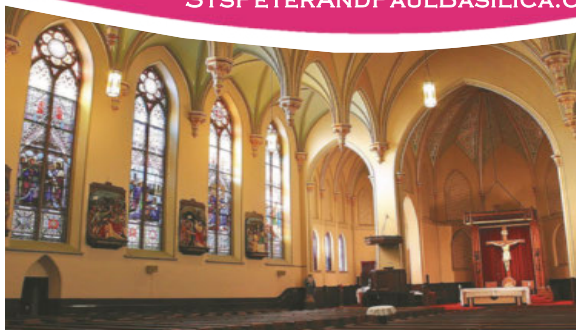




# THE BASILICA OF STS. PETER & PAUL

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March 30, 2025 — Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

## 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 Mon-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).

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<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:</b>	1st Friday and Lenten Fridays following the noon Mass to 5:30 pm and 9 pm - 7 am
<b>Baptisms:</b>	Saturdays 10:30 am, contact the parish office
<b>Becoming Catholic (RCIA/OCIA): Inquiry &amp; classes</b>	Dan Pacitti <a href="mailto:rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com">rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com</a> (contact via website)
<b>Confessions:</b>	30 min. before each Mass except 7 am
<b>Marriages:</b>	Contact the parish office at least 4 months in advance
<b>Religious Education:</b>	Sundays 10:15-11:15 am Florence Porter <a href="mailto:dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com">dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com</a>
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## Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar 29	5:30pm ☩ Dr. Charlene K. Reynolds
Sun. Mar 30	7:00am People of the Parish
	9:00am ☩ Milad Dabit
	11:30am Carol Guerra
	1:30pm ☩ Mary Mason
Mon. Mar 31	12:00pm ☩ Elizabeth Knickrehm
Tue. Apr 1	12:00pm ☩ George Rittmanic
Wed. Apr 2	7:00am ☩ Claudia LaPierre
	12:00pm Dr. Paul Gosselin
Thur. Apr 3	12:00pm For an increase in vocations
Fri. Apr 4	7:00am Sindhu James and Family
	12:00pm ☩ Virginia McKenna
Sat. Apr 5	5:30pm ☩ Patrick Meade
Sun. Apr 6	7:00am People of the Parish
	9:00am Olivia Turner
	11:30am ☩ Luis Angel Sanchez
	1:30pm Raul Vila

### Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sun: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
 Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54  
 Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30  
 Thur: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47  
 Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53  
 Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11  
 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4

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

To make a donation for Easter Flowers for the Altar in memory/honor of a loved one in any amount, indicate names on the envelope or in comments online.

### To Give Online

[stspeterandpaulbasilica.weshareonline.org](http://stspeterandpaulbasilica.weshareonline.org)  
 use Weshare QR code  
 OR text keyword basilica to 800-950-9952



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year-to-date  
 7/1/24 – 3/23/25

Envelopes & Loose	443,636.00
Online	338,917.00
Total	782,553.00

YTD Funds Required 735,079.00

Year-to-Date Variance 47,474.00

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

March 30: Catholic Charities of East Tennessee

April 6: Haiti Collection

April 18: Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land

April 20: Diocesan Seminarian Education

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish, especially: Virginia Aramian, Trudy Blake Medley, Brian Blatchford, Hazel Bowles, John Carlin, Christina Cone, Barbara Cooper Hickman, Jim Cooper, Morgan Cordell, Marion Davis, Judith Day, Geraldine DeBoer, Madeline Eve Doyal, Laura Duford, Jay and Omar Duggan, Susan Edenfield, Lynn Elverd, Rosie Exum, Nancy Fisher, Richard Fleming, Lori Fountain, Matt Givens, Mark Gerry, James Virgil & Johnnie Gomez, Carlos Guerra, John Hilgeman, John Holland, Jr., Jacob Holub, Ann Hunter, Alexis Ippolito, Charles Johnson, Charles Jones, Reginald Kimbell, Jackey King, Ann Lee, Ann & Taylor Lunn, Zoann Manners, Jaqueline Mathis, Jason McCulley, Barbara McKenna, Trinity Mead, Theresa Merritt, Vickie Mills, William Mitchener, Simon Anthony Moss, Sheila Murfin, Denise Nelligan, Baby Gus Nuar, James O'Brien, Tip & Gayla Oxford, 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, Marie Turner, Frank & Jerry Villegas, James Waters, Maggie Williams & Family, Michelle Wood, 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.

Mass Attendance	5:30	7:00	9:00	11:30	1:30	Total
Mar. 15-16, 2025	127	453	411	349	615	1955
Mar. 22-23, 2025	177	418	512	369	525	2001

### BASILICA PARISHIONER SURVEY

The Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM ALL OUR PARISHIONERS! The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen the Basilica and better prepare us for the future! Complete the survey today on our Basilica website or at this link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/cap9xc>



The Parish has mailed 2024 contribution statements to donors who contributed \$6,000 or more. Bishop's Appeal contributions are not included. The Diocese will mail a separate statement. To receive a statement, regardless of amount, call the parish office at 423-266-1618. Thank you for your generous support.

**CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD****Mothers Fellowship**

**COMING SOON: Mothers' Brunch** - Hosted by Hannah Vassil on the 3rd Thursday morning of the month—details to come!

**Well Read Mom** - A chapter of this great ministry is hosted monthly by Claire Collins.

**Thursday Night Family Cocktail Parties** - hosted at the home of Caelan Shurina, husbands and children welcome.

**Join Our Email and Google Chat!**

Visit the **Catholic Motherhood** page on the Basilica website to participate in our meal trains, prayers, and activities, and email [basilicamotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:basilicamotherhood@gmail.com) to be added to the newsletter and/or Google Chat and for details on the above events.

**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.

**St. Ambrose Catholic Homeschool Co-op**

**Registration is open through May 2** for grades Pre K– High School for the 2025-26 school year. Interested families may attend park day on April 15 at 9:30am at Pioneer Frontier Park. All information and forms are located on the Basilica website. Please email any questions to [stambrosecoop@gmail.com](mailto:stambrosecoop@gmail.com).

**MEN'S SILENT RETREAT April 4-6**

Led by Fr. Ed Hopkins, Legionary of Christ & sponsored by CatholicDads.org at Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center, Benton, TN—Cost: \$350—Register at [dioknoxretreat.org](http://dioknoxretreat.org)

**KDCCW Convention-Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope**

**April 24-26 at St. Mary's Church in Johnson City, TN.**

Hotel Group rates are available. Contact Susan Collins, 423-470-2560/[scollins51@hotmail.com](mailto:scollins51@hotmail.com) or Pam Morgan, 423-943-4147/[pamelabmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:pamelabmorgan@gmail.com) for info. Register online: <http://www.kdccw.org> & select convention tab.

**Handmade Goods Spring Pop-up Market**

**April 5 9am-2pm** at Triangle Park in Belvoir Neighborhood, 4412 Mayfair Ave. Shop local art, jewelry, woodworking, rosary bracelets, hand-sewn items, etc. from local Catholic families!

**Featured Relics from the Basilica's Collection**

**Relics displayed on our Mary and St. Joseph Altars are rotated to coincide with the feast days of the saints.**

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

*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 [brendahartmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:brendahartmcconnell@gmail.com)

**Pro-Life Ministry**

- **PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND MOBILE UNIT** —free tests, counseling, resources offered the **2nd Tuesday of the month April 8**, at the Basilica's All Saints Academy (310 E 8th St.) Contact [pregnancyhelp@ccetn.org](mailto:pregnancyhelp@ccetn.org) or 865-864-3002 for appointments and visit [ccetn.org/pregnancy-help.org](http://ccetn.org/pregnancy-help.org)
- **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.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN Sat. April 26 2pm**

The Basilica will offer a Memorial Mass for babies lost to abortion **Sat., April 26 at 2pm**. Open to all who have taken part in abortion or grieve the loss. After Mass, we will visit the National Memorial for the Unborn (6230 Vance Rd.) for the rite of committal. Contact the parish office if you would like to have your baby remembered (first name is sufficient) or to say a few words on the theme of repentance and hope.

*Visit [memorialfortheunborn.org](http://memorialfortheunborn.org) to order a plaque.*

**LECTORS, USHERS, and SACRISTANS needed\***

**Lectors** proclaim the Word of God at our 5:30 and 9:00 Masses.

Good speaking skills required. Contact Gabrielle Cipriano through the parish office.

**Usher/Greeters** welcome people who come to the Basilica and do many important tasks at Mass. See an usher/greeter after Mass or contact Dan Mueller through the parish office.

**Sacristans** assist the clergy to set up and take down for Mass.

We will train you. We rotate serving, about once a month.

Contact Joe Polchek through the parish office.

*\* Confirmed Catholic adult parishioners in good standing*

**MY CATHOLIC WILL**

*My Catholic Will is the only online Catholic will-writing tool available. You can access MyCatholicWill 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

- **Counseling** - [stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/counseling](http://stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/counseling) has a list of local and online resources
- **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](http://stalexiusoutreach.org)
- **Chattanooga Food Bank**: visit [ChattFoodBank.org](http://ChattFoodBank.org).
- **Pregnancy Help Center**: call 423-826-0673 to volunteer.
- **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)

*"Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul (TN) - Buy Nothing Group"*  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2513393815633781> — Parishioners may join to post items or services to give away/receive for free.

## 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@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:dre@stpeterandpaulbasilica.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/OCIA)

- 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. **Inquiry classes are year-round**.
- **Candidacy Classes** for those baptized, catechized, and evangelized Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin May 21.
- **RCIA needs volunteers!** If you are interested in assisting RCIA as a sponsor, presenter, or other help, please contact Dan Pacitti. [rcia@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:rcia@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com) 865-335-3076

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

- **FRIDAYS April 4, April 11**— Attend 5:30 Stations of the Cross & Fish Fry as a group
- **APRIL Service Project—Painting the Basilica's hallway — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED April 5 11am-1pm** and for prep work 9-11:30am Tues. April 1 and maybe Thurs. April 3. Email [cathy.palisoc@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.palisoc@gmail.com) for details.
- **BOOK CLUB** 2nd Wednesdays 7-9pm at the Swineys' house. We are now studying the Letter of James.
- **HIKES & WALKS** Mon. mornings, Wed. evenings, and Saturdays. Easy to moderate. Email [AdventurousCatholics@gmail.com](mailto:AdventurousCatholics@gmail.com) for announcements.
- Email [cathy.palisoc@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.palisoc@gmail.com) to receive emails and RSVP for events. Visit [stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young](http://stpeterandpaulbasilica.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](http://CatholicChatt.com)

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

## DYM Nights with Fr. Alex Hernandez:

Downtown Youth Ministry (DYM) meets one Wednesday each month from 6-8pm in Varallo Hall:

**Apr. 23 & May 14**

[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)

Visit [stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/youth-group](http://stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/youth-group) for details.  
 Register for Youth Group on our Basilica website to stay informed, and contact [admin@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:admin@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com).

## Coffee Bar Sunday, April 6 10am-11:30am

Please join us on the rectory lawn (weather permitting) for a coffee bar on Sunday, **April 6**, from 10am-11:30am. Get to know members of the parish and enjoy a cup. You get to decide the price. Donations go to fund the next coffee event to make available for all to enjoy, payable by cash, venmo, paypal, and cash app. We have coffee, teas, hot chocolate, treats, and more, including decaf coffee! Hope to see you!

## Lenten Friday Adoration with Exposition

After the 12pm Mass until Benediction at 5:30pm. Adoration will resume through the night from 8pm Friday—7am Sat.

## LENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Adoration** Fridays of Lent 12:30-5:30pm and 9pm-7am
- **Stations of the Cross** Fridays after 5:30pm Benediction
- **Fish Fry** Fridays 6:15-8pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall 313 Sylvan St.
- **PENANCE SERVICES**  
 Tue April 1 7:00pm St. Mary, Athens
- **40 Cans for Lent Food Drive** for the Chattanooga Food Bank by Knights of Columbus throughout Lent



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## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

with Group Leader  
Mary Haley  
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**POPE FRANCIS HAS GRANTED A PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR PILGRIMS WHO MEET THE SPIRITUAL REQUIREMENTS AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE IN MEDJUGORJE DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025.** <https://www.medjugorje.hr/en/news/decreed-on-plenary-indulgence-in-medjugorje,14073.html>

Our diocese has been offered to partner with a New Orleans pilgrimage group to Medjugorje. We will depart from Knoxville on May 4 and return on May 12, 2025. Spots are being held for us for a limited time, thus we need to pursue this opportunity ASAP! Note: a **passport up to 6 months past the return date is needed. Passport processing is delayed, especially for new passports.**

There are many benefits, besides the Plenary Indulgence, to this May 4 pilgrimage. First, if we sign up 15 pilgrims, a priest from the Diocese of Knoxville can attend free of charge. If we sign up 30 pilgrims, we can secure spots for 2 priests. The price for flight, lodging, breakfast, dinner, tour guide and transfers to and from the airport is \$3,000. It is a fantastic price! Optional Travel Insurance recommended. I also want to assess interest in staying an additional night in the medieval town of Dubrovnik, on the Adriatic Sea. **Pilgrims, please let them know that you are traveling with the Knoxville group so that our priest(s) can get credit.**

Like when the Blessed Mother was appearing at Fatima, **Medjugorje** is not a tour. It is an "experience," a "journey of inner peace," "peace in marriages," "peace in families," peace in communities," and ultimately "peace in the world." To emphasize, "it all starts with one's own inner peace," which is the greatest miracle of all."

Our priests are our earthly bridge between us and God. We need their help to be strong in turbulent times, but priests also need our help to be strong! My goal is to give this opportunity to you and our priests. I have travelled the world, including Medjugorje six times. **There is no place that feeds one's soul like Medjugorje!** In this crazy world, everyone needs it!

Feel free to contact me, Mary Haley, (Knoxville Leader) at email: [OurMotherCalls@gmail.com](mailto:OurMotherCalls@gmail.com), Cell: (865) 803-9322.





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