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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
Or by appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

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

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Fr. Rich at
(865) 523-7931 or frrich@john23rd.org

Overcoming Disaster

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family?
Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Eucharistic Revival

This year the Feast of Corpus Christi (June 19) begins a new three year cycle in the life of the Church. The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.”

These three years will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. Almost a hundred thousand Catholics will join together in Indianapolis for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the “source and summit” of our Catholic faith.

Timeline, information, and regular updates can be found at eucharisticrevival.org.

Special Collection for Ukrainian Refugees

Since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, over a million refugees, mostly women, children, and the elderly have fled to Poland along its 330-mile border. This sudden and unanticipated surge of refugees in such a short period of time has created a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions. Through Father Martin Gladysz, a native priest of Poland and associate pastor of the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bishop Stika has learned of the efforts of the St. John Paul II Shrine in Kraków, Poland. The Shrine is helping thousands of refugees by offering shelter and assisting with meals, clothing, and basic needs. Any assistance diocesan parishes can provide to the St. John Paul II Shrine will go to aiding refugees. For this reason, Bishop Stika has asked that a special collection be taken at parishes in the diocese this weekend.
To give online, please visit <https://dioknox.org/collection-for-ukrainian-refugees>



Pray for a Paulist Seminarian

A Hawaiian native, Paulist seminarian Christopher Derige Malano entered the Paulist novitiate on August 24, 2019 and made his first promise on September 4, 2020.

He earned his undergraduate degree in history and religious studies at the University of New Mexico, and earned an M.A. in global development and social justice from St. John’s University.

Chris is a past secretary general of the International Movement of Catholic Students, and also worked as administrator of Newman Center Hawaii.

He is co-editor of the book “God’s Quad” from Orbis Books.



All Saints Creation Care Team Program

Does recycling really help us “Care for Creation”?
Are my recycled items really being recycled?
Where does Knoxville’s residential waste, recycling and yard waste go?
How does composting work and can I do it even without a yard?

Re-cycling and Composting: How and Why
Saturday, April 2, 2022
10:30 A.M. – 12:00 noon
Cedar Bluff Library

Patience Melnik, Waste & Resources Manager,
City of Knoxville
Barbara O’Neil, Chair of the All Saints Charity Garden
(an opportunity to tour the Charity Garden may follow presentations)

Sponsored by the All Saints Creation Care Team
Coffee and Donuts will be served....
please bring your own coffee cup.

An Update from the Refugee Welcoming Committee (RWC)

Our parish has been working with a family of nine from Afghanistan since October.
This past month saw wonderful results:

After three and a half months, the six school-age children have all been placed in schools: two at Green Magnet, two at Vine Middle, and two at Austin East. All are doing very well and their English is improving rapidly. Even the youngest (3 years old) has learned the phrase “Good job” which he proudly says anytime he thinks he deserves praise.

Last week, the father of the family received his Employment Authorization Card and will have his Social Security card soon but now has a letter he can use to seek employment.

He has also completed a course to prepare to pass the computer exam at the DMV for his temporary license to drive. He was a driver in Afghanistan so should be able to pass the driving test easily. The only thing missing is a car. **If you know of someone with a used car willing to sell it at a low price or even donate it, please refer them to our committee chair, Carey Chambers (865-924-3718).**

The wife is thrilled that a parishioner presented her with a sewing machine and a surger. She and her daughter are accomplished seamstresses and make many of the clothes the family wears.

All of this was done with the help of members of the St. John XXIII RWC committee.

Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please designate on your check in the memo line their name(s) and “Easter Lily.” The flowers are lovely and donations are greatly appreciated!!



The Pope's Prayer Intention for March 2022

In March, we pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may we continue to defend the dignity of all life with our prayers and actions.

"Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own."
– Pope Francis

Post-Abortion Healing Opportunities

If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion or abortions, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to assist you with the Rachel's Vineyard healing and recovery retreat May 6th - 8th, 2022 at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN. This retreat is free and complete confidentiality is honored at all times. The deadline for registration is April 29, 2022. If you are unable to attend a weekend retreat, one-on-one counseling is available with counselors who have been trained in this area. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson (865) 776-4510 sandi@cctn.org.

Topic 27 - Fannie Lou Hamer's America

A PBS video exploring and celebrating the lesser-known life of one of the Civil Rights Movement's greatest leaders — Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer — a Mississippi sharecropper turned human-rights-activist. You can view this topic at: <https://www.john23rd.org/insights>
(Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee).



Focus on a Saint

Chiara Lubich is the foundress of the Focolare Movement (The Work of Mary) and is regarded as one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the twentieth century. Born in 1920 in Northern Italy and baptized Silvia Lubich, she experienced a profound religious awakening at the age of 19 during a trip to the Shrine of Loreto, traditionally known as Holy Family's home. Silvia was inspired by the radical life of St. Clare of Assisi and became a Third-Order Franciscan, taking the name Chiara after her patron. When Chiara was 23, she was traveling to buy milk in a nearby neighborhood when she heard God say to her, "Give yourself totally to me." At once, she requested permission to consecrate herself entirely to God and did so on December 7th, 1943.

Ms. Lubich began Focolare as a small group of religious laywomen in northern Italy during World War II. Some of the group's early meetings took place in air raid shelters under American bombardment.

She later wrote: "Is there an ideal that does not die, that no bombs can destroy, an ideal we can give our whole selves to? Yes, there is. It is God."

But rather than joining a convent, she focused her devotion on the idea that lay people could also lead full religious lives. In recent years lay movements like hers gained increasing influence in the church and among popes. At her death, Focolare, whose name means "hearth," counted 140,000 core members and more than two million followers in 182 countries.

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Prayer Requests: Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Connie Beeler, John Miller, Beth Moser, Anne Kaminsky, Jerry Carney, Karen Pearson, Anne Pidkowitz, Ann Patterson, Doug Layman, Maria Theresa Walters, Etheleen Teaster, Peg Hart, Blanche Mackay, Linwood Kennon, Mark Miller, Alfred Prados, Edward Prados, Cliff Russell, Diane Dusichka, Margaret Dusichka, family of V. J. D'Innocenzo, Ed Seaver, Michelle D., George and Martha T., Patty Chen, Robert Tobey, Tom Walsh, Tom Mulligan, Kathy Croft, Joe Miller, Trudy Koehling, Debbie Davis, Cathy Barrington, Alex Hagan, Beth Long, Zachary and Torah Javel Ramsey-DeWerff, Richard Lamine, Jaci Fryxell and family, the Palmer family, Ray Bieniek, Pedro Jose Manuel Arce Lopez, Cheryl Johnston, Doris Aul, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.

March 6, 2022 Offertory: \$8,311.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK OF
March 21-27**

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15.....Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday: Daniel 3:25-43.....Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1-9.....Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28.....Luke 11:14-23
Friday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10.....Luke 1:26-38
Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6.....Luke 18:9-14
Sunday: Joshua 5:9-12.....Luke 15:1-32

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS
March 21-27**

Monday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - RCIA

Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - Vol Catholic

Thursday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - Living the Eucharist Zoom

Friday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
6:15 pm - Lenten Soup Dinner

Saturday: 10:00 am - Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
5:30 pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Adult Bible Study
11:15 am - Mass
5:30 pm - Mass and Sunday Supper
9:00 pm - Mass

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 in the office to receive any mailed donations. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you again!