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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

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

Spring Break!

Since it is Spring Break this week, our schedule changes a bit. There will be no VolCatholic meeting on Wednesday, March 13. Also, our building and office will be closed on Friday, March 15 and no Daily Mass will be celebrated that day.

Have a safe and happy holiday! We're looking forward to seeing you when you get back!

Thoughts on Today's Readings

Nicodemus had a nighttime conversation with Jesus, maybe lit by candles. Nicodemus wanted it that way because his street smarts told him it wasn't shrewd to be seen listening to Jesus one-on-one. Jesus' words puzzled him. Instead of trying to teach him, Jesus spoke of being "born from above, born from water and the spirit." The learned Pharisee, a wise leader, sits with this fascinating teacher but can't catch on to what he is talking about.

Are we like Nicodemus looking for clarity in this age of artificial intelligence, sharp political divisions, so many different cultures and lifestyles, and controversy that seem to stymie unity in church, in politics, and in the world? One thing I want to be sure of is how to follow the teachings of Jesus within my parish. Synodality, blessings for gays, divorce and remarriage, who can figure it all out?

God loves this world of ours - the beauties of nature, all peoples, parties, and nations - so much so that he sends his beloved Son to dwell with us to save us as a member of this brawling global community. Jesus was rejected, lifted up on the cross, and then raised from the dead by God. He never wavered in his forgiving love for people and complete trust in God. Stay close to him, be patient, keep listening, and practice humble Christian love. Slowly, light dawned for Nicodemus and will for us too.



Justice Knox

65 persons, including 25 St. John 23rd parishioners, attended "Rethinking Justice" at All Saints Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 20th with Fr. Dan Noll. After his presentation, short presentations by Justice Knox and caucusing took place.

St. John XXIII Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday
Thursday, March 28
No 5:05 pm Mass
Mass at 7:30 pm

Good Friday

Friday, March 29

Noon - Outdoor Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
No 5:05 pm Mass

Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 30 No 5:30 pm Mass 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31
9 am and 11:15 am - Mass
No Evening Masses

Easter Monday
Monday, April 1
Building and Office Closed
No 5:05 pm Mass or Confessions

Second Collection

Our second collection this weekend is in support 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. Your donation also 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. Thank you for your generosity!



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!!

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 10, 2024

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23;

Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10;

Jn 3:14-21

Monday Is 65:17-21;

Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;

Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22;

Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15;

Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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Charles Jones in memory of family and friends in memory of

Aleck Van Hook

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Helen M. D'Innocenzo

Insights and Awareness
Topic 115 Catholic Social Teaching



How to move Catholic Social Teaching from the "best kept secret" category.

You can view this topic at: https://www.john23rd.org/insights

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS March 11-17

(Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee)

Monday: 4:00 pm - Confessions

5:05 pm - Daily Mass

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5:05 pm - Daily Mass

7:00 pm - Adult Enrichment

Friday: Building and Office Closed

No Daily Mass

Saturday: 5:30 pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass

11:15 am - Mass

12:30 pm - Social Concerns Meeting

5:30 pm - Mass 9:00 pm - Mass

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Vic Kaminsky, Erin Kirkpatrick, Scott Hernandez, Kylie Hemphill, Dominic Mackey, Chance Adams, Jeyden, Dominic, Peg Hart, John Fox, Karen Pearson Rich, Connie Beeler, Elizabeth Bowman, Christine Wade, Jerry Carney, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Beth Long, Allen McGinley, the family of Mufide Rende, Emilian, Charles, Donald, 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.







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