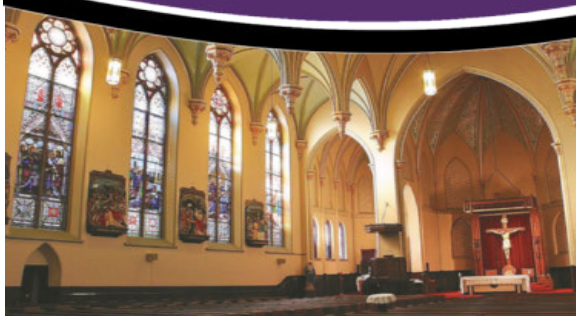




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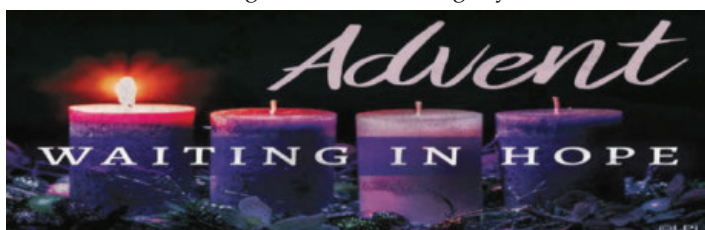


December 3, 2023 — First Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

5:30 PM SAT. VIGIL	English Mass (spoken)
7:00 AM SUN.	Spanish Mass (spoken)
9:00 AM SUN.	English Mass (sung)
11:30 AM SUN.	Missa Cantata in Latin (sung)
1:30 PM SUN.	Spanish Mass (sung)
7 AM WED & FRI	English Mass (spoken)
12 PM MON-FRI	English Mass (spoken)

- ♦ Church open 7:30 am-5:30 pm daily
- ♦ Morning Prayer 7:30 am Wed. & Fri.
- ♦ Vespers 5pm Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri
- ♦ Nursery open 8:45am - 12:45pm Sun. (as staff are available)
- ♦ Our sung Masses often include incense.
- ♦ The Missa Cantata is celebrated *ad orientem*, whereby the priest and people together face *liturgical east*, the symbol of the Church awaiting Christ's return in glory.



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE BASILICA



Download our **myParish** app from your phone's app store or text *app* to the number 55321. Access our messages, calendar, online giving, homilies, prayers, readings, guide to Confession, directory of ministry contacts, and more!

Also, "like" us on **Facebook** to see what is happening!

Access the Basilica's **FORMED** Catholic media subscription on our website or at stspeterandpaulbasilica.formed.org.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:	1st Friday and Lenten Fridays following the noon Mass to 5:30 pm and 9 pm - 7 am
Baptisms:	Saturdays 10:30 am, contact the parish office
Confessions:	30 min. before each Mass except 7 am
Marriages:	Contact the parish office at least 4 months in advance
RCIA:	Sun. 10:15-11:15 am Dan Pacitti rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com
Religious Education:	Sundays 10:15-11:15 am Florence Porter dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com
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Youth Ministry:	admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec 2	5:30pm	For All Souls
Sun. Dec 3	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	The Weissman Family
	11:30am	✠ Stella Kargul
	1:30pm	Sr. Eloisa Torralba Aquino
Mon. Dec 4	12:00pm	✠ Fr. Paul Altman Hostettler
Tue. Dec 5	12:00pm	✠ Patty Armstrong
Wed. Dec 6	7:00am	✠ John Mahoney
	12:00pm	Healing for Rick Erdemir
Thur. Dec 7	12:00pm	✠ Judy Adams
Fri. Dec 8	7:00am	✠ Margaret Rincon
	12:00pm	✠ James David Poole
Multilingual	6:30pm	David & Denise Naaden
Sat. Dec 9	5:30pm	✠ Harry J. Nevil
Sun. Dec 10	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	The Dobbs Family
	11:30am	✠ David Lee Thomas
	1:30pm	For All Souls

Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/
Mk 13:33-37

Mon: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thur: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/
Mk 1:1-8

Readings for the Latin Mass: Visit missalemeum.com

Confirmation for Adult Catholics

While we have no bishop, pastors have received permission to confirm baptized Catholic adults. See our website under Sacraments, Confirmation, and contact the parish office.

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OR text keyword **basilica** to 800-950-9952

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year-to-date
7/1/23- 11/12/23

Envelopes & Loose	196,051.00
Online	145,423.00
Total	341,474.00
	682,948.00
YTD Funds Required	380,700.00
	-39,226.00
Year-to-Date Variance	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Donations may be made on Weshare or sent to the parish office.

December 3: Haiti Collection

December 10: Retirement Fund for Religious

Haiti Special Projects (ongoing — turn in envelope any day)

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish, especially:

Trudy Blake Medley, Brian Blatchford, Keely Briggs, Joyce Ann Campbell, Christina Cone, Jim Cooper, Morgan Cordell, Marion Davis, Geraldine DeBoer, Madeline Eve Doyal, Laura Duford, Jay and Omar Duggan, Lynn Elverd, Ryan Elverd, Rosie Exum, Sherri Fava, Richard Fleming, Lori Fountain, Mark Gerry, Fr. Bertin Glennon, James Virgil & Johnnie Gomez, Eva Goza, Carlos Guerra, John Hilgeman, John Holland, Jr., Jacob Holub, Ann Hunter, Alexis Ippolito, Charles Johnson, Charles Jones, Reginald Kimbell, Jackey King, Haylee Kirchner, Jason McCulley, Simon Anthony Moss, Cate Mueller, Barry Neil, Denise Nelligan, Jim Oakes, Powell Partridge, Linda Peterson, Toni Powell, Christopher Prince, Charlene Reynolds, Jan Rodriguez, Cardinal Rigali, Kimberly Russell, Daniel Sharkey, Joseph Shramko, Joan Spears, Jim Stewart, John Anthony Street, Jeff Terrell, Andrea & Brian Tierney, Kristen Turner, Marie Turner, Frank & Jerry Villegas, Elizabeth Wilhoit, James Waters, Jim & Barbara Wright, Rick Zeisig
Visit our [Pray for Us](#) page to learn of some of their needs.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Safe Haven Certification Required for Basilica Volunteers

In order to be allowed to volunteer in any capacity, adults age 18+ must be certified under the Diocese of Knoxville's "Safe Haven" program. Access the online training from the Diocese menu of our parish website.

Children must be accompanied by a PARENT or ADULT guardian at all times while on the Basilica campus. This includes every visit to the restroom, the nursery, the parking lot, the sidewalk, and even walking to class and leaving class.

Mass Attendance	5:30	7:00	9:00	11:30	1:30	7:30 Sat.	Total
Nov. 18-19, 2023	137	439	461	312	588		1937
Nov. 25-26, 2023	127	329	323	280	545	596 Spanish	2200
Thanksgiving Day 10am multilingual:	525						

Under One Roof Campaign

Total Pledged: \$1.94 million Total Received: \$1,610,744 (83%)

Please contact the parish office if you would like to pledge. We encourage you to set up Online Giving for your recurring donations.

God, our Father, our ancestors in the faith built this beautiful edifice that You might be worshiped here with dignity and reverence, that Your children might have a shelter from the storms of this world, and that it might be a refuge for sinners and the lost who come under its protection. We are now called to continue our mission to proclaim Jesus Christ the font of all Truth, Beauty, and Goodness and to bring all the nations under the one roof of Your Church. May our goal of preserving this Basilica be realized through the generosity of this present generation and make it a lasting legacy, so that our children's children may continue to be united Under One Roof in our Catholic faith, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD**Join Our Email and Google Chat!**

Visit the **Catholic Motherhood** page on the Basilica website to participate in our meal trains, prayer intentions, and more, and contact basilicamotherhood@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Download the Google Chat app and send your email address to basilicamotherhood@gmail.com

Reception Ministry Recruiting Volunteers!

We host parish dinners, receptions after funerals, Confirmation, concerts, and more. We need help planning, cook, serving, and cleaning. **But we also just need donations of food and drink for each event.** It is not expected for everyone to help every time. Contact Florence Porter flomporter@yahoo.com to join!

BASILICA PARISH POTLUCKS

Sun. Dec. 3 2-7pm at Jim & Bonnie Gajewski's home — Bring a dish to share.

See the *myParish* app or text Jonah 423-424-8616 to confirm address.

To make a donation for Christmas flowers for our Altar in memory or honor of a loved one in any amount, please indicate with names on the payment envelope or contact the parish office if donating online.

**Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 17 at 6:30pm
at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (501 S. More Rd.)**

Esteban Salazar, Laura Gómez, Christian Correa, vocalists
Admission is free. A love offering will be collected.

Ascension Living Christmas Open House

Join us for coffee, pastries, and a chat to explore retirement living options either with Ascension Living's Live at Home or Alexian Village. Both help you plan ahead for the unexpected and provide you and your loved ones with peace of mind. Open house on **Thur., Dec. 7 at 10am** at Ascension Living Alexian Village Gold Dining Room — main entrance, 4th floor, 437 Alexian Way Signal Mountain, TN. Call 423-615-4958 to RSVP.

PAID PARKING AT ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

We are doing a 3-month trial of offering paid parking to the public at All Saints Academy (Sept. 18 to Dec. 15), to see if it is a good use of our property. If you park there to attend Mass or another Basilica event, you will not have to pay during the event. However, **you will need to immediately validate your parking at the Basilica with your smartphone by taking a picture of the QR code displayed at each entrance of our buildings, and enter your license plate number and phone number.** Note that on evenings and weekends, you may park in the UTC lot or at the Carnegie building with no validation required. See the Parking Map on our website for details.

The Deacon's Table Adult Bible Study**discussing and learning about All Things Catholic**

Sundays from 10:15-11:15am in the Dcn. Tom McConnell Room at the back of Varallo Hall. See The Deacon's Table page on our website or contact Brenda at tomandbrenda@epbf.com.

MARRIED AND ENGAGED MINISTRY— All ages welcome!

Join the "*Basilica Married and Engaged Ministry*" group on Facebook to keep up with events. For info, email birdkatiec@gmail.com; or amelia.smith4815@gmail.com.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

- **ADOPTION Services** now offered by Catholic Charities of East TN! Visit <https://ccetn.org/adoption-services> for info.
- Please join in support of our pro-life efforts by praying the prayers on the Pro-Life Ministry page of our website.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS**Downtown Youth Ministry w/Fr. Carter (6th-12th graders)**

Wed. Dec. 13 6-8pm at the Basilica (meet in Varallo Hall)

Sts. Peter and Paul 8th-12th graders join St. Jude Youth Group

Sundays 6:30 to 8pm at St. Jude

929 Ashland Terrace, Hixson, TN 37415 (back entrance)

Register for Youth Group on our Basilica website to stay informed, and contact admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com.

**Underground Christmas Sat. Dec. 16 6:30-11pm
for 5th-8th graders, and high school volunteers
at St. Jude (starts at Family Life Center)**

Cost: \$30. Sign-up form is on Basilica website, **due by Dec. 3 to Irene Scoggins:** irenescoggins@gmail.com 423-596-0053

Advertising in our Basilica Parish Weekly Bulletin

Our LPi bulletin representative has been reaching out to our current and past bulletin sponsors. If you have a business and would like to find out more about placing an affordable ad in our weekly bulletin, contact Bob Cusick at 800-477-4574 x6105 or bcusick@4LPi.com.

"Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul (TN) - Buy Nothing Group" on Facebook - Parishioners are encouraged to join and post items or services to give away/receive for free providing a convenient channel for practicing charity and solidarity within the Basilica community. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2513393815633781>

Discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? Learn more at dioknox.org/vocations or call the vocations office 865-584-3307.

Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery

Where will your mortal remains will lie until the day when Christ comes again and our bodies are raised? You are invited to consider purchasing a plot or a niche at **Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery** alongside generations of Chattanooga Catholics. Visit mountolivet.net and call David Hale at (423) 622-0728 for more information.

WAYS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE HELP

- **CHATT Foundation** serve meals or get help 423-756-4222.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** get help/donate 423-999-6332.
- **Ladies of Charity** call 423-622-3222 to get help/donate.
- **St. Alexius Outreach Ministries** serves seniors in isolation. Give/receive help: 423-755-3446 or stalexiusoutreach.org
- **Chattanooga Food Bank**: visit ChattFoodBank.org.
- **Pregnancy Help Center**: call 423-826-0673 to volunteer.
- **Catholic Charities of East TN** offers "Telehealth" online counseling for mental health at counseling@ccetn.org.
- **Chattanooga Workforce Development** - Employment, training, education, & social services. Submit request at wfdchatt.org or wfd@chattanooga.gov or 770-548-5997.
- **Meals on Wheels and MY Ride for seniors/disabled**—To volunteer, contact Janet Sullivan, 423-424-4286 or jsullivan@sedev.org. To get help, visit setaad.org/www
- **Paid Job Training for People 55+** Call 423-629-2501 x3130 Kimberly Crider; offered by Goodwill Industries.
- **RiseUP Cooperative works to engage and equip teens and young adults**, all over the Chattanooga area, with life & leadership workshops. There are many ways to support RiseUP and the youth they serve - riseupcooperative.org
- **Volunteers in Medicine** - primary care clinic for the needy; apply at vim-chatt.org.

First Friday Adoration with Exposition Jan. 5

After the 12pm Mass until Benediction at 5:30pm. Adoration will resume through the night from 9pm Friday—7am Sat. The Jubilate Deo Youth Schola will sing Christmas carols at 4:30pm.

Religious Education Age 3 – Grade 12

Register now on our website.

Sundays 10:15-11:15am during the school year.

(Waiting list for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds)

Class attendance required for 1st Holy Communion (2nd grade) & Confirmation (6th grade), encouraged for all grades.

Contact Florence Porter dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com

2023 State of the Parish Address

Fr. Carter delivered his annual State of the Parish Address on Nov. 15. It is available on our website, YouTube, and Facebook page.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA & Mystagogia)

- If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith (whether you're already Catholic or not!) or know someone who is, please contact Dan Pacitti to discuss.
 - **Registration is open on our website.** Classes are 10:15-11:15am Sundays. Newcomers are welcome.
 - **Mystagogia Classes** meet Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin January 10.
 - **RCIA needs volunteers!** If you are interested in assisting RCIA as a sponsor, presenting topics, or providing prayer/worship aids, please contact Dan Pacitti.
- Contact Dan Pacitti: rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com 865-335-3076

Forever Young Catholics (age 40+) Upcoming Events

- **December Service & Fellowship:** Host the parish St. Nicholas Dinner Honoring Fr. Carter's 10 years at the Basilica; Sat. Dec. 9th - Set up & decorate; Sun. Dec. 10 - Cook with Chef Brad Grafton, serve dinner and clean up
- **2nd Wed. Book Club 7-9pm at the Fishers'** - The Gospel of Mark.
- **4th Wed. Book Club 7-8:30pm at Dcn. Gaspar's**— "The Imitation of Christ"

RSVP for all events to Cathy Palisoc: 423-322-6482

YOUNG ADULTS — Catholic Chatt

If you're a young person looking for community and friendships, Catholic Chatt is a place for young adults ages 18-39 to grow in faith, support each other, and build Catholic community in Chattanooga. We plan hiking, game nights, socials, bonfires and more throughout the year and would love for you to join us. Sign up for event alerts at CatholicChatt.com

St. Nicholas Dinner

Honoring Fr. Carter's 10 Years
Sunday, December 10, at 5pm in
Varallo Parish Hall

Signup is full. Please contact 865-335-0588 if you can't make it, so that others can come in your place.

Please pray the Rosary for Fr. Carter's spiritual bouquet. You can contribute to a monetary gift for him at the parish office or Online Giving (Books & Materials option).

Donations to defray costs accepted at the door. Desserts welcome!



ADVENT AT THE BASILICA

Celebration of Sr. Eloisa's 25th Anniversary of Vows

Sun. Dec. 3 3pm in Varallo Parish Hall—All are invited!

Moments to Share Annual Candle Lighting Service

Wed. Dec. 6 7pm—To honor babies who died
RSVP to 423-778-7709 or Brandy.Staszewski@erlanger.org

The Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation)

Fri. Dec. 8—Masses 7am & 12pm English, 6:30pm Spanish

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mon. Dec. 11 6:30pm Rosary in Spanish, 7pm Procession, 7:15pm Spanish Mass followed by fiesta in Varallo Parish Hall

Traditional Candlelight Rorate Mass

Sat. Dec. 16 7am

Ember Days—Traditional days of fasting or abstaining

Wed Dec. 20 Fri. Dec. 22 Sat. Dec. 23

Challenge: This year Fr. Carter's theme for our parish is Goodness. He challenges us to do a corporal or spiritual work of mercy each day.



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Nov. 16 - Dec. 15

Drop off donations in bin in Basilica vestibule

NEEDED: New (or gently used) toys & gifts, clothing of all sizes, personal care items, backpacks, school & art supplies, and more (visit riseupcooperative.org)

Visit recprojectinc.com for info about the Rec Project center for youth in East Ridge.

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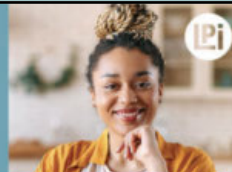
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