



AUGUST 13, 2023
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 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. 8/14 8:30 AM Norman Weiland †
TUES. 8/15 9:00 AM Mary, Our Blessed Mother
WED. 8/16 **NO MORNING MASS**
THURS. 8/17 8:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY 8/18 8:30 AM Paul Coeyman †
SAT. 8/19 4:00 PM Gladys Schnorr †
SUN. 8/20 9:00 AM Special Intention

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.



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 Montera, Ann Rizzo, Kim Brown, Robert Modisett, Tony Foster, Mary Sellers, Claire Cheadle, Kathy Janke, Charlotte Fernandez, Jennifer Reed, Dan Hogan, Elise Martin, Paula Watson, Mike Lauer, Tom Beasley, Julie Schirack, Donna Ashley, Savannah Bishop, Kathy Davis, Bruce Haverkos, Margaret Jordan, Ignacio Penas

SANCTUARY CANDLE: *For a Special Intention.* 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 \$15 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.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

Pope St. Leo the Great (c. 400-461)

"Our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ has no other purpose than to transform us into that which we receive."

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	8/14	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Church & Hall Cleaning Feast of the Assumption Vigil Mass
Tue	8/15	9:00 AM	Feast of the Assumption
Wed	8/16		
Thu	8/17		
Fri	8/18		
Sat	8/19	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	8/20	9:00 AM	Mass

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's liturgy is a word of encouragement for the church. It reminds us that no matter what seems to threaten our safety, we can rely on the presence of Christ to uphold us. We are reminded as well that our response is an act of faith.

All of the prayers of the liturgy are an affirmation of our faith in the God who sustains us and who gives us the grace to live the life of faith. We ask to be given an increase of Christ's Spirit so we can share our eternal destiny with Christ in glory.

860 years before Christ, Elijah challenged all the prophets of Baal to a contest on Mt. Carmel which ended in Elijah's victory and the annihilation of all the pagan prophets. This context proved that Israel's God was the true God. Jezebel was furious and vowed blood vengeance on Elijah. To save his life, Elijah fled from Israel to Mt. Horeb in Sinai, the very same place where Moses gave Israel the Ten Commandments and where God made a covenant with Israel. There Elijah heard God's voice, not in dramatic natural phenomena, but in the silence of his heart. Elijah went out and followed the Lord's instruction to continue his ministry and to appoint Elisha as his successor. God's saving mission would thus be accomplished and the faithful remnant would listen to the prophets.

Paul's sadness that so many of his faithful Israelites rejected Christ is evident in chapters nine through eleven of his letter to the Romans. They were the chosen ones – the ones who should have been first in line to receive the blessings of the new covenant. In these chapters also, Paul contrasts the acceptance of Christ by the Gentiles with the Jew's rejection of him. Paul was not accusing his fellow Jews, nor was he speaking to them as if they were outsiders. Rather, he wanted to teach his brother and sister Israelites the truth of what God was doing in Christ. They were after all, the first heirs of the promise.

Just prior to the event in today's gospel, Jesus had performed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. One would think that the disciples, having just seen this demonstration of Jesus' power, would have been confident that Jesus surely could save them from the fury of the storm. Like the disciples, we, too, tend to forget or misunderstand the significance of Jesus' work in our lives.

In this incident, Peter's faith was both tested and strengthened; he experienced the trials and growth of a true disciple of Christ. By stepping out of the boat at the Lord's invitation, Peter demonstrated at least some degree of realization that Jesus was the Messiah.

Day after day we are confronted with situations that put our faith in the Son of God to the test. Perhaps there has been a sudden death in the family, an unexpected financial burden, or some other crisis in the family that seems too hard to bear. At times like these, our faith may falter; we can doubt that God cares for us or even that he exists. Yet, it is in this very situation that our faith can be strengthened by calling out to Jesus.



CATECHISM CORNER

Good and blessed Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! I was looking at the readings for today's Mass and it occurred to me that the visuals of mountains, wind, fire and water are mentioned a great deal in the Bible. It could be as a place, a reference to God or many different reasons. Today's Gospel about Peter walking on the water is one of my favorites! I so love St. Peter and his enthusiasm!

Here's a little tidbit: "seas" are mentioned in the Bible more than 450 times! The lakes and seas are: Mediterranean, Lake Hula (a little north of the Sea of Galilee, and not very big when compared to the others mentioned), Sea of Galilee, and the Dead Sea. From page 476 in the *Word and Worship Workbook Year A*: "The Sea of Galilee is known for its violent storms. It is 696 feet below the Mediterranean Sea. It is about thirteen miles long and eight miles wide and its maximum depth is about 200 feet. The weather of the area is subtropical and the surrounding towering hills promote rapid changing wind currents. In the summer months when the sun warms the lake, the wind, mixed with the warm water of the lake, can cause extreme sudden and severe storms." Interesting, don't you think AND it explains some of the scripture referencing the volatility of the Sea of Galilee!

The seas were very important for people who lived when Jesus walked the earth. The Sea of Galilee was a major source of food and water for the people living in the region. Fishing was a major industry in the area and many of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. The Sea of Galilee was also an important trade route for goods being transported between Egypt and Syria. The Mediterranean Sea was also important for trade and commerce during this time period. Many of the cities along the coast were major ports for ships traveling throughout the Mediterranean region. (Catholic.org)

I find it interesting that Jesus called Peter on the shores of the Sea of Galilee! And here we are again with Jesus and Peter as the main "characters" in today's Gospel! St. Peter had a gregarious personality and was a natural leader and spokesperson for the apostles. Of course, his wishy/washy behavior when Jesus was being incarcerated and interrogated could be like us today. Meaning we are all supportive and enthusiastic about our Catholic Faith when life is going nice and easy, but the moment we are persecuted or ridiculed for being Catholic...do we act like St. Peter: deny Christ (our Catholic Faith), are anxious and frightened when approached to explain something about our Catholic Faith from someone of another religion?

This is where knowing, truly knowing your Catholic Faith is very important. The parish has provided and offered many different reading and listening materials about several topics of the Catholic Church. I greatly encourage you to take one AND read/listen (to) it. Also, there has been talk about having some Adult Catechism. What do you think? Let me know at jdewtn2018@att.net.

To finish with this Corner, please reflect on this statement: the foundation of this Church will not be toppled by the power of evil or the power of death. Trouble will come, the boat will be tossed about the torrents of life, but nothing will permanently destroy the Church. Jesus' resurrection protects the Church from destruction.

Have a most blessed week with many opportunities to show the outside world that you are a follower of Jesus by your actions and words! 😊



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!"

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! **This month it's on the 4th Wednesday.** All Are Welcome! **Thank You** for your continued support of SVDP!



SVDP AUGUST "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"

Our Products of the Month for August are
Cake Mix and Frosting



A REFLECTION FOR AUGUST 13 FROM "THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN"

"Too many people get credit for being good, when they are only being passive. They are too often praised for being broadminded when they are so broadminded they can never make up their minds about anything."

AN INSPIRATION FOR AUGUST 13 FROM "THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS"

Anxiety: *"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry."* - St. Francis de Sales

UPDATED MEMBERS LIST

If you did not pick up an updated membership list, they are available in the office or you may call the office and we will arrange to have one for you at Mass.

PARISH SUPPLY WISH LIST

Office/Church Supplies

8 1/2 x 14 Paper– White, 24#, 98 Bright
Postage – Forever stamps
Printer Cartridges (*Amazon has best prices*):
Lexmark 74C1SY0 (Yellow), 74X1SC0
(Cyan), 74C1SM0 (Magenta), & 74C1SK0
(Black); HP 134A Black Toner

Monetary Donations Towards:

General Office Supplies
Utilities—Propane, Electric, Water
Candle Oil
Sanctuary Candles
Grounds Maintenance

Save the Date!

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY - PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION; 11/8 FROM 2-8 PM

The Welcoming Events and Social Team has decided it's time to get an updated pictorial directory of our parishioners. **There will only be one photo session so please mark this date on your calendars.** Each family will receive a free 8x10 photo for participating in this. There is no obligation or pressure to purchase any other photos.

We are looking for about 10 volunteers to help so please contact the office if you would be able to assist.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—8/6/2023

Transfiguration of the Lord —Attendance: 179

Sunday Offertory	\$ 5,089.00
Donation Box.....	0.00
Other Donations*	280.00
Total Donations for the Week.....	\$ 5,369.00
Year-to-Date Donations	\$ 21,668.69
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations	21,447.56
Year-to-Date Donation Surplus**	\$ 221.13

Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund	\$ 1164.00
Parish Charity.....	0.00
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.....	20.00
Total Non-Budget Donations	\$ 1,184.00

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

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



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CHURCH!

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“All the answers are in the tabernacle. Jesus has all the answers and he patiently waits for us in the tabernacle, day and night, to share those answers with us. Next time you are grappling with a decision, stop by your church and ask Jesus for his advice...[There is] something powerful about just sitting in his presence.”

MATTHEW KELLY
Beautiful Eucharist

