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Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025

*Acts 1:1-11;
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23;
Lk 24:46-53*

Summer Hours!

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

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Please contact Fr. Rich at
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Reflection:

“As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. They... then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continuously in the temple praising God.” The Ascension of Jesus to the right hand of God is hardly a farewell that left them sad, lonely, leaderless, and discouraged. The disciples went back to Jerusalem (where Jesus had been crucified) with great joy and were in the temple praising God. Frequently. How can this be? No depression? Wasn't Jesus now gone? How would they deal with the future?

“I am sending the promise of my Father upon you but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” These were the pledges of Jesus which the disciples trusted. God would be with them always and soon power from on high would be their garb. Our faith is not simply membership but involves the spark of God's presence in the daily fabric of our lives. Jesus did not simply come to save us from our sins. He came to create a people empowered by the trusted presence of the Holy Spirit enabling us to form a community that would be both faithful to Jesus and his teaching combined with a confident creativity in opening a path to the future.

The disciples, standing in Bethany, experiencing his blessing as he returned to the Father, could feel a quickening in their hearts, a new confidence in their collective future. The Ascension of Jesus was the beginning; Pentecost was the blossoming of the church; today's community is a gift from past ages still charged with the grace to create a future. Charles Mulligan

No Daily mass and
Confessions during
the week from June
2nd to June 5th.
Sorry for the
inconvenience!

BISHOP'S APPEAL for MINISTRIES

Building up the Church in East Tennessee

St. John XXIII

Through **April 2025**

BA24 Participants: 85

BA25 Participants to Date: 70



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DIocese of Knoxville

Ordination Mass

The Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10:30am

Ordination to the Priesthood

DEACON RENZO ALVARADO SUAREZ

DEACON A.J. HOUSTON

A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall.

The Diocese of Knoxville is seeking a talented **Multimedia Reporter** to join our **Communications team**. This role will create engaging content for the East Tennessee Catholic newspaper, our website, and social media platforms, connecting with our diverse and growing community across East Tennessee. This position will work closely with our Hispanic Ministry, so bilingual is a plus (English/Spanish). Go to <https://dioknox.org/> to read the complete job description and for information on submitting a resume.

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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;
10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Act 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11; 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

June 2- June 8

Monday: No Daily Mass or Confessions

Tuesday: No Daily Mass

Wednesday: No Daily Mass

Thursday: No Daily Mass or Confessions

Friday: NO Daily Mass

Saturday: 5:30 pm - Mass

**Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
11:15 am - Mass**



If you still have not signed up for Flocknote please do so now. We will be using this to help with announcing Weather closures and other immediate changes to schedules. We also send out a weekly email through this to keep you informed.



If you're not a fan of QR codes, you can use your computer to go to:
<https://l.ead.me/bf4g2M> and register.



St. John XXIII Prayer List

We are blessed to have a caring group of people at St. John XXIII who pray for the people on our prayer list. Each year we restart this list on the **first weekend of June**. Please send the names of people you would like to add to or remain on the new prayer list to john23@utk.edu.

Donate Online to St. John XXIII!

Your help is needed for us to continue to serve the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends at the University of Tennessee.

We are contracted with Vanco Services for the processing of both one time and on-going electronic donations! Please scan the QR code to donate:



PRAYER REQUESTS



Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Augusta Ingadottir, Alice Peterson, Allen McGinley, Becky, Chance Adams, Charles, Christine Hassil, Cindy Cunningham, Connie Beeler, Dale Lockett, Diego Puigserver, Dominic Mackey, Dominic, Elizabeth Bowman, Erin Evans, Faruk and his family, Floyd, Glen W., Ian Wolff, Isabella Bleu, Isabella Linguidi, Jackson Igou, Jerry Carney, Jeyden, Jim Foster, Jim Romain, Joe Lee, John Fox, John Prados, Karen Pearson, Kari Stefansson, Katie Busscher, Kylie Hemphill, Liz Mattson, Lorelai, Lynn Prados, Mary Pat Hable, Melissa Cupp, Mets Family, Millie Geib, Patrick Metts, Peg Hart, Rich, Rowan Haylett, Schramm Family, Sheila M. Murphy, Thordis Ingadottir, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, Wayne Jones, and those serving in the military, residents of NHC North, and for any too reserved to let us know.

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