



Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9 am & 11:15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession)

By Appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Congratulations! Please call the office at least 4 months before your planned wedding date.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Deacon Bob at 523-7931

To Keep All Of Us Safe, Please:

- **Wear a mask at all times**
- **Maintain social distance of 6 feet from those not in your family**
- **Do not congregate in the lobby or on the sidewalks (you may do so in the grass or the parking lots)**
- **Do not come to Mass if you are experiencing any illness symptoms (the Bishop has issued a dispensation for Sunday Mass for everyone)**

Pray with Us-Celebrate With Us

We are live-streaming our weekend 11:15 am Mass on our Facebook Group. Just look for "Saint John XXIII Catholic Center at UTK." There are also great resources on the USCCB website, the Diocese of Knoxville website, and Paulist.org/WatchMass. Be sure we have your email address so you can get information about our Zoom meetings as well for more seminars and activities!

St. John XXIII Mens' Club

Attention Men! Join our men's club for bonding and spiritual growth. We'll meet regularly via Zoom to review a book or video and to forge friendships. Contact Deacon Bob at bobbykett@outlook.com or 1-865-850-5486 (leave a message). Our first meeting will be in mid-August and will consist of introductions and discussion of the first section of the book "Immortal Combat" by Fr. Dwight Longenecker. This book is available on Amazon.

What Are The Origins Of The Bible?

The St. Paul Street Evangelization Ministry from St. Mary's Parish in Oak Ridge invites you to six, weekly, online "Zoom" presentations on the origins of the bible, presented by Dr. Brant Pitre. Each presentation is approximately 45 minutes long. Following the video presentation there will be a discussion led by Deacon Gary Sega and the St. Paul Street Evangelization Team which includes John Platfoot, a long-time member of the St. John XXIII Parish.

Dr. Brant Pitre, a well-known Catholic Bible scholar, will explain and clarify the origins of the Old Testament, the New Testament and what happened during the Protestant Reformation. Dr. Pitre, a college and seminary professor, is known for his clear, easy to follow talks. An outline of the video material will be provided in pdf format for each presentation.

The weekly Thursday presentations will start on July 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and continue through August 27th.

If you are interested in participating, just send an email to John Platfoot (john.platfoot@gmail.com) or Deacon Gary (deacon1@stmarysoakridge.org). A Zoom meeting notice will be sent to the email address provided in your response. Shortly before the meeting, you will need to click on the Zoom link provided in the email. If you are not familiar with the Zoom application, note that in your email response and someone will contact you to help make sure that you are ready for the meeting.

Following each session, we will be saying the Rosary, asking our Blessed Mother's help as, together, we deal with the corona virus pandemic.

May God bless you all.
St Paul Street Evangelization Ministry

The Knox County Catholic Jail Ministry

'...I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
(Matthew 25:36)

Jesus calls us to corporal works of mercy. Are you being called to visit those in prison? It is not a mission that calls believers to an individual mission. To work in a jail, one needs to be sponsored by a church or diocese and vetted by the Sheriff's department.

But the call comes from within and is deeply personal. Participation in your parish and a deep belief in the forgiving love of Jesus is important.

Catholic Jail ministry is a ten year tradition in the Knox County Jail. Prisoners recruit other prisoners by word of mouth to provide our participants. About 20 volunteers from all Knox County Parishes minister to maximum and minimum security men (Saturdays 11 AM and 1 PM) and women (Wednesdays 7 PM) every week. Priests celebrate Mass once a month.

If you are interested, please call either Bob Denne (865-384-1318) or Geraldine Mulligan (865-243-7052). None of us came into this qualified, we were simply called.

Tuesday Night Events

We are planning some ongoing Tuesday Nights Events. In the following weeks we are looking at a Bible Study with Fr. Bob, focusing on the readings for the coming Sunday. They will be ZOOM events, starting at 7 PM.

Check out our website at www.john23rd.org for online giving, alternate worship options, and updated information. If you are not comfortable with online donations, we are still in the office to receive any mailed donations. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you again!

“Catholicism” Thursday Evening Study

Bishop Robert Barron’s in-depth book on our Catholic Faith will be the Fall study. It will be offered only via Zoom due to pandemic safety restrictions. The study will begin 7 pm - Thursday, August 6th and meet every other week in the months ahead. The book is available for purchase through online sources and bookstores. The bulletin and Fr. Don’s newsletter will contain sign-in links. Please join us in August! Contact: Charles Jones - cbjones2@gmail.com

A Note From Our Social Concerns Committee

COVID-19 is bringing out the goodness in people as we live through this crisis. However COVID-19 is also exposing the weaknesses in our communities that may be causing this crisis to be much worse for some people, especially for those already struggling. After COVID-19 will we address these underlying weaknesses that will remain? Will we speak up for changes that truly address the root causes of poverty, regardless how hard people try to overcome it?

Currently, government checks are beginning to help many. If you are able to use some of this to make a contribution to our parish above what you normally do, half of it would go to the parish and half could be channeled by the Social Concerns Committee to people with urgent needs during this pandemic. Our God calls us to take care of one another. Jesus lived compassionately and taught us speak out for justice to bring about God’s kingdom on earth for all people. Pope Francis, in a recent letter, wrote on the pandemic: “I hope that this time of danger will...shake our sleepy consciences and allow a humanist and ecological conversion that puts an end to idolatry of money and places human life and dignity at the centre.”

Let us heed Pope Francis’ words and find ways to not only extend charity, but also to ensure justice for all people, especially the marginalized. Be informed. Speak out. Contact and communicate with helpers, leaders and those with power. Above all, pray that each of us hear God’s call and faithfully answer, “YES. AMEN.”

Bishop’s Appeal June 2020 St. John XXIII

Thank you for your support!

Parish Goal:	\$33,100.00
Total Committed:	\$33,991.25
Collections to Date:	\$26,007.25
Collections Needed to Goal:	\$ 7,092.75

Pandemic Emergency Fund

Our parish continues to serve the community, while experiencing a budgetary shortfall. At the same time we all face increased demand for assistance to others. St. John XXIII has established the “Pandemic Emergency Fund” designed to supplement our parish deficit (50%) and to assist the following groups (50%): Smokey’s Food Pantry (UT campus); FISH Pantries; Office of Hispanic Ministries; Catholic Charities of East Tennessee; Holy Ghost parish outreach and the Volunteer Ministry Center all of which work to meet food and housing needs. Your donation to the Pandemic Emergency Fund will be divided equally between the parish budget and outreach to the community and greatly appreciated. Donations can be made online at www.john23rd.org or the memo line of your checks should be marked “Pandemic Emergency Fund” and mailed to the parish.

As of Monday, June 15th, your generosity has totalled \$7,025 with \$3,512.50 going to St. John XXIII and \$3,300 donated so far to the above groups. Checks are written in \$300 increments, so the balance of the donated funds will go on the next written check.

July 12, 2020 Offertory: \$6,351.17

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK OF
July 20-26**

Monday: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8.....Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20.....Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday: Song of Songs 3:1-4b.....John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jeremiah 2:1-13.....Matthew 13:10-17
Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17.....Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15.....Matthew 20:20-28
Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12.....Matthew 13:44-52

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS
July 20-26**

Monday: Confessions by appointment
5:05 pm - Mass

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Mass
7:00 pm - Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Mass

Thursday: Confessions by appointment
5:05 pm - Mass

Saturday: 5:30 pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
11:15 am - Mass
7:15 pm - Young Adult
Zoom Bible Study

Prayer Requests: Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Frank Carney; Alfred Prados; Robert Tobey; Anne Pidkowicz; Ann Patterson; Patty Bowman; Peg Hart; Roberto Lenarduzzi; Diane Dusichka; Margaret Dusichka; Mary Jane Fuller; Betsy Alpers; Virginia Mattson; Geneva Stewart; Mary Jean Hayes; family of Sarah Hatfield; Megan McMurray Dugan; Tom Mulligan; residents of Serene Manor; those serving in the military and for any too shy or reserved to let us know.

**Please See Online Calendar at
www.john23rd.org
for
UPCOMING EVENTS**