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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

*Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35*

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 frich@john23rd.org

Parish Appreciation Dinner

Thank you so much to all who volunteer to make St. John XXIII an amazing place! Our Parish Appreciation Dinner will be **Friday, May 5th at 7:00 pm** at St. John XXIII. This event is for all volunteers! Live music will be provided by our very own Nancy Brennan Strange! This will be a catered affair, so you must email or call the office for reservations at john23@utk.edu or 523-7931.

Thoughts on Today's Readings

The two travelers in the Gospel simply ran out of steam. They followed Jesus and were good friends with the other disciples who are now locked in for fear of the Jewish authorities. They heard what Peter and John reported about the empty tomb. But no Jesus. They decided to walk away from all this. Previously they had high hopes that Jesus was the Redeemer of Israel, but he died on the cross and is gone. This stranger whom they met along the way was a good listener so they told him the whole sad story of their misplaced hopes.

So they were running away, leaving Jesus' message about God's renewing love behind. Probably the other disciples felt betrayed.

Could it be like someone leaving religious life, or no longer declaring themselves Catholic? We wonder, "Why did they do it?" They open their hearts to a stranger pouring out all the hope, the hurts that led to discouragement, and the final decision that now finds them on the road. Jesus surprises us by walking beside them, listening to their story.

They had all the facts right, even the story about what happened that very morning with angels reporting that Jesus was alive. They had all the facts, but the fire had gone out. Jesus responds, focusing on the suffering they had endured. Remember, they had seen the rough handling of the arrest, the lies at the trial, the beating by the soldiers, the walk to calvary, death, burial, and then waiting. No more. Unexpected, grueling suffering can wither the heart.

These runaways were present at the Eucharist celebrated by Jesus himself. The Holy Meal came first and then they ran back to their fellow disciples to tell them what had happened. Their hearts burned as they listened, but new life came from receiving communion.



VolCatholic Shirt Sale

Have you ever thought, "Gosh, I wish I could be as stylish as Fr. Rich!" Well, now you can! VolCatholic will be selling these awesome sweatshirts out in the lobby:

When are they being sold?

- Before the Spirit of Hecker Awards
- Before the Parish Appreciation Dinner
- Before and after some Masses (announcements will be made)

Price: \$25

Easter Lily Donations

Virginia Henderson

for the Armstrong and Couig families

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee's Annual Race for Kids 5K & Family Walk

Your participation supports all eleven of CCETN's children's and family programs across East Tennessee to include the Children's Emergency Shelter, Columbus Home Assisting Parents, Pregnancy and Adoption Services, Counseling Services, and the Office of Immigrant Services.

The 5K & Family Walk is at beautiful Victor Ashe Park in Knoxville TN. Can't make it to the race in person? You can still register and run or walk anywhere you'd like!

Register online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Knoxville/RaceforKids>

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 23, 2023

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
Monday	Memorial of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Memorial of St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr & St Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



Social Ministry Committee

The afternoon of April 15, St. John 23rd Social Ministry Committee met in person (for the first time in two years) to plan the coming year. Fr. Don met with seven members of the committee. Collectively, they devoted 90 minutes to focus on what they felt was most valuable in the past and what might be stimulating in the future. Members agreed that their role is to encourage parishioners, informing them about Catholic Social Teaching, and promoting collaboration with other parishes and religious organizations to serve those in need.

We have outlined half a dozen possible new projects for the coming year. These were not just abstract ideas but events we were willing to work on. Interest focused on holding an event based on a priority of Justice Knox. Since St. John XXIII is the sole Catholic parish participating in Justice Knox, it seemed that hosting an event for the Knox County Catholic parishes focused on say, transportation for workers without cars, or perhaps gun violence, might be a way to promote interest in other parishes. Another possibility was hosting a discussion on one of the topics outlined in the *Insight and Awareness Program* after either the 5:30 or the 11:15 Masses. You will be hearing more in the next few months.

Another idea was to provide a user's guide to volunteer opportunities flowing from Catholic Social Teaching. Sometimes, just knowing about possibilities and how to contact the organizations is all the push one needs to embark on a new experience. A group plans to work on this idea in the next few months.

If any of you have a project, or believe we should reflect on another topic, feel free to mention it to Beth Hunley, Sue Stephens, Charles Jones, Mariah Holtz, Jim Ullrich, Charlie Mulligan or Geri Mulligan. Fr. Don has been an active member from the beginning. You will be hearing more about coming events and projects as the Social Ministry Committee seeks to shake off the isolation of the Covid period and work with everyone in promoting God's reign.

JUSTICE KNOX NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY

WHEN

April 25, 2023
7pm – 8:30 pm

Be seated by 6:40 pm for pre-meeting announcements. Seating opens at 6:00 pm.

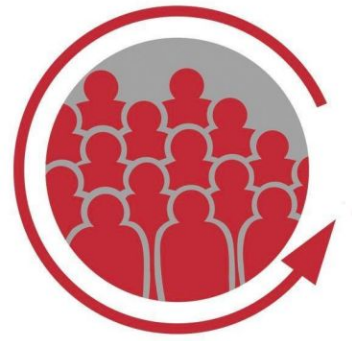
Where

Knoxville Civic Auditorium

500 Howard Baker Jr. Ave, Knoxville, TN. 37915
(Entrance to Auditorium faces Howard Baker Jr. Ave)

What does the Lord require of you? TO DO JUSTICE, TO LOVE MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.
Micah 6:8

www.justiceknox.org



MISSION

To use our congregations' people power to influence community leaders to confront our city's injustices

JOIN

Join over 1,000 Knoxville neighbors from 22+ congregations to demand justice

ISSUES

Public Transportation, Homelessness (See reverse side for info.)

PARKING

Free in the Civic Auditorium and Coliseum parking lots

CHILDCARE

Free at First Presbyterian Church, 620 State Street, 6-9 pm; for pre-school (potty trained)-elementary;
RSVP by email, justiceknox@thedartcenter.org

Justice Knox Issue Victories

- Crisis Intervention Training for all city and county patrol officers
- City Affordable Housing Fund guaranteeing \$5 million annually for affordable housing over 10 years
- 591 affordable homes built in 2022 alone for low-income families with housing fund money, including homes for extremely low-income families and permanent supportive housing
- Evaluation of our mental health system funded by county including key system stakeholders
- Contract between the International Institute of Restorative Practices and Knox County Schools to deepen restorative practices in a middle and a high school and to introduce in three elementary schools
- A seat at the table for community members to develop an evidence-informed violence reduction strategy alongside city officials and law enforcement facilitated by national experts

2023 Justice Knox Action Items

Public transportation - We want a transit system that works for working people!

- At least 10,000 households in Knox County do not have a vehicle. With 25% of Knoxvilleans living in poverty, thousands more families rely on undependable vehicles, and even more have to share a single vehicle amongst several working family members.
- A person is 2Xs more likely to find a job, and 4Xs more likely to keep a job in our city if they own a car.
- No bus service for people working nights, and many good-paying jobs are outside of the fixed bus routes.
- Unwalkable, dangerous routes to bus stops, even when the bus is relatively close to people's homes. Routes without sidewalks, along busy, treacherous roads, and up and down steep hills.
- Public on-demand ride share services (also known as micro-transit) have been proven in other cities to increase needed access to public transportation so people can get to work on time.

Since our 2021 Nehemiah Action, we've worked with KAT director Isaac Thorne to try to create an effective micro-transit service that will give the people of Knoxville access to safe, reliable transportation to work and needed appointments. This past year, we also included CAC and Knoxville city government representatives to create a proposal to present to Mayor Kincannon. Leading up to the Nehemiah Action this year, we will be negotiating for necessary aspects of the proposal to make the service work for working people. At the Action this year, we'll negotiate the final details as needed and clarify the city's commitment to next steps.

Homelessness - Homelessness is solvable: other communities have solved it!

- In 2020, at least 5,000 people in Knox County experienced homelessness, and another 2,000 were unhoused or needed immediate help to avoid losing their housing
- More than 1,000 people experiencing homelessness were children under 18, and another 600 were youth between 18 and 24.
- While only 9% of the county's population is African American, 32% of those who experience homelessness in Knox County are African American.
- Our community is short on housing for all income levels, pushing people at the lowest incomes, including senior citizens on fixed incomes, out onto the streets. Our housing occupancy rate in 2022 was 98.6%. The one year growth of monthly rents in Knoxville from 2021 to 2022 was the highest rental growth in the US. Incomes have not kept up.
- Other barriers including criminal, eviction, and poor credit histories, as well as a system that lacks coordination, keeps people trying to leave homelessness from accessing housing.

At the Action, we will present a three-prong solution to our city and county Mayors.

1. In our community, we need to continue to increase affordable, appropriate, and accessible housing through local funding sources like the city's affordable housing fund. We need similar local funding sources in the county.
2. We need to create a coordinated system of care that makes plans based on data; that has sufficient resources to provide a clear and efficient channel of access to care and housing; and that prioritizes getting people into permanent housing first with supportive services as needed.
3. We need to develop board support in the community and among our leaders for ending homelessness, rather than simply managing it.

Our specific ask will affirm the Mayor's plan to collaborate in a joint city/county office, and will invite them to co-host a summit with Justice Knox on housing and homelessness to educate the community and other officials by bringing in experts who have used the "housing first" model and an effective coordinated system to end homelessness for some groups and to reduce it significantly for others. We will also bring in experts about creative and expanded funding for appropriate, accessible, and affordable housing, like the expert we brought in when we built momentum for our city's affordable housing trust fund.

Catholic Response to Climate Change

As we live into the hope of the Easter Season, we again receive sustenance and enrichment from the Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP). LSAP poses the question, "How do we begin to heal our relationship with God, with ourselves, with others, and with the Earth?" It then responds: "With stories, news, and resources to help ease the sufferings of the planet and the poor, as we journey towards the dawning of a new hope where nature again shouts with joy."

The Laudato Si' Action Platform focus for the month of April is on the Laudato Si' Goal of "Response to the Cry of the Earth" which is intimately connected with our Lord's suffering and death, Mary's sorrow at the foot of the cross, and the new hope that dawned on Easter Sunday, when all creation shouted with joy.

Pope Francis says in his Laudato Si' encyclical: "Just as her [Mary's] pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power." (LS 241)

LSAP's third webinar in the Journeying with the Laudato Si' Action Platform series helped participants enter more deeply and fully in response to the cry of the poor. Though seen through the lens of Lent, "Integral Ecology as a Pathway to Lenten Transformation" is viable all year long as it helps us set goals and take actions that bring together care of the earth and care of the poor.

Catholic Climate Covenant

One of the authors of the latest climate assessment report from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said, "We actually have all the knowledge we need. We just need to implement it."

At a recent address at Gonzaga University, Cardinal Michael Czerny, the Pope's point man on climate change and head of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development agreed with the report's findings. He said, "The perils facing nature and human society are now beyond debate. The problem today isn't ignorance but indifference and despair. But as Christians, we possess an effective antidote to indifference and despair. That is, to invest our time, talents and energy in compassion, solidarity, charity, and the preferential option for the poor."

In Pope Francis' encyclicals "Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti," Cardinal Czerny said, "the Holy Father frames Catholics' social responsibility as our responses to two questions: what needs doing, and who's going to do it."

Dan Misleh invites us to wrestle with these questions, adding that seeing clearly and answering boldly won't always be easy, but we must have faith that we can do it. The stakes for our planet and for future generations could not be higher.

April Advocacy Options from Catholic Climate Covenant

- Take Action and urge Congress to pass the 2023 Farm Bill with increased provisions to prevent world hunger and promote family farms.
- In April, be on the lookout for FOREST Act advocacy visits, Farm Bill actions, and preparations for implementing the Inflation Reduction Act's clean energy solutions in our dioceses and parishes.

In Sum

Catholic Response to Climate Change continues its three-pronged focus, spirituality, action, and advocacy with activities aimed at reverence, love, and respect for the Earth. In the past several months, CRCC members of area Catholic parishes have participated in activities including river and road cleanups; recycling events, classes in sustainable gardening, and native plants, webinars and conferences, parish screenings of The Letter: A message for Our Earth, and spring and summer events are being planned. Many local churches, including St. John XXIII, have done Energy Audits to see how to operate in a more environmentally-friendly, and efficient manner. Also, a musical event is in the planning process, and a Puppet Theatre featuring puppets of endangered animal species is being developed for environmental education for children.

CRCC meets monthly, and members of all area Catholic parishes are invited and welcome. For information, please contact Beth Carroll Hunley at 865-216-1827 or by email at genrop@aol.com.



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Sunday Giving Update

Basket Collections

March 19: \$3,483.40

March 26: \$3,508.00

April 2: \$9,554.00

April 9: \$8,019.77

Electronic Donations March

\$35,611.00

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

April 24-30

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

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - Justice Knox
Nehemiah Action

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: 5:30 pm - Mass

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

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world.

Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Jimena Menendez, Vic Kaminsky, Erin Kirkpatrick, Scott Hernandez, Kylie Hemphill, Dominic Mackey, Chance Adams, Jeyden, Peg Hart, John Fox, Mary L. Fox, Jan Bloom, Jamie Davis, Jo Ann Brown, Kathy Kuczka, Karen Pearson Rich, Connie Beeler, Christine Wade, Jerry Carney, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Beth Long, Dino Carbetta, 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.

Scan the QR code to register with
St. John XXIII!



Lector Schedule

April 29-30

Sat. 5:30pm John Sobieski - Steve Hillenbrand
Sun. 9:00am Kate Bales - Rosemary Ayelazuno
Sun. 11:15am Jim Dutkosky - Sarah Miller

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