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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

*Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

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

DRIVEN BY A DREAM

Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!

Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv,
have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross,
have mercy on us!

Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands,
as we continue to slate our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend
have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;

forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labors,
if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain!

Illumine our consciences; may our will not be done; abandon us not to our own actions!

Stop us, O Lord, stop us!

And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother.

O Lord, put a halt to the violence! Stop us, O Lord!

Amen.

Second Collection

Our second collection this weekend is in support of the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Bishops and Catholic community. With your generosity, CRS is helping to break the cycle of poverty in more than 90 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. CRS also provides emergency relief in the wake of natural disasters. Additionally, your donation assists the work of the U.S. Bishops' Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, and the relief work of the Holy Father. Envelopes are available in the lobby.



Vol Awakening 24 Retreat (4/1 - 4/3):

- This semester's Awakening retreat is April 1st - 3rd!
- What is it?
 - Awakening is a retreat for students by students made to strengthen your faith through community, prayer, talks, and other fun faith-based activities
 - It happens once a semester and students in our community who have previously been lead and staff the weekend to help retreaters develop a more personal relationship with God
- The cost is \$40 which includes all meals, lodging/retreat center, and an awesome retreat T-shirt! (scholarships are available if cost is an issue)
- Sign up and find more info at <https://volawakening.wordpress.com/>



Pray for a Paulist Seminarian

Paulist novice James Alexander Marquez grew up in Southern California and is a 2018 graduate of UCLA in Los Angeles. He then worked as an English teacher at a Catholic high school in El Paso, TX. James "signed in" to the Paulist novitiate on Saturday, August 21, 2021, during a Mass at St. Joseph's Seminary in Washington, D.C.

He has learned that faith can be expressed in many ways, and desires to bring the Good News of the Gospel to all.

Vol Awakening 24: Food Donations

Vol Awakening 24 is a student-led retreat for undergraduates to help strengthen their relationship with God and to grow in Catholic community. It is the weekend of April 1-3, and we are asking for food donations to feed around 60 people for each meal throughout the weekend. We are specifically in need of the following items that do not need refrigeration/will not go bad before the retreat:

- Large cans of tomato soup
- Ground coffee
- Semi-sweet chocolate chips
- Maple syrup
- Old-fashioned oats
- Chopped pecans
- Mustard
- Mayonnaise
- Graham crackers
- Marshmallows
- Hershey's chocolate bars
- Mini cereal boxes (variety pack)
- Black beans
- Mexican Rice
- Boxes of Spaghetti noodles
- Jars of marinara sauce
- Bulk Brownie Mix (Hershey's, Ghirardelli, etc. 4 packs/case)
- Chips (party mix/variety pack)
- Canned soda (no root beer or sprite, please)

If you would like to donate food, please put it in the box in the lobby no later than 6PM on Wednesday, March 30th. Thank you for considering the students of St. John XXIII; your support and prayers are very appreciated.

Our Synodal Updates

Thank you very much to everyone who participated in our listening sessions! We had a wonderful turnout and a series of very engaging discussions ranging across a wide variety of topics. Over the next several weeks we'll be publishing the report that we sent to the diocese, our summaries of the discussions we had, and an analysis of the diocesan results from the survey.

Stay tuned!



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

The "Glorious Mysteries" Sonatas

John Michael Fox, Baroque Violinist and Pam Robertson, Artistic Collaborator in Keyboard are presenting the Henrich Ignaz Biber (1644-1704) "Glorious Mysteries" Sonatas on Monday, April 4 at 7:00pm at St Elizabeth's Episcopal Church (110 Sugarwood Drive, Farragut). These works beautifully represent an artistic expression of our Rosary. Please come as you are! Free Attendance.

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 Cloud of Unknowing

In the late 14th century, around the same time that the Black Death was raging across Europe and Chaucer was writing *The Canterbury Tales*, an unknown author penned one of the great mystical works, *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Written for those feeling called to a contemplative life and written in the vernacular English of the time, *Cloud* presents God as being one that we describe best through the means known as *via negativa*, the idea that we can more reliably say what God is not than defining what God is.

This idea leads to the title of the treatise because God's hidden nature is shielded from us by a cloud of unknowing. We cannot understand God intellectually because God is not a concept. Even though thought does not allow us to know God, we can, instead, understand through love.

Experiencing union with God may be explored through contemplative prayer which allows us to pierce the *Cloud of Unknowing*. Contemplative prayer allows us to embrace a cloud of forgetting which enables us to leave our preconceived notions of divinity and attachment to this world, forging a path to God.

"Nowhere is where I want you to be!
Why, when you are nowhere physically
you are everywhere spiritually!"

-The Cloud of Unknowing

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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.

Special Collection for Ukrainian Refugees: \$1,694.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK OF
March 28-April 3**

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21.....John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12.....John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15.....John 5:17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14.....John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22.....John 7:1-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20.....John 7:40-53
Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-21.....John 8:1-11

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS
March 28-April 3**

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!