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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

*Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*  
*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*  
*Luke 18:9-14*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 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  
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### **Second Collection**

Our second collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday. This collection supports the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of nearly 1,200 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Funds are distributed in the Holy Father's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society.

### **Thoughts on Today's Readings**

Jesus addressed his parable to those who are very aware of their own virtue and look down on others who do not measure up to their standards. The setting is praying in the temple (for us in church, the people we see at Mass). Jesus is not condemning all Pharisees since they were the holy ones, the pillars who helped Judaism survive the Roman occupation. The Pharisees knew God's law, honored Jewish traditions, and supported the community. Serving God correctly was their daily goal. Publicans were off the charts worse – seldom at worship and daily involved the exploitation of their Jewish brothers and sisters to pay off the Romans and enrich themselves. Instinctively, Jesus's listeners rooted for the Pharisees.

Jesus wanted to zero in on those who were impressed with their own righteousness and given to judging others (not all others) praying in the temple. Listen to the Pharisee. "I am grateful that I am not like the rest of humanity." Then, he lists the sins he despises. His gaze falls on the publican. "I'm not like him. Thank you, God. I am faithful to you and support this church community."

Why is this publican here? He seems to be a hypocrite. Beating his breast asking for God's mercy. Really? Then he will be right back at his despicable life. Maybe Jesus' listeners looked at Jesus noticing Matthew, the publican, among his disciples. Did we not see you at a dinner with all sorts of publicans last week? Who are you to critique the Pharisees who have more respect for the law than you do?

Jesus was delighted to see the beginning of a heartfelt change in that humble publican. God delights in seeing each of us, righteous or not very, here praying for mercy and forgiveness. Then the last and the first would join in giving genuine praise to God. The exalted one would humble himself to welcome the sinner and the sinner would continue a well begun journey to holiness. At the beginning of Mass, welcome those around you warmly. It is only a shadow of the welcome God offers each of us.

## Justice Knox

For the past month, our St. John 23 Justice Knox Team has held meetings to listen to concerns people have. We heard some hard stories about family members, neighbors, and friends. Here is a sampling of what we heard.

- We heard of an 80-year-old man, who has had multiple strokes and is diabetic, that was released from prison. He can't qualify for Medicare because he did not pay premiums while in prison. He had no money to do this. If he pays thousands of dollars for back premiums, he can get coverage.
- More and more people just barely making it are coming to the Ladies of Charity. Many are on the brink of losing housing. This is causing much emotional stress and trauma.
- A co-worker committed suicide.
- Mental illness is on the rise especially in young people. A high school student recognized that a friend was suicidal and was able to get help. Not all are so fortunate.
- Hunger is affecting many of our college students.
- An elementary school teacher is overwhelmed with new state laws. One law requires her to document all her personal classroom books.
- Older adults that are on fixed incomes are worried that they won't have enough money to meet their living expense for the rest of their lives.

These are stories are from people we actually know, live and work with. The need to help those who struggle, who are facing overwhelming obstacles is great. Some needs point to deeper flaws and injustices in our society. These can only be fixed by those who have authority to implement changes.

On November 7 at our Annual Assembly, Justice Knox members will hear some of these stories. Members then will have the difficult task of deciding and voting on which urgent, local problem to choose for research and finding viable solutions for. In the past we have made progress, especially in affordable housing and crisis intervention training for police officers. We continue to hear transportation stories of those who do not have a reliable way to get to work. We currently meet with KAT and the City to push them to adopt public micro-transit to meet these needs. Our research shows that public micro-transit has helped many cities.

St. John XXIII with 20 other local faith congregations joins Justice Knox in this work. We do this with the firm belief that we are called to care for all people of God. We do this because we believe that together people of faith can be a force of change for us to become a more compassionate, just world envisioned by God.

In the words of Pope Francis:

“There is a kind of love that is “elicited”; its acts proceed directly from the virtue of charity and are directed to individuals and peoples. There is also a “commanded” love, expressed in those acts of charity that spur people to create more sound institutions, more just regulations, more supportive structures. It follows that “it is an equally indispensable act of love to strive to organize and structure society so that one’s neighbor will not find himself in poverty.”

If you would like to join us, contact one of our Team Members.

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# U.S. Catholic Letter to the COP27 U.S. Delegation



## Catholic Response to Climate Change Advocacy and Action

Inspired by St. Francis today and always, our work is needed now more than ever to love and care for creation and our fellow brothers and sisters. Just a few days ago, hurricanes and severe storms left paths of destruction in Pakistan, throughout the Caribbean and in the southeastern United States. They are hurting millions of Pakistanis, Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Dominicans and Americans, and leaving families in dire straits without livable homes, adequate food or water, or access to power and other services. The unprecedented intensity of these phenomena is evidence of global warming.

As Catholics guided by the call to care for our vulnerable neighbors and our common home, we are asking the Biden Administration to exercise leadership at the upcoming UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP27) with moral courage and exceptional ambition. Please add your name to this Catholic letter to the Biden Administration urging them to encourage all nations to dramatically reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and provide meaningful assistance to the nations and peoples most impacted by climate change.

Please add your name to this Catholic letter to President Biden before Nov. 6th asking for bold leadership at COP27 to revive global commitments to greenhouse gas reductions and prioritize the needs of climate vulnerable nations and peoples:

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/cop27catholiclettertobidenadmin/index.html>

Pope Francis urges people of good will to view the world not from within our own personal bubble, but from a global viewpoint, acknowledging that our consumer-oriented lifestyles do have adverse worldwide consequences. One way to care for creation is to commit to undergoing an ecological conversion. "In calling to mind St. Francis of Assisi, we come to realize that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change. The Australian bishops spoke of the importance of such conversion for achieving reconciliation with creation: 'We must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart.'" [LS 218].

This is the perfect time to start!



## **Knights of Columbus Collegiate Chapter Canned Food Drive**

The Knights of Columbus is a men's fraternal organization that focuses on growth in fraternity, unity, and charity. Throughout the year we will hold different service events such as repairing bikes for the homeless at Ladies of Charity, as well as helping around the John XXIII parish.

Following each mass on November 5th and 6th, the Knights will be hosting a canned food drive for Catholic Charities of East Tennessee.

Here is a list of non-perishable items suggested for donation:

- Canned ham
- Stuffing
- Instant potatoes
- Gravy
- Green beans
- Carrots
- Canned yams
- Marshmallows
- Cranberry sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Instant rice
- Cake mix
- Brownie mix

# Vol Awakening XXV

**NOVEMBER 4-6**  
**Mountain Lake Ranch**

*a retreat for students, led by students*

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**RETREATER**  
**SIGN-UP**



**STAFFER**  
**APPLICATION**



# Scripture Readings For the Week of October 23, 2022

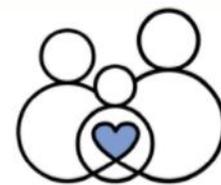
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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Thirtieth Sunday<br/>in Ordinary Time</b><br>Sir 35:12-14, 16-18;<br>Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23;<br>2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Memorial of Saint Anthony<br/>Mary Claret, Bishop</b><br>Eph 4:32-5:8;<br>Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; 17a;<br>Lk 13:10-17                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;<br>Lk 13:18-21  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Eph 6:1-9;<br>Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14;<br>Lk 13:22-30   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Eph 6:10-20;<br>Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10;<br>Lk 13:31-35   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Feast of Saints Simon<br/>and Jude, Apostles</b><br>Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5;<br>Lk 6:12-16                                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;<br>Lk 14:1, 7-11   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Thirty-first Sunday<br/>in Ordinary Time</b><br>Wis 11:22-12:2;<br>Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14;<br>2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10 |

## Thank You to Our Nursery Workers!!

We'd just like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to our wonderful nursery workers. We had to stop providing this service during COVID and had been without a nursery for several years. During the past few weeks, these ladies have really stepped up and turned this into a valuable ministry!

We provide nursery services during the Sunday 11:15am mass when students are available to staff it. We will try to keep it open as much as possible during the year and hopefully during the summer, with a break at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The nursery is located upstairs, past the student lounge and the restrooms.



### ADOPTION SERVICES

Our mission, consistent with Catholic teaching, is to place children for adoption in loving, stable homes where they can grow, and families can thrive.

#### Services to Birth Parents Include:

- Support services throughout pregnancy
- Nutrition, prenatal, postnatal education
- Referrals to needed medical and community resources
- Access to support groups
- Facilitation of relationship with prospective adoptive parents

#### Services to Adoptive Parents include:

- Home Study writing
- Profile writing guidance
- Matching Services
- Placement Services
- Post-placement Services through Finalization of Adoption

For more information, please visit  
<https://ccetn.org/adoption-services>



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## Sunday Giving Update

### Basket Collections

September 25: \$2,291

October 2: \$5,267.97

October 9: \$5,870.97

**Electronic Donations for September**  
\$6,322.10

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

### October 24-30

**Monday:** 4:00 pm - Confessions  
5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
7:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Wednesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
7:00 pm - VolCatholic

**Thursday:** 4:00 pm - Confessions  
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Friday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Saturday:** Game Day Mass

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Adult Bible Study  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
11:15 am - Mass  
5:30 pm - Mass  
6:30 pm - Sunday Supper  
9:00 pm - Mass

## Pope Francis' Prayer for October: Children Who Suffer

"We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection."

## Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Kylie Hemphill, Dominic Mackey, Chance Adams, Jeyden, Peg Hart, John Fox, Karen Pearson Rich, Connie Beeler, Christine Wade, Jerry Carney, Alfred Prados, the family of V. J. D'Innocenzo, Beth Long, the family of Mufide Rende, Ellen Wavrek, Emilian, Charles, Carlos, Michel, Fernando, Esteban, Sebastian, Margaret Dusichka, Diane Dusichka, Ray Bieniek, Geneva Stewart, Anna Platfoot, Brendan Barry, Ernst Edel, displaced tenants of Walker Springs Apartments, the Acheampong family, the Odoi family, the Bentil family, the Thompson family, the Deku family, Tom Mulligan, Tom Walsh, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.

## Get the Bulletin in Your Inbox!

Stay up to date with what is happening here at St. John XXIII Catholic Center! Each week we will send you an email update with a link to a downloadable version of the current week's bulletin.

Follow this link to sign up:  
<https://discovermass.com/church/john-xxiii-catholic-center-knoxville-tn/#bulletins>

## Lector Schedule

### October 29-30

Sat. 5:30pm Home Football Game  
 Sun. 9:00am Michelle Odoi - Rosemary Ayelazuno  
 Sun. 11:15am Suzanne Lenhart - Sarah Miller

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