



## Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

1710 Melrose Place  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37916  
Telephone: (865) 523-7931  
Email: [john23@utk.edu](mailto:john23@utk.edu)  
Website: [www.john23rd.org](http://www.john23rd.org)

*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

Pentecost

June 8, 2025

*Acts 2:1-11;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26*

### 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.

#### WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Fr. Rich at  
(865) 523-7931 or [rmwhitney3@gmail.com](mailto:rmwhitney3@gmail.com)



### Reflection:

Weeks have passed since we celebrated Easter. Think back on the Gospels we have heard since then. Most of them described Jesus either bolstering the courage and faith of his followers or promising them a Spirit that would give them a sure sense of direction. His followers believed in His rising from the dead but still were not sure what that implied for their very earthly future. They had come to trust his voice when they gathered around him, but how would that guide them now when he was with Father? They believed but did not know what to do, how to live in light of the resurrection. Are we any better?

Suddenly, the house vibrates with a noise like a strong driving wind. Tongues of fire appear, separate and come to rest on each of them. What they could hear, see, and feel described inner events of personal transformation. It did not leave them isolated, confused and shaken. It united them as a community with shared courage, forgiveness, and the ability to overcome prejudices. Often they had argued, looked down on each other, condemned communities who refused to give Jesus a hearing. That was now left behind as they were on fire to create a world where God's presence could shine. The Spirit brought them each closer to God and to each other.

Now. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Jesus told us, "My Father will love you, (one by one and all of you together) and we will come to you making our dwelling with you." We, together, form this missionary community today. Despite the chaos of war, poor people displaced all over the earth, bitter divisions within and among nations, the Holy Spirit broods over this bent out-of-shape world with warm heart, and bright wings. What comes next?

Charles Mulligan







## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

—James Field

### June 8 | Clear Expectations Blessed Cecilia Cesarini A.D. 1203–1290

The hardest expectations to meet are the ones you don't even know about.

Blessed Cecilia Cesarini was born into a wealthy and influential family. Like so many other saints we've covered, she gave that life up to enter a monastery. However, she did not forsake her family entirely—she actually asked them to assist Saint Dominic in his founding of the Dominican Order. Tradition has it that Cecilia then became the first ever Dominican nun.

She was put in charge of a new monastery when she was about 20. Cecilia remained the head of this monastery until her death at 87 years old. How did she manage her nuns so well and for so long? Imagine being the CEO of an organization for 67 years. It almost never happens.

The key was simple but profound: clear expectations. Blessed Cecilia Cesarini was clear about what she expected from the nuns. They might have thought she was strict, but they never thought she was unclear. It is not kind to be unclear. There was great wisdom in Cecilia's approach, and that is why she was beloved by her nuns.

Never lose sight of the expectations paradigm: Everybody has expectations of you, and you have expectations of everyone.

This significantly impacts both our personal and professional lives. We cannot afford to be passive in this area. It is a mistake to assume that people will make their expectations clear to us. Be proactive. Ask probing questions to get to the expectations that they may not even realize they have.

The last thing to be aware of is that not only do people have expectations of you, but you are also constantly creating expectations. As you left home this morning, perhaps your spouse asked, "What time will you be home tonight?" You said six thirty without much thought, but what have you just created? An expectation.

When there is a difference between what people expect to happen and what actually happens, an expectations gap emerges, and five things fill that gap: disappointment, resentment, anger, frustration, and loss of trust.

It's critically important that we let people know what we expect of them, and to know what they expect of us. There's a great kindness in that.

So start today. Let people know what you expect of them. And get clear about what they expect from you. That is the key to thriving relationships.

**Feast Day:** June 8 (Feast of The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 2024)

**Symbols:** A Lily

**Beatified:** December 24, 1891

**Beatified By:** Pope Leo XIII

### **St. John XXIII Staff**

**Rev. Larry Rice, CSP, Pastor**  
lrice@paulist.org

**Rev. Richard Whitney, CSP**  
**Associate Pastor**  
rmwhitney3@gmail.com

**Rev. Robert O'Donnell, CSP**  
**Priest in Residence**  
frbob@john23rd.org

**Deacon Patrick Murphy-Racey**  
pat@pmrphoto.com

**Andrea Sirek, Office Manager**  
andrea@john23rd.org

**Jennifer Stambaugh, Admin Asst**  
john23@utk.edu

**Mary Beth Aguilar,**  
**Sunday Morning Music Director**  
john23music@gmail.com

**Kristofer Rucinski,**  
**Sunday Evening Music Director**  
ksrucin@gmail.com

**Gabriella Marie,**  
**Saturday Evening Music Director**  
gabriellacheij@gmail.com

**Emma Standley,**  
**Director of Religious Education**  
emma@john23rd.org

**Josh Adkins,**  
**Campus Minister**  
jblaine20@gmail.com

**Abby Daly,**  
**Campus Minister**  
adaly4@vols.utk.edu

### **Scripture Readings:**

#### **Sunday**

##### **Pentecost Sunday**

**Vigil Mass:** Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

**Mass during the Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

#### **Monday**

##### **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

#### **Tuesday**

2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

#### **Wednesday**

##### **Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle**

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:17-19

#### **Thursday**

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

#### **Friday**

##### **Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Mt 5:27-32

#### **Saturday**

2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:33-37

### **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

June 9- June 15

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

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

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

**Thursday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
4:00 pm - 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](mailto: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 Cheryl & John Newell, Diego Puigserver, Fiorina Buckner, Fr. James Harrison, Fred Boucher, Jerry Carney, Karen Pearson Rich, Kevin and Melissa Brott, Mary Ann Haggerty, Mary Pat Hable, Michelle & Scott O'Connell, Reverend Greg Goolsby, Reverend James Harrison, Stephen Tracy, Tom Mulligan, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, and those serving in the military, residents of NHC North, and for any too reserved to let us know.

**Petrees Florist**  
Order by 1:30pm  
for same day delivery  
3805 E. Magnolia Ave.  
865-525-9447  
[www.PetreesFlorist.com](http://www.PetreesFlorist.com)

**catholicmatch**  
Tennessee  
  
[CatholicMatch.com/goTN](http://CatholicMatch.com/goTN)



**Will Brewer**  
Attorney at Law  
**865-246-6782**

"Let Will  
Write Your Will"

Estate Planning  
and other legal services

**Get this bulletin  
emailed to you  
every week.**  
Simply go to  
[www.DM.CHURCH/2558](http://www.DM.CHURCH/2558)  
...or scan   
DISCOVERMASS

**What are you looking for?  
Come and see.**  
John 1  
  
**PAULIST FATHERS**  
[beapaulist.org](http://beapaulist.org)

**BRAZEIROS**  
CHURRASCARIA  
BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE  
SCAN WITH YOUR  
PHONE'S CAMERA  
AND LEARN MORE

1-800-581-7225  
2229 Little Valley Road • Sevierville, TN  
[LittleValleyMountainResort.com](http://LittleValleyMountainResort.com)

**GUS'S**  
WORLD FAMOUS  
FRIED CHICKEN  
3101 Sutherland Ave. • 865-200-5468

**TRUST MATTERS®**  
Your neighborhood  
roofer for over  
TWENTY YEARS!  
865-868-ROOF (7663)  
[www.BarnettRoofingKnoxville.com](http://www.BarnettRoofingKnoxville.com)

**EWTN.COM/RADIO**  
  
Global Catholic  
Radio  
**TUNE IN**

**BS CONCRETE SERVICES**  
Free Estimates  
Licensed & Insured  
HOUSE SLABS • DRIVEWAYS • SIDEWALKS • FOOTERS  
STAMP • P GRAVEL • DECKS, FLOORING, DRYWALL  
PAINTING • PRESSURE WASHING • PAVERS & MORE!  
**865-282-7351**  
 [LorenzoBautista2051@gmail.com](mailto:LorenzoBautista2051@gmail.com)

**#ThankYouForYourPriesthood**

**ADVERTISE HERE**  
Promote your Business AND support your Parish.  
Scott Franz ~ 614-718-2990  
[sfranz@diocesan.com](mailto:sfranz@diocesan.com)