



JULY 28, 2024 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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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
DEACON: Deacon Jim Schmall
OFFICE MANAGER: Kathy Meyerkord
BOOKKEEPER: Kathleen Halligan
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR: JoAnne Romer-Aylward
**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION:** Julie Dew
OCIA: 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 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.

ANOIDING 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	7/29	8:30 AM	Charlie Graham
Tue	7/30	8:30 AM	Pat Baker †
Wed	7/31	NO MASS	
Thu	8/1	8:30 AM	
Fri	8/2	8:30 AM	Berta Giraldo † Elias Ventura † & Genoveva Fuentes †
Sat	8/3	4:00 PM	
Sun	8/4	9:00 AM	Mark Shaw †

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, Pat Sanders, Judy Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Naomi Nwadike, Chris Owens, David Holmes, Amy Frink, Myra Montero, Claire Cheadle, Elise Martin, Mike Scully, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Raymond Payne, Sue Ann Tippitt, Charles Tippitt, Emmanuel Nwadike, Kay Walker, Julie Schirack, Jay Ladner, Deb Koehler, Laken DuRussel, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallo-ry, Louann Felske, Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer, John & Maria Bermudes, Anne Pate, Tony Lee Bertsch, Timothy Hall

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 \$15 for 1 week.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS: *The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of Pam Moretti, given by Jim Moretti.* 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.



“ The lay faithful as parishioners are the people who are called upon to witness to Christ at the level of the family, the place of work or recreation, in trade and commerce, in politics and government, and in other social areas of daily life. From them, people in society see what the parish is or should be. ”

- Cardinal Francis Arinze
from his book, *The Evangelizing Parish*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	7/29	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	7/30		
Wed	7/31	1:00 PM	Gus Lloyd Discussion Group—PRC
Thu	8/1		
Fri	8/2		
Sat	8/3	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	8/4	9:00 AM	Mass



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

Open after weekend Masses and by request/appointment after daily Mass



PERSONAL WITNESS, HONEST CONVERSION AND A PRAYERFUL HEART

Today's Gospel reading recounts the magnificently generous miracle that triggers Jesus' great discourse. All four Gospels retell the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. It is an early glimpse of the Eucharist but contains elements that apply to every dimension of our spiritual life. We can examine them through three details from this miracle.

The first detail is found in the contrast between Philip and Andrew. Philip is overwhelmed by the size of the crowd. He imagines that nothing can be done to feed so many people. Andrew meanwhile points to the few loaves and fish a boy in the crowd has and presents them to Jesus.

Like Philip, we can be intimidated by the size of the challenges that face the Church. Some say that the world is too complex, too secular or too closed to the message of the Gospel. It is as though the media has built up an immunity to deep reflection in people today. The media create a world of reactive emotion and temporary excitements. A religion that lives by the media will die by the media.

A second detail is found in the barley loaves that Jesus uses to feed so many people. St. John alone mentions, twice, that the loaves were made of barley, the bread of poor people. We spend a great deal of money on programs of evangelization, spiritual growth and parish renewal. The amount of money spent cannot replace the power of personal witness, honest conversion and a prayerful heart. These cannot be purchased. They cannot be programmed. They cannot be ordered from a company.

A last detail is found in Jesus' instruction to gather the fragments. What is not used today may be used tomorrow. What we give to the Lord is never wasted but is gathered into God's plan. Words we say to another today may have an impact later on. Compassion we show another may emerge from memory like a "flashback" years later. "Recovered memories" can apply to good things as well as bad. Even when our efforts to reach another seem in vain, we never know when those seemingly unused fragments will provide nourishment to another's growth. Much more is stored in memory than we realize.

One message of this mountainside miracle is not only about what Jesus gives us but also about what we give Him. It teaches us to give the Lord what we have. He will work a miracle with it.



CATECHISM

CORNER



Welcome to the Catechism Corner! Today, before we take a look at the Apostle Andrew, I would like to address a question that I received from a parishioner for the Catechism Corner, regarding the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Beckman: *"This is the first time I'm hearing the term "Episcopal" used in the Catholic Church. Can you please expand on this use of this term in Catechism Corner?"*

Yes, I would be happy to explain this! Episcopal ordination confers the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders. It makes the bishop a legitimate successor of the Apostles and integrates him into the episcopal college to share with the Pope and the other bishops the care for all the churches. It confers on him the offices of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling. The Sacrament of Holy Orders is made up of three degrees: episcopate (bishop), presbyterate (priests), and the diaconate (deacons). Whenever I have a question, I go to the CCC, so I would encourage you to read paragraphs 874 through 896. GREAT information!

Again, I would like to apologize about going overboard (no pun intended) with "talking" about St. Peter, but there is/was SO much to discuss, read, and research!

The name Andrew is a variant of the Greek name Andreas and means strong, manly, manhood, or valor, and like other Greek names, appears to have been common among the Jews from the second or third century B.C. St. Andrew, the Apostle, son of Jonah (or John) was born in Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the brother of Simon Peter and both were fishermen. At the beginning of our Lord's public life, they all occupied the same house at Capernaum (Mark 1: 21 and 29). From the fourth Gospel we learn that Andrew was a disciple of the Baptist, whose testimony first led him and John the Evangelist to follow Jesus. Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and rushed to introduce Him to his brother, Peter.

On a subsequent occasion, prior to the final call to the apostolate, they were called to a closer companionship, and then they left all things to follow Jesus (Luke 5:11; Matt. 4:19-20; Mark 1: 17-18). Finally, Andrew was chosen to be one of the Twelve; and in the various lists of Apostles given in the New Testament (Matt. 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16; Acts 1:13) he is always numbered among the first four. The only other explicit reference to him in the Synoptists occurs in Mark 8: 3, where we are told he joined with Peter, James, and John in putting the question that led to our Lord's great eschatological (relating to death and final judgment) discourse.

In addition to this sparse information, we learn from the fourth Gospel that on the occasion of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, it was Andrew who said: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fishes: but what are these among so many?" (John 6:8-9) Also, when, a few days before our Lord's death, certain Greeks asked Philip that they might see Jesus, Philip referred the matter to Andrew as to one of greater authority, and then both told Christ (John 12: 20-22).

Like the majority of the Twelve, Andrew is not named in the Acts except in the list of the Apostles, where the order of the first four is Peter, John, James, Andrew; nor have the Epistles or Revelation any mention of him. As one of the Twelve, Andrew was admitted to the closest familiarity with our Lord during His public life; he was present at the Last Supper; saw the risen Lord; witnessed the Ascension; shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost, and helped, amid threats and persecution, to establish the Faith in Palestine. When the Apostles went forth to preach to the nations, Andrew seems to have taken an important part, but unfortunately, we have no certainty as to the extent or place of his labors. Our early Church Fathers Eusebius and Origen, gives Scythia as his mission field. Greek Orthodox theologian and historian Nicephorus relying upon early writers, states that Andrew preached in Cappadocia, Galatia, and Bithynia, then in the land of the anthropophagi and the Scythian deserts, afterwards in Byzantium itself, where he appointed St. Stachys as its first bishop, and

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finally in Thrace, Macedonia, Thessaly, and Achaia. (Sorry guys, I don't have the room to tell you where all these places are, but all are in modern day parts of Europe and Asia!) It is generally agreed that he was crucified by order of the Roman Governor, Aegeas or Aegeates, at Patrae in Achaia, and that he was bound, not nailed, to the cross, in order to prolong his sufferings. The cross on which he suffered is commonly held to have been the decussate cross (this cross looks like a capital X.), now known as St. Andrew's cross, though the evidence for this view seems to be no older than the fourteenth century. His martyrdom took place during the reign of Nero, on November 30, A.D. 60; and both the Latin and Greek Churches keep November 30 as his feast day. St. Andrew's relics were translated from Patrae to Constantinople, and deposited in the church of the Apostles there, about A.D. 357. When Constantinople was taken by the French, in the beginning of the thirteenth century, Cardinal Peter of Capua brought the relics to Italy and placed them in the cathedral of Amalfi, where most of them still remain. St. Andrew is honored as their chief patron by Russia, Scotland, Greece, Italy's Amalfi and Barbados. He is also the patron saint of fishmongers, gout, singers, sore throats, spinsters, maidens, old maids, and women wishing to become mothers. St. Andrew pray for us!



NEW HEALING MINISTRY AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH!

We would like to begin a healing ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi that will complement the First Friday Mass that we have each first Friday of the month.

If we are able to implement our Healing Ministry, immediately following the First Friday Mass, we will have our healing service, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and closing at Noon with benediction.

If you would like to be trained to be a part of the healing team that will pray over individuals after the Mass, please call Darlene Leitz at 574-238-1705 or email darby321@cxomcast.net for more information.

If response to this call for Healing Ministers is favorable, we plan on offering our first Healing Mass and Healing Service on Friday, September 6, 2024.

*“Heal me, Lord, that I may be healed;
save me, that I may be saved,
for you are my praise.” (Jeremiah 17:14)*

SECOND COLLECTION AUGUST 10 & 11 CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SUPPORT

The Catholic schools in our diocese provide spiritual and intellectual growth for over 3,100 students in our two high schools and eight elementary schools. Our Catholic schools not only equip children for the journey of life but, more importantly, help to guide them along their journey to Heaven.

In order to help ensure that a Catholic education is within every family's reach, your help is needed.

Over the past five years, the need for supplemental tuition support has more than doubled. And over this past year, a record of more than \$5.5 million dollars in tuition support was given to assist Catholic families.

With your help, additional children will experience the spiritual and academic advantages of a Catholic school education. Please be generous.

Diocese of Knoxville Catholic Schools



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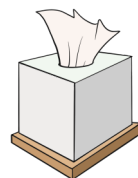
In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little, he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families in need by providing food and financial assistance with their utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Contact Debbie Eberhardt at 865-312-0141 for more information.

SVDP typically meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC. However, **we will not meet again until the 7th of August**. At that time (and as always) all are welcome to attend!

Thank You
for your continued support of SVDP!

SVDP JULY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" TOILET PAPER AND TISSUES



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



**St. Faustina
(1905 - 1938)**

"I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God. I will spend all my free moments at the feet of the Master hidden in the Blessed Sacrament. He has been tutoring me from my most tender years."

Eucharisticrevival.org



SMOKIES BALL GAME AUGUST 9TH

Yee-Haw at the Yard
Group Section

**\$35/adults
\$33/children (12 and under)**

**BUFFET DINNER FROM 6:15 - 7:45
FIRST PITCH AT 7:00 PM**

Reserve your tickets on the sign up sheets in Shea Hall. Payment is due by July 28th. Please make your checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church.

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
MAY, 2024



DO YOU HAVE YOUR COPY OF OUR 2024 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY?

We still have copies left of our Pictorial Directory. If you have not yet picked up your copy, stop in the Church office Monday through Friday 9:00 AM until Noon or after any weekend Mass. While there is no charge for the new directory, if you would like to help offset the cost of printing and production (each directory cost \$18.00 to produce), a free-will offering will be gladly accepted!

A huge "THANKS" to everyone who made this directory possible!

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Smoky Mountain Deanery

Mass & Reception

*Welcoming
Bishop Mark Beckman*

"Jesus Christ Yesterday, Today, and Forever"

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Mass at 6:00 PM

Reception to follow in the parish social hall

*Hosted By: Our Lady of Fatima Parish
858 Louisville Rd, Alcoa, TN 37701*



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to the Catholic Church,
because it alone
can give you true peace,
since it alone possesses
Jesus
in the Blessed Sacrament,
the true Prince of Peace."*

- St. Padre Pio

Mass: 8:30 AM
Adoration: 9:00 - Noon
Benediction: Noon

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

CCW AND CCETN BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER



Thank You St. Francis of Assisi
parishioners for participating in
our Baby Bottle Fundraiser!
Your amazing participation totaled

\$1,146.80 !

The proceeds will go directly toward helping
young families in our community.
Save your change: we plan on sponsoring
this fundraiser again next May!

pregnancyhelp@ccetn.org
www.ccetn.org
877-990-4673

Upcoming events

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
7/31/2024	Smoky Mountain Deanery Mass & Reception welcoming Bishop Mark Beckman	Online: OurLadyofFatima.org E-Mail: communications@ourladyoffatima.org Phone: (865) 982-3672
8/2/2024	The Firing Squad Movie In theaters ONLY on 8/2/24 Governor's Crossing, Sevierville, TN	Online: FiringSquadFilm.com E-Mail: Service@firingsquadfilm.com Phone: 423-360-9306
8/9/2024	Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game Yee-Haw At the Yard Group Section	\$35.00 for adults; \$33.00 for children (12 and under) Signup on sheets in Shea Hall
8/10/2024	<i>Conversions</i> Mini-Conference Holy Cross Parish Hall - Pigeon Forge	Phone: 312-316-1977 Phone: 773-909-1402
9/10-19/2024	Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Fr. Charles Robinson Coupon Code: Bulletin150	Online: Www.QoHTours.com E-mail: info@qohtours.com Phone: 800-213-4295
10/6-11/2024	Yellowstone National Park Retreat with Fr. Michael Cummins	Online: https://www.saintdominickpt.org/ E-mail: secretary@saintdomchurch.com Phone: 423-288-8101

"CONVERSIONS MAKE HISTORY"

A mini-conference touching on the realities of faith, love, and life!



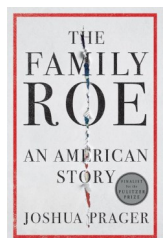
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

9:00 A.M. - NOON

HOLY CROSS PARISH HALL

144 WEARS VALLEY ROAD, PIGEON FORGE, TN

Daniel Vinzant, a former Baptist Minister, now Catholic Missionary, pastored Trinity Baptist church in Waco, Texas for 20 years. His love for the Blessed Mother and a deep respect for God's gift of life led him to Catholicism. Daniel played a key role in Norma McCorvey's conversion story, as she went from "Jane Roe" to a proud Catholic defender of life. Daniel's role in this nation-wide story is featured in the highly-acclaimed, best-selling book, *The Family Roe* by Joshua Prager. Come listen to these amazing conversion stories and pray about your own walk with the Lord.



Our mini-conference will begin with coffee and pastries following the 8:00 am Mass
For more information contact: Mary Lou Lasky 312-316-1977
or Fr. Tom Koys 773-909-1402