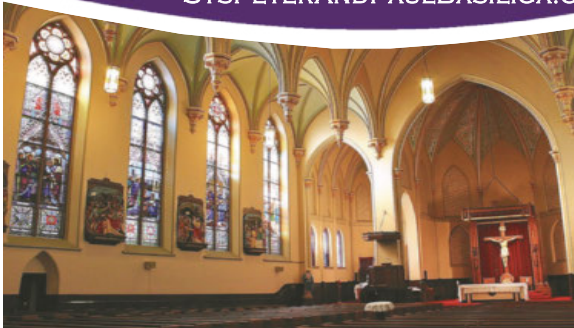




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December 8, 2024—Second Sunday of Advent & December 15, 2024—Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

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
- ♦ 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!



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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
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SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 8: Retirement Fund for Religious

Our Lady of Guadalupe—December 12: CCETN

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish, especially:
Virginia Aramian, Trudy Blake Medley, Brian Blatchford, John Carlin,
Christina Cone, Jim Cooper, Morgan Cordell, Marion Davis, Geraldine
DeBoer, Madeline Eve Doyal, Laura Duford, Jay and Omar Duggan,
Kelsey Dunnigan, Lynn Elverd, Ryan Elverd, Rosie Exum, Nancy
Fisher, Richard Fleming, Lori Fountain, Matt Givens, Mark Gerry,
James Virgil & Johnnie Gomez, Eva Goza, Carlos Guerra, John
Hilgeman, 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, Trinity Mead, William Mitchener, Simon
Anthony Moss, Denise Nelligan, Jim Oakes, Sherry Ohotnicky,
Christopher Prince, Cardinal Rigali, Melanie Russell, Suzy Sachs,
Lauren Serio, Daniel Sharkey, Joseph Shramko, Joshua & Madeline
Smith Family, Joan Spears, Jim Stewart, John Anthony Street, Jeff
Terrell, Andrea & Brian Tierney, Kristen Turner, Marie Turner, Frank
& Jerry Villegas, James Waters, Maggie Williams & Family, 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.

To donate Christmas flowers for our Altar in memory or honor of a loved one in any amount, please indicate with their names on the payment envelope, or online with Weshare.

7am Mass Wednesdays & Fridays only beginning in Advent

We added a 7am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays temporarily for Lent. We have tried to continue this since Mass then. But because of additional daily responsibilities of our priests, we are restoring our previous schedule of offering the 7am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays only. We will continue to offer the 12pm Mass Monday through Friday. All weekday Masses are subject to priest availability.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year-to-date
7/1/23– 12/1/24

Envelopes & Loose	242,563.00
Online	171,631.00
Total	<u>414,194.00</u>

YTD Funds Required	412,940.00
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Year-to-Date Variance	1,254.00
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Mass Attendance	<u>5:30</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:30</u>	<u>1:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nov 23-24, 2024	142	375	533	295	545	1865
Nov 30-Dec 1, 2024	136	389	329	322	680	1890

St. Dominic Building HVAC Fund Drive

Goal: \$500,000

Total Pledged: \$473,397 (95% of \$500 K goal)

Total Received: \$418,288 (88% of pledged & 83% of goal)

We need to raise \$500k 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 December 8, 2024

Sun: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
 Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Tue: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
 Wed: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
 Thur: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Fri: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sun: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
 Tue: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
 Wed: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
 Thur: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
 Fri: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
 Sat: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-4
Readings for the Latin Mass: Visit missalemeum.com

ADVENT AT THE BASILICA**The Immaculate Conception**

(not a holy day of obligation in our Diocese this year)

Mon. Dec. 9—Masses 12pm English,
6pm Traditional Novus Ordo in Latin

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thurs. Dec. 12 6:30pm Rosary in Spanish, 7pm Procession,
7:15pm Spanish Mass

Traditional Candlelight Rorate Mass

Sat. Dec. 21 7am

Ember Days—Traditional days of fasting or abstaining

Wed Dec. 18 Fri. Dec. 20 Sat. Dec. 21

*December 9 Altar flowers are both in honor of the Solemnity
of the Immaculate Conception and donated by Anne Rudd
in memory of her mother, Pam Rudd.*

*Dec 14/15 Altar flowers are in honor of Mary Portera in
celebration of her birthday and donated by her grandchildren.*

CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD**Mothers Fellowship 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10am-12pm**

The next meeting will be a Christmas party on Dec. 10,
10am-12pm, in Varallo Parish Hall. Children may attend.
There will be no meeting on Dec. 24.

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

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 to inquire.

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 brendahartmcconnell@gmail.com

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY.

- **ADOPTION Services** now offered by Catholic Charities of East TN! Visit alovingoptionadoption.org for info.
- **Sign the petition to defend the Human Life Protection Act** 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.

"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>

**Christmas Candlelight Concerts at the Basilica**

Dec. 17 & 18 at 1:30pm, 4:30pm and 7:30pm

Purchase tickets via link on the Basilica website
or viennalightorchestra.com/1217-chattanooga-christmas
The 12pm Mass and confessions on Dec. 17 & 18 are canceled,
The 7am Mass on Dec. 18 will be in the rectory chapel.

Chattanooga Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

will be held at BRAINERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
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gift to The Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, and also specify your
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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.
- **ABIDE** - Respite care for people with dementia, to help their caregivers. Call 423-756-2021 x3108 to participate/volunteer. Visit firstcentenary.com/abide

First Friday Adoration with Exposition Jan. 3

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

Religious Education Age 4* – Grade 12

Register on our website. *Registration for preK is full.

Classes have begun, Sundays 10:15-11:15am

Volunteers needed!

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

Contact Florence Porter dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com

Confirmation for Adult Catholics

The Bishop normally confirms adult Catholics once a year.

Contact the parish office to discuss the process.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA & Mystagoga)

- 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. Began on Sept. 8.
 - **Mystagoga Classes** meet Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin Jan. 15.
 - **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

- **DEC.:** Service Project - hosting St. Nicholas Dinner 12/15
- **BOOK CLUB** 2nd Wednesdays 7-9pm at the Fishers' house. We are now studying the Letter of James.
- **HIKES & WALKS** Mon. mornings, Wed. evenings, and Saturdays. Easy to moderate. Email AdventurousCatholics@gmail.com for announcements.
- Email cathy.palisoc@gmail.com to receive emails and RSVP for events. Visit stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young.

YOUNG ADULTS — Catholic Chatt

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS**Fall DYM Nights with Fr. Alex Hernandez:**

Downtown Youth Ministry (DYM) meets one Wednesday each month from 6-8pm: **Dec. 11 @ Varallo Hall**

SEARCH retreat (11th & 12th graders) **Feb. 21-23 @St. Therese**

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

During the school year—Sundays 6:30 to 8pm at St. Jude

Underground Christmas Dec. 21—register by Dec. 8

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

Visit stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/youth-group for details. Register for Youth Group on our Basilica website to stay informed, and contact admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com.

USHERS and SACRISTANS NEEDED

Our **Usher/Greeter ministry** is seeking new volunteers to welcome people who come to the Basilica. This important ministry involves a lot more than taking up the collection. See an usher or greeter after Mass, visit our website, and contact Dan Mueller through the parish office.

The **Sacristan** ministry is a great way to assist the priests and deacons and learn more about the Mass. We will train you how to set up and take down for a Mass. We rotate serving, so you would serve about once a month. Adults interested in being trained, contact Joe Polchek through the parish office.

St. Nicholas Dinner

Sunday, December 15, at 5pm in Varallo Parish Hall

RSVP in the vestibule or the parish office (space is limited).

Visit from St. Nicholas, crafts, games, and photo booth

Bring a dessert to share.

Donations for our catered dinner will be accepted at the door.



December Festivities for Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul Parishioners & Friends



Motherhood Group Christmas Party





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