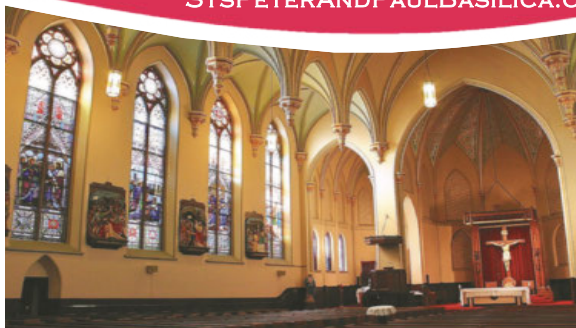




# THE BASILICA OF STS. PETER & PAUL

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June 30, 2024 — Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul / July 7, 2024 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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)  
7 AM TUE-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](http://stspeterandpaulbasilica.formed.org).

## PASTORAL STAFF AND PARISH CONTACTS

- Rector:** Very Rev. J. David Carter, JCL, JV  
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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](mailto:rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com)
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### Mass Intentions

Sat. Jun 29	5:30pm	✠ Dr. Nicholas Reid
Sun. Jun 30	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	Confirmation Candidates
	11:30am	Confirmation Candidates
	1:30pm	Confirmation Candidates
Mon. Jul 1	12:00pm	Healing for Christopher Ayala
Tue. Jul 2	7:00am	Madeline Mauceri
	12:00pm	For All Souls
Wed. Jul 3	7:00am	✠ Shirmer & Agnes Brown
	12:00pm	Ivan Sola
Thur. Jul 4	7:00am	Nataleigh Dang
	12:00pm	Sonya Shiju & Family
Fri. Jul 5	7:00am	✠ Alice, Duke,& Mary Catherine Allen
	12:00pm	Brian Duong
Sat. Jul 6	5:30pm	✠ Msgr. Bob Hofstetter
Sun. Jul 7	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	✠ David Coulter
	11:30am	Mayra & Chris Post
	1:30pm	✠ Vismar Osveli Castanon Castanon
Mon. Jul 8	12:00pm	✠ Marilyn Eleanor Carpenter
Tue. Jul 9	7:00am	✠ Adela Rodriguez
	12:00pm	Liam Post
Wed. Jul 10	7:00am	Communion Service
	12:00pm	Sheeja Xavier & Family
Thur. Jul 11	7:00am	Communion Service
	12:00pm	✠ Emma Claire Davenport
Fri. Jul 12	7:00am	Communion Service
	12:00pm	✠ Marshal Lutes, Sr.
Sat. Jul 13	5:30pm	Healing for Ut Tran
Sun. Jul 14	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	✠ Alan Lutes, Jr.
	11:30am	The Rudd Family
	1:30pm	✠ Axel Adrian Velasquez Lopez

### To Give Online

[stspeterandpaulbasilica.weshareonline.org](https://stspeterandpaulbasilica.weshareonline.org)

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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year-to-date  
7/1/23– 6/23/24

Envelopes & Loose	554,763.00
Online	409,941.00
Total	964,704.00
	1,929,408.00
YTD Funds Required	925,600.00
Year-to-Date Variance	39,104.00

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

#### June 30: Peter's Pence Collection

*Our Haiti collection is the first weekend of each month unless otherwise noted.*

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

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

Trudy Blake Medley, James Blake, Brian Blatchford, Keely Briggs, 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, Richard Fleming, Lori Fountain, Mark Gerry, Fr. Bertin Glennon, James Virgil & Johnnie Gomez, Eva Goza, Carlos Guerra, John Hilgeman, Maximillian John Hills, John Holland, Jr., Jacob Holub, Ann Hunter, Jesse Hurst & Family, Alexis Ippolito, Charles Johnson, Charles Jones, Reginald Kimbell, Jackey King, Ann & Taylor Lunn, Zoann Manners, Jaqueline Mathis, Jason McCulley, Simon Anthony Moss, Denise Nelligan, Jim Oakes, Sherry Ohotnick, Christopher Prince, Jan Rodriguez, Cardinal Rigali, Kimberly Russell, Suzy Sachs, Kimberly Saldana, Daniel Sharkey, Joseph Shramko, Joan Spears, Jim Stewart, John Anthony Street, Jeff Terrell, Andrea & Brian Tierney, Kristen Turner, Marie Turner, Frank & Jerry Villegas, James Waters, Jim & Barbara Wright, Nicole & baby Nalayva Wright

**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.*

### Schedule Exceptions

Communion Services Due to priest travel  
7am Wed. Jul. 10, 7am Thu. Jul. 11, and 7am Fri. Jul. 12

### Mass Attendance

	5:30	7:00	9:00	11:30	1:30	Total
June 15-16, 2024	180	383	401	332	599	1895
June 22-23, 2024	152	379	310	379	561	1665
June 24 12pm John the Baptist/National Eucharistic Pilgrimage:	508					

*Discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? Learn more at [dioknox.org/vocations](https://dioknox.org/vocations) or call the vocations office 865-584-3307.*

### St. Dominic Building HVAC Fund Drive

Goal: \$500,000

Total Pledged: \$249,434 (49%) Total Received: \$172,214 (34%)

We need to raise \$500k this summer for an HVAC system and electrical updates to support our religious education programs.

Donate through our Online Giving under the St. Dominic option, or by check or cash with the note "St. Dominic".

**Readings for the week of June 30, 2024**

Sun: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/  
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Mon: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tue: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wed: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thu: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Fri: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Sat: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

**Readings for the week of July 7, 2024**

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

**Readings for the Latin Mass: Visit [missalemeum.com](http://missalemeum.com)**

**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](mailto:basilicamotherhood@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

Download the Google Chat app and send your email address to [basilicamotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:basilicamotherhood@gmail.com)

**Babysitters for our Motherhood Group**

Our Catholic Motherhood ministry keeps a list of babysitters.

Email [basilicamotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:basilicamotherhood@gmail.com) with the subject "Babysitter Directory" to access the list or to sign up, with your name, age, contact info, and any special qualifications or work location/conditions. Contact info will only be shared privately within the Motherhood group.

**Nursery Staff Needed**

We are seeking adults age 18+ with experience caring for pre-schoolers to staff the nursery on a rotation, **Sundays from 8:45am-1pm**. Pay is \$45/Sunday; volunteers also welcome.

Email [admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com) to inquire.

**"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>

**American Heritage Girls Catholic Troop 0629**

**Open House on Jul 11, 6:40-7:30pm at St. Stephen's Church** in the small hall. All parents of girls ages 5-18 are welcome to attend and get info about the troop.

Please call the parish office to arrange for a flower donation in memory/honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion (\$180 cost).

**Struggling with Same-Sex Attraction? Courage International** is a Catholic apostolate that helps men and women who experience same-sex attractions to strive for chastity. **Encourage** is for family and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ, who are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact. Visit [couragec.org](http://couragec.org)

**The Deacon's Table Adult Bible Study**

**learning about All Things Catholic-Sundays from 10:15-11:15am in the McConnell Room** at the back of Varallo Hall. See The Deacon's Table page on our website or contact Brenda at [brendahartmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:brendahartmccconnell@gmail.com)

**PRO-LIFE MINISTRY.**

- **ADOPTION** Services now offered by Catholic Charities of East TN! Visit [alovingoptionadoption.org](http://alovingoptionadoption.org) for info.
- **Sign the petition to defend the Human Life Protection Act** [https://www.tnrtl.org/hlpa\\_petition](https://www.tnrtl.org/hlpa_petition) (on Basilica Pro-Life page)
- Please join in support of our pro-life efforts by praying the prayers on the Pro-Life Ministry page of our website.

*If you are struggling with the pain of an abortion, you are not alone. Through our monthly **Chattanooga Spirit & Life support group**, find comfort in the truth of God's unconditional love and forgiveness. Allow us to help guide you through your healing. Please call or text Sandi Davidson at 865-776-4510 or [sandi@ccetn.org](mailto:sandi@ccetn.org). For privacy reasons, the time and location will be given upon inquiry.*

**Ordination of Bishop-Elect Mark Beckman**

**Bishop-elect Mark Beckman will be ordained as the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Knoxville on Friday, July 26 at 2pm at the Knoxville Convention Center.**

On Monday, June 24 at 9am, the diocese began accepting ticket requests online (FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED) to attend this special Mass. **To register for tickets, please go to the diocesan website—[dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org)—** so that you can review all information and be prepared to register for tickets. In addition to the sign-up link, you will find information on hotels, parking, shuttle bus services, a list of frequently asked questions, and other helpful information. This is a joyous occasion for the Diocese of Knoxville. Please visit [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org).

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Visitation Guild****Bringing Holy Communion to the Homebound**

In the spirit of the Visitation, would you consider bringing the joy of the Real Presence of Jesus to the homebound or hospital-bound? Training will be provided. Contact the parish office at [admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com).

**MY CATHOLIC WILL**

The Basilica is now partnering with My Catholic Will – the only online Catholic will-writing tool available. You can access My-CatholicWill on our website. In as little as 15 minutes, you can write your will for FREE and consider a legacy gift to The Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, and also specify your wishes for a Catholic funeral and burial. Visit <https://mycatholicwill.com/stspeterandpaulbasilica>

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:counseling@ccetn.org).
- **Chattanooga Workforce Development** - Employment, training, education, & social services. Submit request at [wfdchatt.org](http://wfdchatt.org) or [wfd@chattanooga.gov](mailto: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](mailto:jsullivan@sedev.org). To get help, visit [setaad.org/www](http://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](http://riseupcooperative.org)
- **Volunteers in Medicine** - primary care clinic for the needy; apply at [vim-chatt.org](http://vim-chatt.org).
- **ABIDE** - Respite care for people with dementia, to help their caregivers. Call 423-756-2021 x3108 to participate/volunteer. Visit [firstcentenary.com/abide](http://firstcentenary.com/abide)

**The Parish Office will be closed on Thur., July 4 & Fri., July 5 for the Independence Day holiday.**

**Religious Education Age 4 – Grade 12**

**Register on our website. Classes resume Sept. 8.**

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

*Teachers and assistants needed!*

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

Contact Florence Porter [dre@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:dre@stpeterandpaulbasilica.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.

**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. Beginning September 8.
  - **Mystagogia Classes** meet Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin Sept. 11.
  - **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@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:rcia@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com) 865-335-3076

**Forever Young Catholics (age 40+) Upcoming Events**

- **Sat., July 20 at 5pm—Potluck at Luz Loizeaux's home in Ooltewah. Details to follow.**
- **BOOK CLUB** 2nd Wednesdays 7-9pm at the Fishers' house. We are studying Gospel of Mark
- **HIKES and WALKS** Mon. mornings, Wed. evenings, and Saturdays. Various levels of difficulty from easy to moderate. Email [Bob.Mikulka@gmail.com](mailto:Bob.Mikulka@gmail.com) to sign up for hike announcements.
- Email Cathy Palisoc at [cathy.palisoc@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.palisoc@gmail.com) to join our Forever Young email list and RSVP for events. [stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young](http://stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young).

**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](http://CatholicChatt.com)

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Downtown Youth Ministry meets one Wednesday each month during the school year, from 6-8pm, usually at the Basilica.

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

**During the school year—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@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:admin@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com).*

**First Friday Adoration with Exposition July 5 & Aug 2**

**After the 12pm Mass until Benediction at 5:30pm.** Adoration will resume through the night from **9pm Friday—7am Sat.**

**Welcome, Fr. Alex Hernandez**

Fr. Alex Hernandez has been assigned as an additional Parochial Vicar of The Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, beginning July 1, 2024. We will be introducing him in the coming weeks.

**Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul**

The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul is this Sat., June 29, and it is also the 134th anniversary of the dedication of this church building. We are pleased to be able to celebrate our patron feast day at all our Masses June 29-30. We will also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 9:00 English and 1:30 Spanish Masses on Sunday.

There is an opportunity for a plenary indulgence for visiting the Basilica on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

**Master Class on the Mass**

A Master Class on the Mass will be offered at the Basilica by our Adult Faith Formation ministry, Sat., July 13, from 8:30am-3pm. Open to all adults, this hands-on, practical workshop will delve deeper into our preparation, participation, and pouring forth of the Body of Christ. Cost: \$15, includes lunch & snacks. RSVP by July 7 to Barb Kaine [bnbkaine@gmail.com](mailto:bnbkaine@gmail.com) or Nikki Pacitti [nicole.klein2@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.klein2@gmail.com).





## THE BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL THE JOY OF TRADITION AWARD

JUNE 30, 2024

THE JOY OF TRADITION AWARD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED BY THEIR LIFE AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR PARISH THE JOY THAT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH BRINGS. IT IS A TESTIMONY TO THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR FAITH, AND FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM IN PROMOTING THE SACRED TRADITIONS IN LITURGY, MINISTRY, AND SERVICE TO OUR PARISH.

### FLORENCE PORTER



A lifelong Catholic, Florence Porter was raised in France. Married for 29 years, Florence and her husband John raised five children on Signal Mountain, and they have a one-year-old granddaughter. Since the Porters joined the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in 2013, Florence has shared her love of Catholic tradition through many Basilica programs, including Religious Education, the Altar and Sacristan ministries, Hospitality, and Sacred Music. Florence helps our community celebrate the seasons and feasts of the liturgical year with special attention at Advent, St. Nicholas festivities, Epiphany, May Crowning, All Saints, and even traditional foods like "Madeleines" on the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. Behind the scenes, she cares for the altar server vestments, beautifies the sanctuary with flowers from her own garden, and coordinates our funeral meals and parish receptions. Florence pours her heart into teaching our children to love Jesus Christ. She helped to

start our Jubilate Deo Youth Schola, taught our First Holy Communion class for many years, and has directed our Religious Education and RCIC programs since 2021. Florence is teaching and promoting the traditions of the Catholic faith here at the Basilica, and she has been chosen as a recipient of the Joy of Tradition award in 2024.

### SISTER ELOÍSA TORRALBA AQUINO

Sister Eloísa Torralba Aquino, a missionary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Ad-Gentes, has been chosen to receive the Joy of Tradition award in 2024. After serving in Italy and Kentucky, she came to The Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in 2019. She has been our Hispanic Ministry Coordinator since 2022, and she recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of her first profession of religious vows. Sister Eloísa is known for her loving, motherly smile in all circumstances, her welcoming hug, and her unwavering faith in God's providence. Marriage preparation is one of her favorite ministries. She is always willing to listen and help couples overcome their obstacles. Sister Eloísa assists in all the ministries of our parish and inspires the leaders and volunteers in our community to share their gifts for the Lord freely. For Sister Eloísa, evangelization through joy and shared service are a way to show the merciful face of God to humanity and to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. One of her favorite quotes is: "I trust in your mercy, my heart rejoices in your salvation" (Ps. 13:6).



In Christ Jesus,

Very Rev. J. David Carter, JCL, JV, Pastor and Rector



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