast that he established the Church to restore His kingdom as a "catholic" or "universal," worldwide blessing—not simply one confined to the nation of Israel. When you see the word catholic in the Nicene Creed, it is not pointing to the Roman Catholic Church, but the universal church – the one true church of Jesus Christ!

On that first Pentecost Sunday, as recorded in Acts of the Apostles, Peter reminds the people of Israel that God swore a covenant oath to David that he would place one of his descendants on his throne (Acts 2:30), a descendant who, unlike David, who died and whose tomb was in their midst in Jerusalem to that very day, would not suffer bodily corruption (Acts 2:25-29).

The only descendant of David who claims to be a king, and who also rose from the dead, is Jesus Christ—so Peter testifies to his Israelite members (Acts 2:30-36; see also Matt. 16:18-19; Luke 1:32-33). And at the subsequent council of Jerusalem, James reaffirms that Jesus has restored the kingdom of David in establishing His Church, whose mission is the evangelization of the whole world (Acts 15:13-18).

In establishing His kingdom, what does Jesus say He will do? He says He will establish it on the apostle Peter, who alone will have "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" in leading Christ's Church (Matt. 16:18-19). To confirm this, He gives Peter a new name, which appears as Cephas several times in the New Testament, (John. 1:42). This is the Greek form of the Aramaic word kepha, which means "large rock."

To fulfill the Great Commission that Jesus mandates, which will happen when believers witness or share their testimony (Acts 1:8), preach the gospel (Mark 16:15), baptize new converts, and teach the Word of God (Matthew 28:20). Christians are to replicate themselves (make disciples) in the lives of those who respond to the message of Christ's salvation. The countless denominations that have resulted in the 500 years since the Protestant Reformation testify to that event's divisive fruits, opposing to Jesus' passionate prayer for unity during the Last Supper (John 17:20-23). This prayer for unity does not guarantee that the Church and popes who safeguard it will be impeccable—without sin. There is, sadly, plenty of evidence over twenty centuries to illustrate the human failings of the Church. (I've said many times, that the devil sometimes does his best work within the Church!) But we are and remain united in the Catholic, universal faith because of what Jesus did 2,000 years ago, has continued to do to the present time, and will continue to do until His Second Coming.

We are and remain Catholic because the Church is a divinely established and divinely sustained salvific project. And so, we can confidently echo the words to Jesus that our first pope spoke 2,000 years ago after Christ's preaching on the Eucharist that proved too hard for many of disciples to endure:

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God (John 6:68-69).*

Happy, happy birthday!!! "The Spirit is not content with burning only in the center of your being. He longs to illumine and inflame our whole being, so that you not only have a fire within you, but you become entirely a living flame of love." Fr. Wilfrid Stinissen, O.C.D.





## THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families with food, utilities and rent bills. Thank You!**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC! All Are Welcome!

**Thank You** for your continued support of SVDP!

### SVDP MAY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"



Our Products of the Month for May are  
**Coffee (instant and ground—small containers only) and  
Coffee Creamer.**



### COME JOIN OUR SUMMERTIME WES TEAM EVENT!

**What:** Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game  
**When:** June 23; 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Yee-Haw at the Yard; TN Smokies Stadium  
**Cost:** \$32 for adults, \$30 for children (12 and under)

We are once again planning an event at Smokies Stadium. We had over 40 people attend last year and we had a great time, in spite of the rain. The price includes a ticket to the game, access to the Yee-Haw at the Yard Party Deck (in left field) and a buffet which includes hickory Smoked pork BBQ, smoked BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, spinach artichoke dip w/tortilla chips, hot dog bar, chocolate cookies and Pepsi products. Also included are fireworks after the game. If you plan on attending, please contact Kathy or Ilene at the office (865-448-6070) to make a reservation or a sign-up sheet is available on the table in Shea Hall.



One item to note this year: the ballpark is a cashless venue. The parking lot, concession stands and Go-Teez Locker Room Team Store will accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, apple Pay, and Google Pay only.

***Payment will be due by June 5. Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi. You may drop your payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Smokies Ball Game", mail it to the church office, or drop it off during office hours. Hope to see you all.***



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP  
OPEN FOR BUSINESS  
AFTER WEEKEND MASSES



**WES TEAM NEWS**

**Next Meeting**—July 20 at Noon in Shea Hall; All are welcome! Lunch will be served.

**Smokies Baseball Game w/Fireworks**

June 23, 7:00 PM; Buffet at 6:00 PM  
See article in this bulletin. Sign-ups in Shea Hall.

**Pet Blessing**—September 30, 11:00 AM

**Fall Pot Luck**-October 8, 4:00 PM

**Christmas Party**—December 10, 4:00 PM at the Barn Event Center

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—5/28/2023**

7th Sunday of Easter—Attendance: ??

Sunday Offertory .....	\$
Donation Box.....	\$
Other Donations*.....	\$
Total Donations for the Month.....	\$
Year-to-Date Donations.....	\$
Year-to-Date Budgeted.....	\$
Year-to-Date Deficit (Budgeted minus Actual).....	(\$ ??????)
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Other Donations.....	\$
Maintenance.....	\$
Parish.....	\$
Other.....	\$
Total Non-Budgeted Donations.....	\$

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



**FIRST FRIDAY  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Friday, June 2**

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

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

**ONE HEART COLOMBIA MISSION TRIP**

Father Antonio and our 4 parishioners will return late Tuesday from their Mission Trip in Marsella, Colombia. On Monday and Tuesday (5/29 & 5/30) there will again be an 8:30 am Prayer and Communion Service. Normal morning masses will return on Thursday, June 1.



**A REFLECTION FOR MAY 28 FROM “THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN”**

*“To make progress the world must have action, but it must also know why it is acting, and that requires thought, contemplation, and silence.”*

**AN INSPIRATION FOR MAY 28 FROM “THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS”**

**Suffering:** *“If there be a true way that leads to the Everlasting Kingdom, it is most certainly that of suffering, patiently endured.” - St. Colette*