



AUGUST 9, 2026

19TH 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

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 AM **(NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)**
WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass) The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass
Sunday 9:00AM
HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6:00 PM (evening before); Holy Day Mass 9:00 AM (day of)
CONFESSION: Saturday before Mass: 3:00 - 3:40 PM (Church confessional)
Sunday before Mass: 8:15 - 8:40 AM (Church confessional)
By Appointment: 865-448-6070

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

PASTOR	Fr. Antonio Giraldo	GARDENS & GROUNDS	Ilene Rainwater
DEACON	Dc. Jim Schmall	FACILITIES	David Girard
OFFICE MANAGERS	Katrina Allocco & Lesa Schmall	SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE	JoAnne Romer-Aylward
BOOKKEEPER	Kathleen Halligan	PASTORAL CARE	Suzie Fay
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR	JoAnne Romer-Aylward	ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP	Camilla Sorrell
DIR. OF RELIGIOUS ED.	Julie Dew	COLUMBARIUM	Bob Eberhardt
OCIA	Dc. Jim Schmall	WELCOMING, EVENTS &	All Parishioners
ART & ENVIRONMENT	Michele Girard & Norene O'Donnell	SOCIALS TEAM (WEST)	
		PARISH ASSOCIATIONS:	
		ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:	Debbie Eberhardt
		COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:	Ilene Rainwater

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 the church office at 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 office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding for planning and preparation.

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.



How can St. Francis of Assisi be of assistance/service to you & your loved ones?
Please contact Suzie Fay with our Pastoral Care Ministry at 423-829-5466 or the Parish office at 865-448-6070.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	8/10	8:30 AM	Pat Sanders +
Tue	8/11	8:30 AM	Marilyn Ricccki +
Wed	8/12	NO MORNING MASS	
Thu	8/13	8:30 AM	Dc. Jim Schmall - by SVdP
Fri	8/14	8:30 AM	Jessie Bell; Samantha Eberhardt
Sat	8/15	4:00 PM	Ilene Rainwater
Sun	8/16	9:00 AM	Zina Murr +

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email or in person during office hours. Mass cards are available at the church office. 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): Amy Frink, Doreen Mancuso, Claire Cheadle, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Julie Schirack, Marcus Bolte, John & Maria Bermudes, Michael Slater, Marion McCaughey, Sue Corsini, Teresa Williams, Jeffrey Garrison, Ann Day, Ed Welsh, Dale DuRussel, Robert Schumacher, German Giraldo, Jean Claude Augustin, Connor Dietrich, Sofia Graziano, Obed Sexton, the Gruber Family, Betty Gonzalez, Carmen Milton, Carolyn & Bruce Haverkos, Marlene Doerrer, Michael Grier Jr., Cathy Luck, Ann Svoboda

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If you would like to donate to the altar flowers fund in memory of or in honor of someone, contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$40.00 for 1 week. Thank You!



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. Thank You!



ST. FRANCIS WORDS OF WISDOM
JUBILEE YEAR 2026

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*Sanctify yourself
and you will
sanctify society.*

St. Francis of Assisi
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ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	8/10	9:00 AM	Church and Hall Cleaning
Tue	8/11	12:00 PM	Beryl Quinton - Visitation
		1:00 PM	Beryl Quinton - Funeral Mass
Wed	8/12		
Thu	8/13		
Fri	8/14		
Sat	8/15	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	8/16	9:00 AM	Sunday Mass



JESUS IS CALLING US TO STEP OUT IN FAITH AND WALK TOWARD HIM

In today's gospel story, Jesus is responding to a part of the human condition that everyone experiences – storms. Who hasn't found himself or herself at a time in life when the storm winds seem to blow against their plans, hopes and dreams? But there's a dimension of the story you might overlook: the ministry of Jesus in this situation was not to himself. It was to others.

Jesus knew his disciples. He knew their fears, confusion, losses, moments of despair, desires for love, and grace. In calling Peter to come to him upon the water, Jesus was teaching us how to respond to one another. We are to become more aware of one another's fears and needs – and then invite one another to a safe, loving place with us. We are to be Jesus for them.

In today's world, it is easy to imagine people living in stormy times; poor women raising children, abandoned by their husbands; families who have lost their source of income; older adults feeling the first signs of memory loss and confusion; young people with addiction problems and other illness; people losing faith; whole nations suffering the effects of wars; children shooting other children; pornography; abuse of children; violence; loss of love; and the end of relationships.

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 them, we, too, tend to forget or misunderstand the significance of Jesus' work in our lives.

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 this our faith may falter; we can doubt that God cares for us or even that he exists. Yet, it is in these very situations that our faith can be strengthened by calling out to Jesus.

How is Jesus calling you to step out in faith and walk toward him today?

Today, let us remember to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus no matter how chaotic or turbulent life gets. If we do this, Jesus will calm every storm and save us from needless worry, anxiety, and fear.



Daily CATHOLIC WISDOM



*Jesus, in dark times,
le me always trust in you.*



- Greg Erlandson
Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION AUGUST 2026

For Evangelization In the City

*Let us pray that in large cities
often marked by anonymity and loneliness
we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel,
discovering creative paths
to build community.*

CATECHISM

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BY: David Quinn

THE MISSING BOOKS – DANIEL ADDITIONS

We've discussed the seven additional books (called the deuterocanonical books) in the Catholic Bible that were removed from the Protestant Bibles. There are other differences between the bibles, one of the greater differences being the additional sections to the Book of Daniel.

Daniel is notable because he survives the lion's den, he interprets dreams, and he prophesies the Messiah, referring to him as "the Son of Man." Daniel has a lot of similarities to Joseph of the Book of Genesis as he rises to become the trusted advisor to the king and leader of a large portion of the kingdom of Babylon.

There are additional verses in chapter three of the Book of Daniel where his three friends are put into the fiery furnace and saved by an angel, not even smelling of fire when they exit. For the Catholic Bible, the story is augmented by having a song by the three friends to the Lord. Azariah leads a song sung by the three. The song is part of every other Sunday Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours.

An additional story in the Catholic version of the Book of Daniel is the story of Susanna. Susanna was a young bride who is extremely beautiful. Two corrupt judges lust after her and try to get her to sleep with them. She is a God-fearing woman and therefore refuses them. They falsely accuse her of having an affair with a man and get her condemned to death. Daniel asks to cross-examine the two judges separately. They contradict each other and are proven to have lied about Susanna. They are then condemned to death.

Daniel looks to convince the Babylonian king that their god, Bel, is a false god. The king is convinced Bel is real because he appears to eat the offerings left for him each night. Daniel sets a trap in the temple of Bel and shows the king that the priests, their wives, and their children are the ones that eat the offerings each night. The priests and their families were killed for their deception.

The Babylonians believe a dragon is a living god. Daniel destroys the dragon. The people are upset by this and so Daniel is thrown into a lion's den a second time. While in the lion's den, Daniel is brought food by the prophet Habakkuk. When the king sees Daniel is safe from the lions after six days, he releases him.

The Book of Daniel is pretty amazing without these additions but with them, it becomes an even greater book.



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PLEASE
TAKE
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WELCOME JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS!

With our parish designated as a St. Francis of Assisi pilgrimage site for the 800th anniversary of his transitus, we have developed a package for pilgrims to use as they visit our parish. There is a special program for the jubilee year that highlights different parts of our parish that could help in praying during your pilgrimage here. Included in the package is a Booklet about our little church and a St. Francis prayer card. The packages are in a display box in front of the Parish Resource Center (PRC) near the sidewalk between the PRC and the church and are for you to keep. And for any visitors that did not realize that they are at a pilgrimage site, there is information in the package that explains how to gain an indulgence during your visit here.

Welcome, Pilgrims!



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!"

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 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 AUGUST "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE



SVDP DONATION GUIDELINES

- The preprinted SVdP church contribution envelope, (which is marked for the beginning of the month) can be placed in the collection basket **ANY** time of the month. If you are not using preprinted envelopes and want to place your donation in a weekend Mass collection basket, please put your donation in an envelope (of any kind) marked SVdP to make sure it gets into the SVdP account.
- Please make any checks out to: **St. Vincent de Paul** (not St. Francis of Assisi).
- Donations can also be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, located in the Narthex, to the right of the exit doors (just above the holy water station). Ushers can show you the location.
- Feel free to reach out to us with any questions.



CCW BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Saint Francis of Assisi CCW will be distributing baby bottles the weekend of August 8 /9. We ask that you fill up a baby bottle (or two) with your excess change and return the baby bottle(s) to church the weekends of August 23/23 and August 29/30. If you don't keep change lying around and would prefer to donate to this cause via check, just place your check (payable to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee) inside the baby bottle.

The money collected will help support the Pregnancy Center through Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. The agency offers free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, parenting education, STI testing, and community referrals. Please help support this worthy and very needed aid to women (and young girls) who may not have anywhere else to turn. Questions? Please contact Ilene Rainwater 865-748-1873 (irainwater@hotmail.com).

Thank You for your support!



A PRAYER INTENTION FOR ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISHIONERS

Parishioners Ralph and Michele Mularski visited the tomb of Blessed Solanus Casey at the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit, Michigan on July 29th. They placed this intention on the tomb of Blessed Solanus Casey:

"For the intentions of St. Francis of Assisi parishioners in Townsend, TN"

All intentions left at the tomb are prayed over by members of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph. To find out more information on Blessed Solanus, please visit solanuscasey.org



"Shake off excessive worry and exercise a little confidence in God's merciful providence."
- Fr. Solanus Casey

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!



Our beloved parishioner Beryl Quinton, wife to Juan Quinton passed away early Tuesday morning (8/4/26). A Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Beryl on Tuesday, August 11 at 1:00 PM. Visitation will be in the church from Noon until 1:00 PM and a light luncheon will be served after the Mass in Shea Hall. Beryl will be buried later in the week in Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans, Louisiana. In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting a donation to St. Francis of Assisi Church or to Rocky Branch Mountain Music (4632 Rocky Branch Rd. Walland, TN 37886) where Juan and Beryl have been making music since 2012.



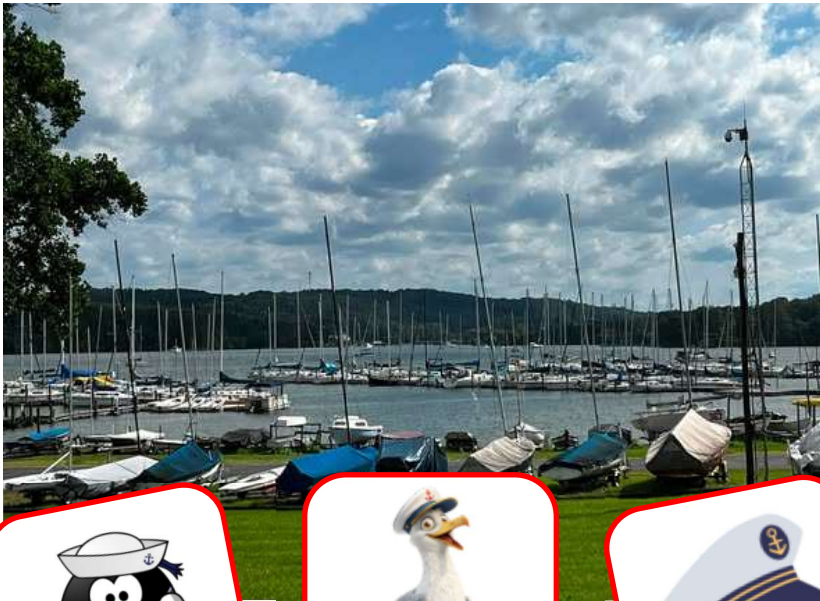
OCIA AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



If you or anyone you know are interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home or you have been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic, or you are a practicing Catholic just wanting to learn more about your faith, please join us!

2026-2027 classes will begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the PRC and will be held every Tuesday in the PRC at 6:00 PM. For more information please contact Deacon Jim: 901-493-2123 or sfadeacon7717@gmail.com.

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR THE PARISH PICNIC AT THE YACHT CLUB!



St. Francis
of Assisi



Parish
Picnic



Concord
Yacht
Club



Sunday
8/2/26



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
8/15/26	Ministries Day All Saints Church, Knoxville	Online: https://dioknox.org/events/ministries-day-2026 E-Mail: TBA Phone: TBA
10/3/26	Pet Blessing Outside behind the PRC 10:00 AM	Online: N/A E-Mail: StFrancisTownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
10/4/26	"Feasting" Potluck with St. Francis Shea Hall 4:00 - 7:00 PM	Online: N/A E-Mail: StFrancisTownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
11/1/26	Parish Movie Night with popcorn "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" A St. Francis/St. Clare Movie Shea Hall 4:00 - 6:00 PM	Online: N/A E-Mail: StFrancisTownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
12/6/26	Parish Christmas Party Tremont Lodge - Townsend 5:00 - 8:00 PM	Online: N/A E-Mail: StFrancisTownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070

