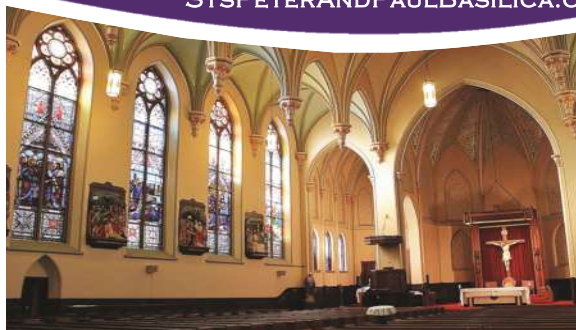




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November 30, 2025 — First Sunday of Advent

## 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

♦ Vespers 5pm Mon-Fri

♦ Nursery open 8:45am - 12:45pm Sun. (as staff are available)

♦ All Masses celebrated according to the 2002 Roman Missal.

♦ 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.

## PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of love and mercy,  
raise up holy priests after Your Own Heart:

humble, pure, and consumed with zeal for souls.

Draw young men to Yourself and enflame their hearts  
with desire to make You known through Word and  
Sacrament, both in times of tranquility and tribulation.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we trust in You.

## 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](http://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

**Becoming Catholic (RCIA/OCIA): Inquiry & classes**  
Dan Pacitti [rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com) (contact via website)

**Confessions:** 30 min. before each Mass except 7 am

**Marriages:** Contact the parish office at least 4 months in advance

**Religious Education:** Sundays 10:15-11:15 am  
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Sat. Nov 29	5:30pm	✠ Pat Hendrickson
Sun. Nov 30	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	Rebecca Moeller
	11:30am	Daniel Cooper
	1:30pm	✠ Albert and Pina Punzi
	12:00pm	Robert Novak
Mon. Dec 1		
Tue. Dec 2	12:00pm	Healing for Ruth Williams
Wed. Dec 3	7:00am	Healing for Christina Hale
	12:00pm	✠ Mark Coddington
Thur. Dec 4	12:00pm	For an increase in vocations
Fri. Dec 5	7:00am	✠ Fr. Joseph Mary Hammond
	12:00pm	Jacob Herd
Sat. Dec 6	5:30pm	✠ Richard Sullivan
Sun. Dec 7	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	Rowan and Evelyn Gabor
	11:30am	✠ Deborah Grimes
	1:30pm	Healing for Mario Ventura

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: 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 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/  
Mt 3:1-12

<b>Mass Attendance</b>	<u>5:30</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:30</u>	<u>1:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nov. 8-9, 2025	186	473	533	469	711	<b>2372</b>
Nov. 15-16, 2025	141	513	483	442	719	<b>2298</b>

*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.*

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Fiscal Year-to-date  
7/1/25-11/16/25

Envelopes & Loose	249,606.00
Online	184,489.00
Total	434,095.00
YTD Funds Required	420,000.00
Year-to-Date Variance	14,095.00

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

December 7: Haiti Collection

*December 12: CCETN Office of Immigrant Services*

### December 14: Retirement Fund for Religious

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

Virginia Aramian, Trudy Blake Medley, Brian Blatchford, Hazel Bowles, John Carlin, Christina Cone, Catherine Contreras, Barbara Cooper Hickman. Jim Cooper, Morgan Cordell, Baby Hampton Cox & Family, Marion Davis, Geraldine DeBoer, Madeline Eve Doyal, Laura Duford, Lynn Elverd, Rosie Exum, Richard Fleming, Lori Fountain, Mark Gerry, James Virgil & Johnnie Gomez, Carlos Guerra, John Hilgeman, John Holden, John Holland, Jr., Jacob Holub, Dale Hoy, David & Gail Hunihan Ann Hunter, Jesse Hurst & Family, Alexis Ippolito, Charles Johnson, Philomena Kennedy, Reginald Kimbell, Jackey King, Paula Long, Taylor Lunn, Zoann Manners, Jaqueline Mathis, Jason McCulley, Laverne McGee, Barbara McKenna, Trinity Mead, William Mitchener, Simon Anthony Moss, Kim Murfin, Denise Nelligan, Baby Gus Nuar, James O'Brien, Tip & Gayla Oxford, Larry Pinckney, Tony Portera, Cardinal Rigali, Melanie Russell, Suzy Sachs, Angie Sackett, Lauren Serio, Daniel Sharkey, Joseph Shramko, Joshua & Madeline Smith Family, Bill Soffe, Joan Spears, Rosa Clemencia Stengel. John Anthony Street, Rhett Thomas, Andrea & Brian Tierney, Marie Turner, Frank & Jerry Villegas, James Waters, Dwight Wilhoit, Valerie Williams, Jim & Barbara Wright

*Visit our Pray for Us page to learn of some of their needs.*

## 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**.*

### Community Outreach Highlight: ABIDE Respite Ministry

*In an effort to grow our parish's participation in community outreach, we are highlighting some local opportunities to serve the poor and vulnerable in the Chattanooga area. This week, we would like to draw your attention to ABIDE Respite Ministry, located at around the corner at First-Centenary United Methodist Church.*

ABIDE seeks to care for and support persons with early to moderate memory issues and their caregivers. Volunteers are able to provide community, socialization, and love through activities and companionship with participants. They also give respite to caregivers, knowing their loved ones are being loved and cared for in a safe environment.

For more information, see the flyer insert in the bulletin or go to <http://www.firstcentenary.com/ABIDE>

Contact Brandi Anderson at 423-756-2021 ext. 021

### CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD 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.

### Adult Faith Formation

#### Book Club studying "Life of Christ" by: Fulton Sheen

Tuesdays 6-8pm or Wednesdays 9-11am

Contact Barb Kaine to sign up: [bnbkaine@gmail.com](mailto:bnbkaine@gmail.com)

Both groups meeting in the St. Dominic Building.

#### The Deacon's Table/All Things Catholic

##### The Bible and the Sacraments: Journey through Scripture.

**Sundays 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: [brendahartmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:brendahartmccconnell@gmail.com)

The Basilica's new [Servant of God Library](#) for adults is now open for browsing and borrowing books ranging from Theology to Fiction. The library is at the end of the hallway by the elevators. We have over 800 books in the collection, the majority of them donated by the parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul; it can truly be called a "community library." Instructions for checking out books are posted in the library.

#### Men's Inter-Parish Bible Study

**Fridays 6:30pm at St. Jude Library. Men of Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Jude, currently discussing apologetics. Contact Michael Tabb at [mhtabb.6@gmail.com](mailto:mhtabb.6@gmail.com) or text (423) 316-8817**

### Help with Scrupulosity

Scrupulosity is the habit of imagining sin where none exists, or grave sin where the matter is venial. Our Basilica priests recommend some resources to help address scrupulosity: [stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/confession](http://stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/confession) (scroll to the bottom)

#### "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.

### The 23rd Annual Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at Brainerd United Methodist Church

**4315 Brainerd Rd. on Dec. 11 & 12 at 7pm.** Music by The Roueché Chorale & Symphony Orchestra promises to be a beautiful service of Advent and Christmas music that will stir your heart and help prepare you for the Christmas season! The congregation plays an active part in the singing of traditional carols and the lighting of candles. **The program is free to the public! Call 423-774-0317 visit: <http://www.therouechechorale.org> or our Facebook page.**

**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)

### *Pro-Life Ministry*

- **PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND MOBILE UNIT** —free tests, counseling, resources offered the **2nd Tue. of the month Dec. 9** at St. Stephen's Church front parking lot (7111 Lee Hwy) and **3rd Thur. of the month Dec. 18** at Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in the Cumberland Title & Guaranty parking lot. 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.

### **St. Nicholas Dinner**

**Sunday, December 7, 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.*



### Coffee Bar & Christmas Market

**Sun, Dec. 7 10am-11:30am on Rectory Lawn**

We have coffee, teas, hot chocolate, treats, and more, including decaf! Coffee bar donations go to fund the next coffee event, payable by cash, venmo, paypal, and cash app.

**Alongside our coffee bar on Dec. 7, Basilica moms will host a Christmas Market, selling homemade gift items: art, Rosaries, board books, etc.**

### 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 [mountolivetc.net](http://mountolivetc.net) and call David Hale at (423) 622-0728 for more information.



**WAYS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE HELP**

- **Counseling** - [stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/counseling](http://stspeterandpaulbasilica.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)

**Becoming Catholic (RCIA/OCIA)**

- If you are interested in **learning more about the Catholic Faith**, please submit an inquiry on our Becoming Catholic page: [stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/becoming-catholic-rcia](http://stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/becoming-catholic-rcia)
- **Registration is open on our website**. Classes are 10:15-11:15am Sundays. **Inquiry classes are year-round**.
- **Inquiry & OCIA classes in session**, Sundays 10:15-11:15 in Varallo Parish Hall
- **Candidacy Classes** for those baptized, catechized, and evangelized Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin Jan. 7, 2026.
- **OCIA needs sponsors!** If you are interested in assisting OCIA as a sponsor, presenter, or other help, please contact Dan Pacitti. [rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com) 865-335-3076

**Religious Education Age 3 – Grade 12**

Register on our website.

Classes are Sundays 10:15-11:15am

Class attendance required for 1st Holy Communion (2nd grade) & Confirmation (6th grade), encouraged for all grades. Contact Florence Porter [dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com)

**Confirmation for Adult Catholics**

Contact the parish office to discuss the process.

***First Friday Adoration with Exposition on December 5***

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

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

- Email [cathy.palisoc@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.palisoc@gmail.com) to receive emails and RSVP for events. Visit [stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young](http://stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young).
- **HELP us host the parish St. Nicholas Dinner**: We still need volunteers for setup/cleanup, etc. [cathy.palisoc@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.palisoc@gmail.com)
- **BOOK CLUB** normally 2nd Wednesdays 6:15-8pm at the Swineys' house. Next 2 dates are: **Wed. Dec 3** pre-Christmas potluck 6-9pm and **Wed. Jan. 14** 6:15-8pm as we begin *The Gospel According to Saint Luke* by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch
- **HIKES & WALKS** Mon. mornings, Wed. evenings, and Saturdays. Easy to moderate. See Forever Young page & email [AdventurousCatholics@gmail.com](mailto:AdventurousCatholics@gmail.com) for announcements.

**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 across Chattanooga. We plan faith formation, hikes, game nights, bonfires, and more, and we would love for you to join us. Sign up for event alerts at [CatholicChatt.com](http://CatholicChatt.com)

- **Guys Nights Mondays 7pm** contact Jonah 423-424-8618- **Women's Small Group Weds 7pm** contact Laura 865-556-9663**COLLEGE STUDENTS – Catholic Center at UTC**

A place for college students to hang out, find community, attend Bible studies, and other activities.

**Sun/Wed 6pm confessions, 6:30pm Mass, & 7:30 free dinner**Visit [utccatholic.com](http://utccatholic.com) and talk to our FOCUS missionaries**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Downtown Disciples Youth Ministry for 6th-12th grade

**Wednesdays 6:30-8pm in Varallo Parish Hall***A good supply of snacks will be on hand!*

**SEARCH Retreat** for 11th & 12th Graders Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2026  
(registration link on Youth Group page)

[stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/youth-group](http://stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/youth-group)Register for Youth Group and contact [matthew.h.givens@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.h.givens@gmail.com)**ADVENT AT THE BASILICA****Moments to Share Annual Candle Lighting Service**

Wed. Dec. 3 7pm—To honor babies who died before, during, or after childbirth. Hosted by Erlanger, with Fr. Carter. RSVP to 423-778-5149 or [Lauren.Thurman@erlanger.org](mailto:Lauren.Thurman@erlanger.org)

**The Immaculate Conception****Holy day of obligation**

Mon. Dec. 8

Masses 12pm English, 6pm Latin, 8pm Spanish

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

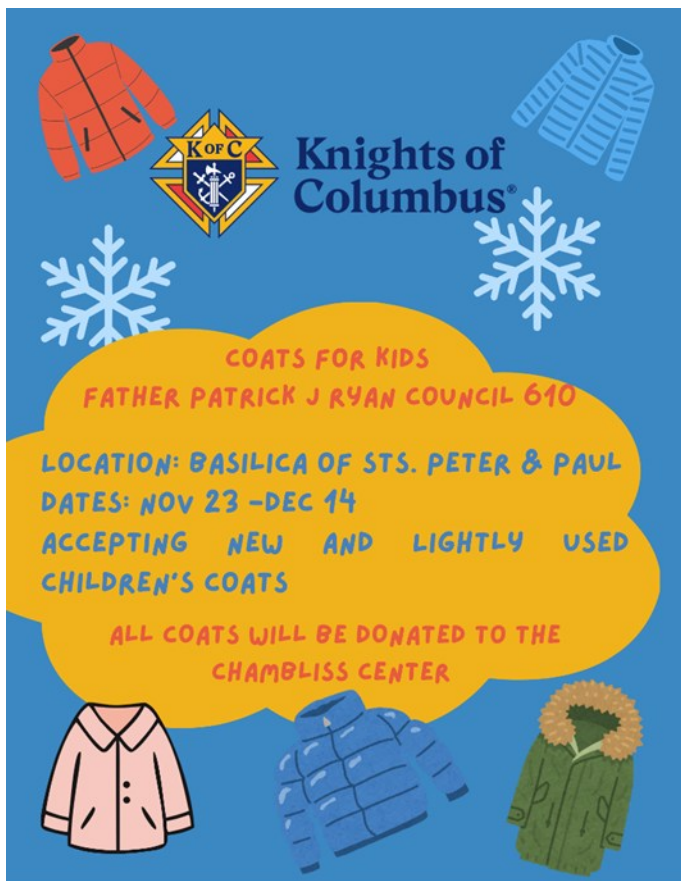
Fri. Dec. 12 7pm Procession followed by Spanish Mass

**Traditional Candlelight Rorate Mass**

Sat. Dec. 20 7am

**Ember Days—Traditional days of fasting or abstaining**

Wed Dec. 17 Fri. Dec. 19 Sat. Dec. 20



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