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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Corpus Christi

June 22, 2025

*Gen 14:18-20;
1 Cor 11:23-26;
Lk 9:11b-17*

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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Result from the Annual Paulist appeal as of 6/2/2025:

**St. John XXIII University Parish,
University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN
Raised: \$46,196.61**

**From 58 Household and 71 Unique
Donations**

**Thank you so Much to all the Members
who Donated!**

Ruth Lynn (Baird) Prados March 7, 1930 – June 11, 2025



Ruth Lynn (Baird) Prados passed into eternal life peacefully at her Knoxville home surrounded by family. She had celebrated her 95th birthday on March 7, 2025 and was able to participate in family vacations and activities until a severe decline in her health due to Parkinson's in her final years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at :
St. John XXIII University Parish at 4:00 p.m. on June 29,
2025 with a reception following.

Graveside service will be at Berry Highland Memorial
Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on June 30, 2025

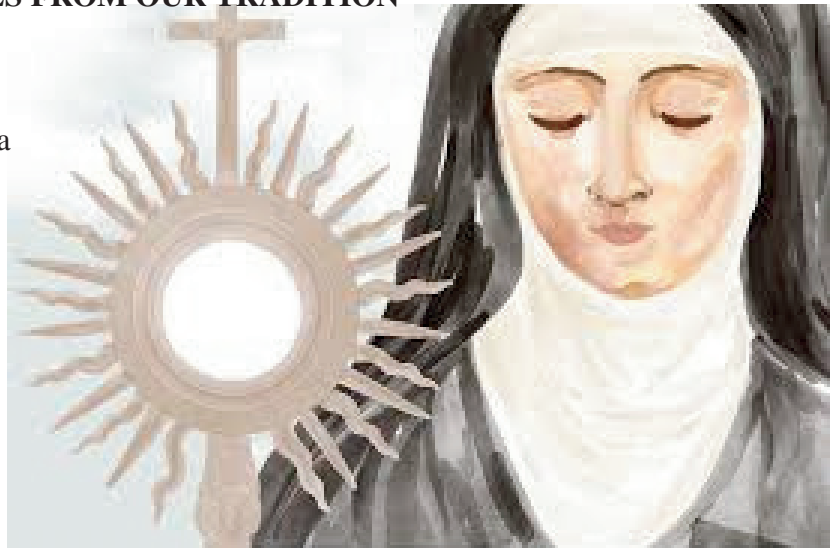
Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's
Foundation or Young-Williams Animal Center.

To read the Full Obituary
please scan the QR code



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that "nobody wanted." He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.



Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an " anchoress," a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.

—James Field



Reflection:

Abraham and Melchizedek meet following Abram's rout of the tribes who seized the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and kidnapped Lot, Abraham's nephew. Melchizedek was a Canaanite priest who travelled with the kings backing Abraham. He steps forward to offer bread and wine in thanksgiving to God and then blesses Abram who, in return, offers a tithe on all he owns. This bread of thanksgiving creates communion among the neighboring nations of Abraham. The God of Abraham is today the God of Christians, Jews, and Muslims.

In the Gospel, Jesus stands with a crowd of 5000 after an afternoon of teaching and healing. Maybe a hundred were regular disciples but mostly it was all kinds of people hungering for something more from God in their lives - maybe closeness, healing, forgiveness, or renewal. Anyone could be there. No tickets required. The disciples know well how Jesus loved people so they remind him that the hour is late, dismiss everyone now to find a meal. These disciples had just returned from a mission where they were gifted with healing. Now Jesus challenges them again, "Give them some food yourselves." Feeling humiliated and a bit foolish, they offer five loaves and two fish. Jesus had the people prepare for a banquet and then fed them all. He fed the saints, the sick, the slackers, the sinners, the uncircumcised, the Pharisees, the young - everyone. All shared in the word, God's healing, and the bread of life. This was a Mass made in heaven.

When we receive holy communion today, Jesus dwells within each of us nourishing our life. He feeds the crowd of us, the whole community because he loves us all. Do not forget, however, he addresses each of us and all of us together, "Give the crowd who hunger for my presence something to eat yourself." He offers us his body and blood - his very self. What can we offer to others? Charles Mulligan

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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Gen 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Monday

Gen 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

Gen 16:1-12, 15-16 or Gen 16:6b-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ex 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Gen 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

June 23- June 29

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

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

Friday: **NO Daily Mass**

Saturday: 12 pm - Parish Picnic - At St. Albert the Great
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.

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Allen McGinley, Bruce Whitcomb, Cheryl & John Newell, Diego Puigserver, Eleanore Hartrick and Family, 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, Pauline Lemieux, 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.

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